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I.S.P. and ITCP holders: Did you re-certify in 2013?

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Re-Certification is a requirement in order to maintain your I.S.P. and/or ITCP designation(s). If you received your I.S.P. and/or ITCP certification in 2010 or earlier you are required to re-certify for 2013. If you have not already done so please re-certify asap to maintain your I.S.P. and/or ITCP certification.

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CIPS Calgary Jan 17 Lunch: "Adapting Legacy IT Thinking to Mobile; Making the leap to Mobile."

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This month, we are pleased to have Trevor Nimegeers presenting *Adapting Legacy IT Thinking to Mobile; Making the leap to Mobile*.

With over 20 years of experience working with companies to enhance and streamline content management systems, portals and collaborative technologies, Trevor Nimegeers began focusing on the mobility initiatives six years ago. In 2008, Trevor launched a mobile start-up (acquired by Wmode in 2012) to leverage his understanding and expertise in enterprise mobility.

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CIPS Calgary Jan 22 Event: "Real-time operational intelligence in order to identify business opportunities or threats in a timely, proactive manner"

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Organizations today are realizing that their traditional BI solutions must be augmented with real-time operational intelligence in order to identify business opportunities or threats in a timely, proactive manner. Key business events often lose their value over time, and thus it is important to process these events as soon as possible in order to derive their maximum value and reduce decision latency. As organizations deal more and more with the increasing velocity, variety, and volume of data, architectures that combine Big Data and real-time operational intelligence solutions are going to become paramount.

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Help Enhance the IT Skills of your Non-IT Staff!

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Competing in today's global economy requires a company to utilize technology in order to boost productivity. Two key elements for a company to realize the productivity advantage are:

- a workforce that embraces the adoption of technology, and
- a workforce that can effectively use the technology.

ICTC, in partnership with CIPS, has developed training modules for non-IT professionals in Ontario to increase their understanding of the impact and potential of technology.

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New CIPS ethics exam required for Certification applicants early in 2014

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As part of our mandate to establish Information Technology (IT) as a profession, CIPS has identified a need for testing knowledge and understanding of ethics in computing and IT. This is particularly important for those applying for CIPS' I.S.P. and ITCP certifications.

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CIPS Saskatoon Feb 26 Luncheon: "The Times They Are a-Changin'"

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Projects and System Implementations are only successful if they are embraced and used to improve current business processes. Technology is only valuable if it drives benefits to the organization and in order for that to happen, people have to be READY, WILLING, and ABLE to adopt the change.

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CIPS INTERVIEWS: Crystal Freese, Innovating Microsoft Windows 8 App

Developer

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Crystal Freese is a student at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and will graduate in the spring of 2014 with a BBA in Management Information Systems. Crystal received her first two degrees from Pulaski Technical College in 2012. In early 2013, Crystal became a member of UALR's "Power Team", working closely with Microsoft with building Windows 8 and Windows 8 Phone apps for the marketplace. Recently, Crystal was one of two students given a BizSpark grant from Microsoft, thus granting her the opportunity to continue with developing apps, no longer as the student under Dreamspark, but as a business entrepreneur.

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Why it's time to rethink your corporate privacy policy

IT World Canada

If security is going to be one of the leading issues in 2014 thanks to revelations about the capabilities of electronic spy agencies, its constant companion — privacy — will also be along side. Evan Schuman, editor of a corporate content creation company, has written a piece on what enterprises should be thinking about in developing privacy policies for the increasingly number of demanding customers.

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Six things to expect in the IT world in 2014

IT World Canada

There were a number of big disappointments in 2013 that could set the stage for a surprise rebound in 2014

Readers often get lured into reading predictions for the New Year, on the premise that a new year brings a new start. When a new year begins, perhaps corporations reset business plans, revise spending budgets, or review their progress of 2013. Based on 2013's results, companies then reset, revise, and re-start, where possible. There are a number of big disappointments in 2013 that could set the stage for a surprise rebound in 2014.

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Featured Whitepaper: Why Convergence? Why Now?

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This white paper, authored by ESG, delves into nature of converged storage, what it is, the implicit value it provides and, how, ultimately, it represents a new integrated approach to IT infrastructure overall, and to storage in particular.

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