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The calendar year is coming to a close, and CIPS would like to wish its members, partners and other industry professionals a very safe and happy holiday season.

As we reflect on the news and events that helped shape 2014, we would like to offer *CIPS Connections* subscribers a look at the most-read news stories from their publication. That means, over the next two weeks, we'll count down the **Top 20 articles** for the year!

Your regular news publication will resume on Thursday January 8, 2015.

20. IT career planning: Time, talent and treasury

IT World Canada

From Jan. 16, 2014: As the Christmas season ends along with another year, this seems to be a perfect time to refocus our time, talent and treasury. Thinking specifically of our IT professional career, with time slipping quickly and limited treasury, planning to develop our talents requires careful thought.

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19. Help CIPS Support Professionalism and Ethics in I.T.

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From June 26, 2014: In the wake of HeartBleed and the numerous recent privacy breaches that have created growing concerns, the need for professionalism and ethics in IT has never been higher. We live in a highly connected world where technology has become the central nervous system of our modern society.

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18. CIPS Webcast: Chris Pratt — 'Emerging Technologies — trends and predictions'

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From Oct. 23, 2014: Mr. Chris Pratt has national responsibility for managing IBM Canada's activities in the strategic areas of High Performance Computing, Virtualization, Smarter Computing

and other emerging technologies. During his 30 year tenure with IBM Mr. Pratt has been involved in numerous areas of information technology strategy and deployment.

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17. Yes, it's a bad year for breaches

IT World Canada

From Oct. 2, 2014: It not only feels like 2014 is a terrible year for data security, it is, at least in the U.S., where the Identity Theft Resource Center keeps track. The centre's most recent count shows there have been 568 breaches for far this year in the United States, exposing over 75 million pieces of private information.

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16. Fighting back: Is the time for defensive IT security policy over?

IT World Canada

From Sept. 25, 2014: Is it time to move away from defence-based protection of our data and IT systems and fight back against those who would use computers to compromise power, water, communication and transportation infrastructure? It is becoming increasingly clear that there are two distinct camps when it comes to how best address the growing cyber threats we face daily: the defenders are committed to putting up strong barriers and frustrating the attackers' attempts to gain entry.

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15. CIPS Webcast: Tim McCreight - 'Moving to the Cloud — but everyone else is!' (Member-Only Content)

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From June 12, 2014: Mr. Tim McCreight, CISSP CPP CISA has over 30 years' experience in physical, IT operations and IT security environments. Mr. McCreight held senior security roles in three of Canada's telecommunication companies, and is the former Chief Information Security Officer for the Government of Alberta.

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14. Azure Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) for IT Professionals

CIPS via Microsoft TechNet

From April 3, 2014: Cloud adoption is a greatly discussed topic, particularly in regards to its capability and scalability. The enablement offered through proper adoption of cloud technology provide further customer reach and/or greater informational depth internally.

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13. CIPS Webcast: Richard Baker: 'Advanced Information Security Defense Techniques and Approaches' (Member-Only Content)

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From June 19, 2014: We live in a world consumed and bombarded with constant news of Advance Persistent Threats, modern malware and insider threats. Our presentation focuses on the variety of techniques, approaches and solutions administrators and security analysts can use to keep their networks and systems secure.

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12. What you need to know about Canada's new Anti-Spam Law (CASL)

Bennet Jones

From Feb. 13, 2014: Canada's Anti-Spam Law (CASL) imposes substantial liability and regulatory obligations on those who send commercial electronic messages. Here are some important things you need to know about this new legislation.

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11. Call for input: CIPS draft response to Bill C-13 (*Protecting Canadians*)

from Online Crime Act)

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From Jan. 23, 2014: The CIPS Advocacy Committee has prepared a draft CIPS position on Bill C-13. An Act to amend the *Criminal Code*, the *Canada Evidence Act*, the *Competition Act* and the *Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Act*.

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