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CIPS is Celebrating 30 Years of Program Accreditation



Since 1982, CIPS has been a leader in accrediting computing programs. From its early beginnings, under the leadership of CIPS Honourary Members such as Dr. Kelly Gotlieb and Dr. Wes Graham, the program has been recognized by educational institutions as the go-to resource to measure ones programs against industry accepted standards.

Our committed volunteers on the three CIPS accreditation councils are dedicated to improving education in Canada and world-wide. We would like to celebrate these volunteers and recognize them for the contributions they make towards the establishment of a profession for computing and IT.

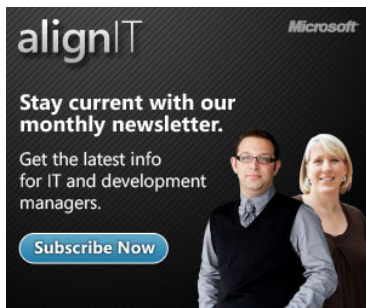
The CIPS accreditation is one of the most successful programs in CIPS' history, where it has grown to include over 100 programs in dozens of institutions in Canada and overseas. The program started out by offering accreditation services to computer science programs and currently includes the broad spectrum of computing related programs at both the university and college/technical institute level.

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IT Professionalism Week 2012 Google Hangout YouTube Video

Missed the live IT Professionalism Week 2012
Google Hangout?

Watch the recorded YouTube video!
<http://www.youtube.com/CIPSnational>



[Click Here for Gina's PowerPoint presentation \(PDF\)](#)

Call for Nominations: CIPS Awards of Achievement



The CIPS National Awards of Achievement is an opportunity for CIPS to show its sincere gratitude to those deserving individuals whose accomplishments warrant acknowledgement and praise. It is through these accomplishments that the IT industry continues to flourish successfully at a rapid pace.

[Awards of Achievement Nomination Form](#)
Due Friday December 14, 2012

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Ron George: 50 Years of CIPS Membership

We are pleased to announce that at the CIPS Alberta December 6th luncheon we will be honouring Ron George for his 50 years of membership to CIPS. Mr. George joined CIPS in 1962 which, coincidentally, is the same year the world's first commercial modem - the Bell 103 - was released. Why not join us for an informative session, have a delicious lunch and take the opportunity to chat with a man whose career in the field began when information traveled at the blazing speed of 300 bits per second!

Register at: <https://securegs.com/cipsab/>

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November 2012 CIPS Volunteer of the Month:



Ron Richard, I.S.P., ITCP/IP3P

CIPS NL Board member

What value has your involvement with CIPS provided?

"I hope my involvement has helped towards increasing positive awareness, consciousness, or energy in relation to the emergence of a formal global IT profession. CIPS has been in existence a long time, and progress continues to be made thanks to many. The positive updates around the IT industry in fact are great to see, and now more than ever there seems to be a real profession. There's hope for a future that is bright, and ideally progress will continue and significant gains will be made in coming years on route to 2020 or what I like to call perfect vision leap year 2020. Grateful to have been selected volunteer of the month, I look forward to reading about the contributions of many more CIPS members as goals are identified and achieved for the profession and public. In any case, from various events attended, and from ongoing networking with fellow IT pros, I find membership in CIPS is of tremendous value; and considering the many in CIPS who are deserving of recognition, I am humbled to have been selected Volunteer of the Month. Thank you. I share this with all who have collaborated with me over the years. Thanks again to each person."

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Join the Discussion on keeping a "Free and open internet"

"Google has warned that a forthcoming UN-organised conference threatens the 'free and open internet'" and has asked users to sign an online petition. [Click Here to Read the BBC Article](#)

What's your thoughts on the concerns raised in this article?

Share your thoughts on the **CIPS LinkedIn Discussion**: <http://lnkd.in/sUaBEp>

Poll: CIPS Member Interest in New Professional Education Program?

CIPS has an opportunity to offer a new program that will provide valuable professional education to its members (see details below). Would you be interested in taking such a program?

[Click Here to Vote on the CIPS LinkedIn Poll](#)

Program Info:

This program offers 26 different IT management certificates (focus areas) spanning executive, industry, technology, and general management disciplines. It is clear that in addition to leadership skills, IT executives need to be proficient in these essential IT management areas. This program provides the skills IT executives (current and emerging) need through university quality education but not at university prices.

This educational program would be offered by CIPS through collaboration with a partner. While all 26 Certificates would be available, CIPS would likely start by providing a 4 course IT Foundation Certificate which is comprised of:

1. Leadership
2. Managing IT Trends & Emerging Technologies
3. IT Resource Management
4. IT Strategy

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New initiative to engage Manitoba students in 21st century learning set to launch

The Ministry of Education of the Government of Manitoba is set to make a major announcement to encourage youth to pursue careers in technology on December 5.

The Ministry, represented by Deputy Minister Dr. Gerald Farthing, as well as the Information and Communications Technology Council (ICTC), along with Google Canada, Cisco Canada and Canada's Association of IT Professionals (CIPS) will host a launch event in Winnipeg to kick off a major initiative.

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Office 2013 - An IT Pro's Perspective, 22 Years Later

[via Microsoft TechNet](#)

Over 20 years ago I deployed the first Office suite "Microsoft Office for Windows". Wow! I was blown away...so much productivity packed into those three products (at the time Office only offered Word, Excel and PowerPoint)!

Jump ahead 22 years...we're still at it. We've just unveiled the [customer preview of the new Microsoft Office](#). Over the years, it's gotten better, more flexible, more agile and more powerful. And again, it's changing the game. Changing it to fit our time, fit our need. It presents answers to everyday scenarios, whether they be taking notes in a class or in a business meeting. Communicating with colleagues and family alike.



It features an intuitive design that just works - with touch, with stylus, with mouse or with keyboard. And it does it across a new breed of Windows devices, including tablets. Leveraging the cloud it ensures that you can get to your data wherever you may be. It is literally a cloud-ready platform.

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[Chief Information Officer and Executive Director, Information Management and Technology Services](#), Edmonton, Alberta
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Podcast Interviews by Stephen Ibaraki FCIPS, I.S.P., ITCP

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New:

Joanne Molesky, Principal Consultant, ThoughtWorks

Dr. Robert Atkinson, on Innovation Economics: The Race for Global Advantage

Brian Cameron, Professor and Executive Director Center for Enterprise Architecture, Founding President FEAP

Dharmesh Mehta: Top Global Cool Tech Authority and Senior Director Microsoft Corp.



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