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## CIPS-GH - Evening Social Event

Date: Tue, 05/14/2013  
Event Location: Hamilton

CIPS members and friends of CIPS - You are welcome to join us for an informal gathering of IT professionals in the upper level of Slainte Irish Pub. Feel free to bring a colleague, spouse and/or friend.

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## REGINA May 15th Luncheon: "Best Practices for COTS Selection & Implementation"

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The presentation focuses on proven best practices to make an objective assessment of COTS (Commercial-over-the-shelf) to address business and technical risk. It will then show an Agile method to implement the COTS which further reduces implementation risks. The approach and methods shown will enable organizations to select a COTS which best meets their business and technical requirements and implement this in a managed process which supports success.

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## iTech2013 - Toronto's IT Infrastructure Conference Represents the Best of the IT Community

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Date: Thu, 05/16/2013  
Event Location: Toronto



Canada's largest IT infrastructure conference and exhibition series — the iTech2013 Conference — is coming to Toronto this May 16th at the International Centre. Bringing together premiere vendors, exhibitors, speakers, and specialists for a day of learning, networking, and experimentation, this year's conference promises to be the best one yet. Best of all, registrants who sign up to attend before May 1st get in FREE, giving them an all-access pass to the best IT opportunity of the year at zero cost.

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**CIPS BC Annual General Meeting**

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Date: Thu, 05/16/2013

Event Location: TBA

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.

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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. The world has become flatter and smaller. Now it must become smarter.

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<p><b>Pre-development cloud service now ready for teams</b></p> <p>IT World Canada Ever since cloud computing gained the ability to spin up and down server resources application developers have been among the most fervent adherents. The idea of being able to test software with flexible resources costing a fraction of what it would take to build a server rack in-house has been a hit.</p> <p> <a href="#">READ MORE</a></p>	<p><b>CIPS Webinar: "Why discuss Ethics in I.T.?"</b></p> <p>Having a code of ethics is not enough. Ethics require that we constantly examine our own actions. Donna reviews what might be special I.T. ethics issues that we should consider as a group.</p> <p> <a href="#">READ MORE</a></p>	<p><b>Information technology training for non-IT professionals to boost Ontario's productivity and performance</b></p> <p>CIPS 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).</p> <p> <a href="#">READ MORE</a></p>

**CIPS Nova Scotia AGM 2013**

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Date: Tue, 05/28/2013

Event Location: Halifax

The CIPS Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 28, 2013 from 5:30 to 6:00 pm, prior to our monthly scheduled CIPS dinner meeting. The event will be held at the Dalhousie University Club, 6259 South St., Halifax. In order to formally conduct the meeting and receive its reports, there is a requirement to have 15 members in good standing attend either in person or by phone. Please mark this date in your calendar and make plans to attend. The meeting will only take 15-20 minutes to complete.

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## Windows Blue preview due at end of June

Computer World UK

Microsoft plans to release a preview version of Windows 8's update, code-named Windows Blue, at the end of June, according to Julie Larson-Green, a corporate vice president in charge of the OS's development. Larson-Green didn't say what changes Windows Blue will feature, but conceded that Microsoft has discussed user complaints about the removal of the Start menu on Windows 8 and that it might be useful to restore it.

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## Don't let these IT security threats sneak in the front door

**MSPmentor**

As mobile security threats rise, managed services providers (MSPs) work to stay ahead of cyber criminals, implementing tougher restrictions, measures and solidifying procedures. However, some MSPs may overlook certain security threats because these threats are so rare. IT management software developer SolarWinds has provided some new insight to help. Here's a look at six security threats that SolarWinds have reported to be brushed off by many IT professionals in the channel and how to protect against them.

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