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Information technology training for non-IT professionals to boost Ontario's productivity and performance

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A 12-month made-in-Canada competency-building and training project, "Digital Competencies and Training Modules for Non-IT Professionals", is now underway. This project is paid for in part by the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities' (MTCU's) Sector Initiatives Fund (SIF). Led by ICTC (the Information and Communications Technology Council) in collaboration with CIPS (Canada's Association of Information Technology Professionals), this project helps industries embrace innovative information and communications technologies (ICTs) to boost their productivity and performance.

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April 2013 CIPS Volunteer of the Month: Jon Nightingale, I.S.P. (ret)



My early years in CIPS contributed greatly to my professional development. It provided an opportunity to interact with a variety of people at different levels in their careers, from students to CIO's. Local dinner meetings and seminars as well as the annual national conferences kept me up-to-date on the industry.

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CIPS Nova Scotia now accepting applications for Dr. Stan Heaps Memorial University Scholarship In Computer Science

CIPS Nova Scotia is pleased to invite applications for a \$1000 scholarship available to candidates meeting the general qualifications. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of overall academic merit with an emphasis on courses most relevant to computing science. Extracurricular, leadership and community involvement activities may also be considered.

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Canadian Cyber Defence Challenge (CDC) Recognized By Computerworld as a 2013 Computerworld Honors Laureate

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IDG's Computerworld Honors Program announces Cyber Defence Challenge (CDC) as a 2013 Laureate. The annual award program recognizes organizations and individuals who have used information technology to improve public welfare, business, and to make the world a better place.

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CIPS BC Annual General Meeting

The CIPS BC Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, from 5pm to 6pm. The options for virtual or in person attendance, and locations for the meeting will be provided to you at least a week prior to the meeting along with the meeting materials. We expect to have locations in Vancouver, Victoria, and possibly Kamloops. There will be teleconference access for those unable to attend in person.

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Red Deer Event (May 8): "The basics of network penetration testing (wireless attacks and social engineering)"

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Wireless technology is becoming extremely pervasive in today's world; in fact most people expect to be connected where ever they happen to be. Wireless solutions are also shifting into the workplace, and while it provides an excellent means of communication important flaws should be noted and precaution taken when using wireless technology.

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Winnipeg Event (May 21): "Building a Smarter Planet - Instrumented, Intelligent, and Interconnected"

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For the first time in history, almost anything can become digitally aware and interconnected. Smart airports, smart banks, smart roadways, smart cities — with so much technology available at such a low cost, the list of possibilities is endless. New levels of global integration mean that we are all now connected — economically, technically and socially. But being connected is not sufficient. We also have to infuse intelligence into our systems and ways of working.

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CIPS recently approved an entry route to the Information Technology Certified Professional (ITCP) designation for those ICT practitioners who have successfully completed the Australian Computer Society online Computer Professional Education Program (CPE Program).


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Saskatoon Luncheon (May 8th): "Discussions about Ethics in I.T."

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A very important part of our professionalism efforts should be discussions about Ethics. There will be a short review of the CIPS Code of Ethics that we have all signed, and a more general discussion about the definition of Ethics and why they require that we have ongoing discussion or at least ongoing thoughts about them.

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COUNTERMEASURE 2013

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COUNTERMEASURE is Ottawa's premier annual IT security conference and training event, featuring the best of both offensive and defensive tactics. Past speakers have included globally recognized industry security researchers, Government of Canada representatives and seasoned enterprise security experts. COUNTERMEASURE 2013, taking place Nov. 7-8 2013, at the Ottawa Convention Centre, will showcase cutting edge topics in security, and include both management and technical track talks.

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What is real cloud computing?

CIPS via Microsoft TechNet



Just so we're all on the same page, NIST defines Cloud computing as follows: "Cloud computing is a model for enabling ubiquitous, convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage, applications, and services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction." (National Institute of Standards and Technology, 2011)

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CIPS INTERVIEWS: Robin Raskin, ICT and CES Legend, Digital Pioneer

Robin Raskin has been translating technology into consumer friendly terms for more than 30 years. Today she spends most of her time working with Living in Digital Times, a



company that she founded in 2008. Living in Digital Times produces a number of lifestyle events, but its most important partnership is with the CEA to produce a series of lifestyle conferences and exhibits at the annual International Consumer Electronics show each January in Las Vegas.

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