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## NOTICE OF CIPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The 52nd Annual General Meeting of CIPS members will be held at the Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton, Alberta on **November 1st, 2010** (immediately following the CIPS Alberta AGM, which begins at 6pm Mountain time) for the purpose of:

1. Receiving and considering the report of the CCITP Chair
2. Receiving and considering the report of the Director of Finance
3. Appointing auditors
4. Transacting any further business which properly comes before the meeting.

We hope that you will attend this meeting. Fifty regular members in good standing is required for a quorum. If you are not able to attend in person, but would like to participate, **a conference call bridge number will be provided on the National website under the [event listing for the AGM 24 hours prior to the start of the AGM.](#)**

## IP3 Chair Confirms IP3 Recognition and Acceptance Model



Following a Board meeting and AGM earlier in the week, and several meetings with IFIP Member Societies, the International Professional Practice Partnership (IP3), confirmed that Societies who have been accredited by IP3, will accept the certification of individuals from other accredited societies. The professional level of IP3 certification is known as IP3P.

[Click Here to Read the Press Release](#)

**Note:** Details on what this means for CIPS members to follow

## CIPS IT Professionalism Week Events (Nov 1-5)

Every year CIPS holds an IT Professionalism Week (previously



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known as I.S.P. Week). IT Professionalism Week is being held from November 1 - 5, 2010. CIPS hopes to increase awareness about the importance of IT professionalism today. This week is also a time to celebrate the association and CIPS professionalism products.

<http://www.cips.ca/ITProfessionalismWeek>

#### Events:

- [ICE 2010: The Tech Conference](#) (Alberta)
- [Discover the World of IT](#) (BC)
- [CIPS National Annual General Meeting](#) (Alberta)

(More events to be announced soon)

### CIPS Website Undergoes Upgrade

CIPS has recently upgraded its website, as well as overhauled it with a new look. Check it out at [www.cips.ca](http://www.cips.ca)

Look out for new features to be added to the CIPS website over the next few months!

### Newsletters and Reports - IP3 and AAAC

Check out the IP3 and AAAC newsletters below

[Click here for IP3 Newsletter](#)

[Click here for AAAC Newsletter](#)

[Click here for the IP3 Annual Report](#) (Note: This was approved at the IP3 September 20th AGM)

### ICDL Canada Custom Testing - Special Discount for CIPS Members



**CIPS Members now receive a \$50.00 CAD discount** for Registration in ICDL Canada's Custom Testing Program - [Click here for details](#)

#### **How Nancy Allotey Benefited from ICDL:**

Nancy Allotey stepped into the ICDL lab at WoodGreen Community Services and immediately felt her self-confidence grow. An immigrant from Ghana, West Africa, Nancy wanted to permanently shift her worksite from the factory floor to an office setting. Before her children were born she had briefly worked as a clerical worker at the Royal Bank and loved it. But her computer skills were now obsolete. She learned about the ICDL program at the Scott Mission in Toronto. After eight months on

a waiting list she began her first module.

[\[Click here to read the entire article\]](#)

## Free Research Reports and Tools



*Courtesy of InfoTech, below is this month's free report/tool:*

### Cloud TCO Comparison Tool

The decision to adopt a Platform as a Service solution should be driven by agility and rapid deployment rather than cost as these are the primary benefits of developing in the cloud. While the Cloud may provide a low cost barrier to entry, the amount spent over time may reach in-house levels. This tool will help you calculate and compare in-house costs to cloud service costs by looking at:

- Hardware costs
- Software licensing costs
- Facilities costs
- Cloud service costs

Use this tool to compare TCO for on-site application development to cloud-based development platforms.

[Free IT Research](#)

## UCOSP Undergraduate Capstone Open Source Projects

CIPS became a sponsor of the Undergraduate Capstone Open Source Projects (UCOSP) initiative.

Since September 2008, undergraduates from several universities in Canada and the US have been taking part in joint capstone projects, under the umbrella of UCOSP, in order to learn first-hand about distributed development. Each team has students from two or three schools, and uses a mix of agile and open source processes under the supervision of a faculty or industry lead. The initiative provides students hands-on experience with real-world development practices in a realistic environment while simultaneously learning and applying some core concepts of computer science. For many students, this is the first time they have to set their own goals and deadlines. The program develops the cooperation, communication, and commitment skills necessary to work in the real world.

[\[Click here to read more\]](#)

## Canadian Innovation Exchange (CIX)



Join Canada's innovation community at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual [Canadian Innovation Exchange \(CIX\)](#), December 7<sup>th</sup> 2010, at MaRS Discovery District, Toronto, Ontario.

