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CIPS BC supports Computer Science students at B.C. post secondary schools in a variety of ways

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For the last two years CIPS BC has been able to give teams of Computer Science students at universities around the province some help with travel costs to attend the annual ACM Regional Programming Contest in Vancouver each November. In Vancouver, on February 3rd 2015, CIPS BC President Dave O'Leary, I.S.P., ITCP, presented awards to members of the UBC Comp. Sci. teams who took part at ACM.

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Gartner: CIO agility, responsiveness needed for enterprise growth

IT World Canada



CIOs may be plagued by marketing departments that are gaining more C-suite influence and business executives bypassing them in technology purchases, but information technology research firm Gartner believes the time is ripe for CIOs to take a leadership role in the enterprise.

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CIPS AB Calgary March 3 Lunch: 'Productivity and the Information Technology Professional'

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Productivity and productivity improvement are some of the most talked about topics in business circles today, but what does it all really mean? How does it relate to the role of Information Technology professionals in business, and how can IT professionals help drive improvements across the business.

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CIPS AB Edmonton March 5 Dinner: 'The Internet of Things'

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There are currently 1.5 devices for every human being on the planet. All over the world, sensors, smart objects, and other devices are connecting through the reach and power of the Internet. And they're dynamically generating, analyzing, and communicating intelligence to increase operational efficiency, power new business models, and improve quality of life.

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CIPS PEI 2015 Curling Event: March 6

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The 2015 CIPS PEI Curling Event will be held on Thursday, March 6. As with previous years, this is a "for fun" event and no previous curling experience is required to participate. Curling is a great social event for networking since teams play two (4 end) games against other teams — not to mention the camaraderie fostered with fellow co-workers and teammates!

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Unleashing IT — Volume 2, issue 5 is all about big data, which is often described in the simplest of terms: A linear distillation of many (data sources) to a few (insights and actions). But there is nothing simple or linear about big data.

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CIPS INTERVIEWS: Maarten Hillenaar, Internationally Renowned ICT Executive, past CIO Central Dutch Government; Director, Central Government IT Policy Department Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations

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From 2009 until 2014 M.W.I. (Maarten) Hillenaar was CIO of the Central Government at the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations.

In this position he directed the way in which ICT is used, developed a cloud strategy, implemented the common IT-workspace and improved and standardized the rules for information security.

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CIPS SK Regina March 11 Luncheon: 'Selecting an IT Service Management Tool — all that glitters is not gold'

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With an overwhelming number of tools available to manage critical IT work processes, it is important to start with the end in mind. This presentation will provide a high level overview of how to select a tool, what to look for and, most importantly, where to start.

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CIPS SK Saskatoon March 12 Luncheon: 'PMBOK - SWX (Software Extension)'

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Brenda Byers will present an overview of the PMBOK Software Extension. The PMI Standards Extensions expand upon the foundational standards to provide more information on specific project types or industry information.

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Review: Microsoft Surface Pro 3

IT World Canada



When Microsoft reported quarterly earnings for its fiscal year, the company said it sold more than \$1 billion worth of Surface tablets. That may sound impressive, but at \$1000 per Surface Pro 3, sales could be as low as a million units for the quarter. With adoption still very slow, Microsoft views the Surface as one piece of its enterprise software strategy.

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