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## **CIPS Connections**

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### **CIPS Celebrates "IT Professionalism Week" Next Week!**



**I.T. Professionalism Week** is a yearly celebration held by CIPS (Canada's Association of IT Professionals) across Canada. CIPS hopes to **increase awareness about the importance of professionalism in the I.T. industry today**. This week is also a time to celebrate CIPS and our professionalism resources.

I.T. Professionalism Week is being held this year from **Monday May 16th to Friday May 20th** 2016. All I.T. professionals are encouraged to participate in the special activities and events occurring across the country.

**Help us to raise I.T. standards and join us in celebrations** during this time! Contact your local CIPS Province for more details or visit the CIPS "[Events](#)" page.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **[I.T. Professionalism Week 2016 \(Mon May 16th - Fri May 20th\)](#)**

CIPS Saskatchewan IT Professionalism Week "CIPS Cafe" ([Regina](#), May 17)

CIPS BC "IT Professionalism in the Workplace" [Victoria](#) MeetUp (May 17)

CIPS Saskatchewan IT Professionalism Week "CIPS Cafe" ([Saskatoon](#), May 18)

CIPS PEI May 19th PD Luncheon: "Future-Proofing Our Technological Society Takes About 19-21 Years (and here's how you do it)" ([PEI](#), May 19)

CIPS AB [Red Deer](#) May 26th Luncheon: Hear it here first! The experiences of a CIO, as shared in a new book "Integrated IT Performance Management"

The World Conference of Disaster Management (June 7-8, [Toronto](#))

Critical Infrastructure & Cyber Security Forum (June 8, [Toronto](#))

26th CIPS Manitoba Annual Golf Tournament (June 9, [Winnipeg](#))

Chief Analytics Officer Forum, Canada 2016 (June 21-22, [Toronto](#))

## Our thoughts are with you, Fort McMurray

CIPS extends our thoughts and prayers to the people of Fort McMurray and particularly to our members from that city.

CIPS will be renewing membership for Fort McMurray members at no cost for this year.

CIPS Alberta has donated to the Alberta Fires Fund through the Canadian Red Cross.

While response teams were able to save much of the city, there remains a lot of rebuilding to be done. If you care to help, the best way to provide support is by making a monetary donation to the Canadian Red Cross at [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca) or 1-800-418-1111. A donation from an individual is matched by the Government of Canada.

If you are in Edmonton, where many of Fort McMurray evacuees have fled, there are numerous organizations where you could help or donate to, which include, but are not limited to: the Edmonton Food Bank, the Edmonton Humane Society; and the Salvation Army.

## Wake up your employees: How to reduce cyber security risks with employee training

via IT World Canada,  
Yogi W. Schulz I.S.P., ITCP



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Employees who create vulnerabilities are a cybercriminal's best friend for breaking through an organization's security defences. While technical security safeguards are important, employees continue to be the weakest link when it comes to protecting corporate information from cybercriminals of various shapes, sizes and motivations.

The persistent efforts of cybercriminals regularly convince inattentive employees, through a phishing attack, to engage in one of the following security-compromising actions...

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# Critical Infrastructure & Cyber Security Forum

Toronto, June 8th



**CIPS members receive 25% discount off registration fees for the upcoming Critical Infrastructure & Cyber Security Forum (CICS) to be held in Toronto, June 8th at the International Conference Centre! - Use the Discount code "CIPS" when registering!**



Participants will learn first-hand expert analysis of critical threats to physical and cyber infrastructure and key approaches to minimize threats and enhance resilience. The forum content is designed for senior level positions within a critical infrastructure organization and related government agencies. This Forum will help critical infrastructures stakeholders manage their risks and strengthen their resiliencies. There will also be networking opportunities for individuals to expand their CI and CS contacts in both government and industry.

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## Featured Whitepaper: Lancope StealthWatch and the Cisco Secure Data Center

via IT World Canada

Today, the success of your organization may depend on effectively safeguarding the resources and information in your data center. A major element in the most successful data center threat defense strategies is clear visibility into traffic flows. Lancope StealthWatch works with Cisco Secure Data Center Solution components to take advantage of network segmentation and user context. Download this one-page paper to explore how the result is much better visibility into data center traffic for a much-improved threat defense posture.



[Click here to register and download the whitepaper](#)

## The World Conference of Disaster Management

Toronto, June 7-8

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Are you a practitioner looking to expand your network? Do you want access to internationally-acclaimed experts and thought leaders on current and emerging issues? Do you need to stay up-to-date on your accreditations and continuing education, but budgets are tight? Do you want to think "beyond the plan" to create programs that address the holistic lifecycle of Before, During and After a disaster event?



The World Conference of Disaster Management is the largest and most prestigious conference in North America for the best price point in the industry!

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## Top 10 IT cost optimization

## ideas

via IT World Canada,

By Jim McGittigan, a research vice president with Gartner's CIO Research group, where he focuses on IT financial management.



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The declining Canadian dollar value translates to higher operational costs across the board - but particularly for IT, where most materials, equipment and contracts are based on U.S. dollars. Given budgets are expected to be more or less the same, CIOs are under more pressure to manage operating costs.

All organizations attempt to optimize IT costs. But those that do it best focus on cost optimization as an ongoing discipline, not as a one-off exercise.

Create a transparent view of costs.

As a CIO, your first priority should be to make all IT-related activity costs transparent. Next, benchmark how your organization's spending compares to your peers'. If, say, your ERP costs are above industry averages, that area might be a potential candidate for cost optimization.

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## Chief Analytics Officer Forum, Canada 2016

Toronto, June 21-22

In January 2016, the Chief Analytics Officer Forum brought together over 230+ Chief Analytics Officers, Senior Analytics Experts and Innovators for its inaugural event in New York, the two days were filled with networking, high level insight and discussion, addressing the hottest topics and challenges faced by CAOs and Senior Analytics professionals. Following the success of the first instalment of the CAO Forum, we will be launching in Toronto on June 21 - 22.



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