Use your exclusive [CIPS Registration Rate](#) to attend CIX and connect with over 350 of the principal players in the innovation economy. This one-day event offers delegates a nexus of facilitated meetings with the key players who are driving Canada's economic growth, and provides inspirational keynotes, sessions and presentations from industry leaders.

CIX also features [Canada's Hottest Innovative Companies](#) - a showcase of the hottest technology-based products, services and companies in **Information and Communication Technology, Clean Technology** and **Digital Media**. [Submit your profile today!](#)

Register today by using your exclusive [CIPS Registration Rate](#). **Offer expires November 5<sup>th</sup> 2010.**

Are you one of Canada's Hottest Innovative Companies? Click [here](#) to learn more and submit your companies profile today!

## Privacy & Information Security Congress 2010

Date: Mon, 11/15/2010 - Tue, 11/16/2010

Event Location: Ottawa, ON



**CIPS members receive a 10% discount on the regular delegate fee for this upcoming conference. To register [click here](#) and use the special promotion code "SaveTen".**

Reboot Communications is delighted to announce that we will be hosting the first Privacy and Information Security Congress in Ottawa in the fall of 2010. Building on the international reputation of the Privacy and Data Security conference we produce in Victoria each year, this conference will allow us to bring our subject matter expertise to eastern Canada. This event will provide an outstanding forum for delegates and sponsors with an interest in cutting edge policy, programs, research and technologies aimed at the protection of privacy and security.

[\[Click here for more info\]](#)

## Build, Buy or Ally: Partnership Models for Enterprise Growth

Date: Tue, 11/02/2010    Event Location: Toronto

***CIPS Members Receive a discount to this event***  
<http://www.regonline.ca/register/checkin.aspx?EventId=879350>

The Canadian economy has grown substantially over the past year. Many wonder whether this is a sustainable trend, or simply a reaction to short term economic stimuli. This uncertainty has caused many companies and not-for-profit enterprises to reinforce their focus on establishing and expanding strategic alliances and partnerships to achieve their goals. Such relationships offer proven methods for a variety of organizations to join forces in raising funding, sharing the risks and rewards in developing new programs, products and services, and penetrating new geographic or vertical markets.

[\[Click Here for more info\]](#)

## Are you interested in Mentorship? - CIPS Alberta

CIPS Alberta is looking at becoming involved with an online mentorship program - MentorNet.

MentorNet is a nonprofit e-mentoring network, founded in 1997. MentorNet pairs community college, undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral scholars and untenured faculty with experienced professionals for positive, one-on-one, email based mentoring relationships. MentorNet also provides an e-forum for web-based discussion groups on a variety of topics, as well as a resume database for students seeking jobs or internships.

Since 1998, MentorNet has facilitated over 27,000 matches (there are currently 1300 matches representing 758 employers). Further information on this e-mentoring network is available at <http://www.mentornet.net/>.

If this is something you would be interested in participating in, please notify the CIPS office at [alberta@cips.ca](mailto:alberta@cips.ca). Based on the response to this initiative, the Board will determine whether to proceed with this partnership.

## Call for Mentors - JVS Toronto

Hello members of the Canadian Information Processing Society!

What must it be like to be a skilled information technology professional new to Canada, looking for work and not be connected? How good would it be for you, an IT professional, to be the one person who could actually make a difference in the life of an international professional?

I (Diane Brockman) work for an online mentoring project through JVS Toronto, a non-profit organization in Ontario that assists internationally trained individuals with employment needs. Our online mentoring program matches experienced people in various professions with international professionals who are in the process of immigrating to Canada or who are recently arrived.

Currently we are looking for mentors for 4 individuals:

- One **Information System Analyst (PMP)** moving to Toronto,
- One **IT Project Manager** who is also qualified to work as · IT Operations Manager · IT Project Coordinator · Interface Analyst · Integration Specialist · HL7 Integration/Interface Specialist · IT Specialist - Java moving to Toronto
- One **Banking IT Service Delivery & Client Relationship Manager (PMP)** moving to Toronto
- One **Senior Software Programmer/Systems Architect** moving to Richmond, BC.

The mentoring period is only 9 weeks - **October 11<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>** - that's it!

[\[Click here to read more\]](#)

## Help Shape Your Industry!

The Information and Communications Technology Council (ICTC) is seeking input from leading organizations and industry professionals to help frame the new ICT Certification Program, I-ADVANCE©. Being developed in collaboration with industry, government and educational institutions I-ADVANCE© is unique to Canada. It will validate the diverse competencies of ICT workers, lay out career development paths for ICT professionals and assist employers in the creation of a more productive workforce.

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## Interviews, Blogs & Podcasts by Stephen Ibaraki FCIPS, I.S.P., ITCP/IP3P



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