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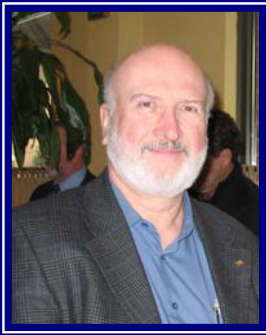
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CIPS President's Message



Dear CIPS Member,

In the past year, there has been a lot of CIPS activity both nationally and internationally. Many accomplishments have been made on recognition of CIPS and the Information Systems Professional (I.S.P.) designation. But, most of all, CIPS has built an IT community that we can all be proud. We've built partnerships around the world: **Government** (Information and Communications Technology Council, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, Industry Canada,

Treasury Board Secretariat); **Business/Industry** (CATAAlliance, Information Technology Association of Canada, Microsoft Canada, Sierra Systems), **Academia** (Association of Canadian Community Colleges, Canadian Association of Computer Science, Youthography), **Media** (IT World Canada/IT Business, Canadian Business, National Post, Globe & Mail, Canadian Government Executive magazine), and **International** (British Computer Society, Australian Computer Society, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Computer Society).

Through our **government** relationships there has been promising support for bilateral negotiations on using the I.S.P. designation as a recognition mechanism for IT practitioners. The Canadian government's inclusion of the I.S.P. designation into the General Agreement in Trades and Services (GATS) negotiations indicates this value. Under the proposal, international IT practitioners can work in Canada if they have an I.S.P. designation or equivalent designation from a recognized foreign accrediting body.

Speaking to CIPS Ottawa last April, Ken Cochrane, the CIO of the Government of Canada said that his CIO Council has established a task force to review professional certification and will make recommendations back to his Council by the end of June 2007. CIPS has offered this task force whatever assistance is requested to make them aware of recent developments (such as the international task force for the creation of an international professional certification process).

In our partnerships with **industry**, CIPS is addressing IT issues affecting our profession. For example, CIPS is planning to host a joint roundtable on the skills shortage with CATAAlliance. Through our participation on the CATAAlliance Board of Directors, we are looking to create a competitive environment for Canadian IT businesses to compete in the global economy and to provide good employment opportunities for Canadian IT practitioners. Here, we are utilizing our strengths for the benefit of all IT professionals, the industry, and the profession. We are recognizing that this is our community.

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Speaking of our relationship with CATAAlliance, we now have a very tangible member benefit. CIPS and CATAAlliance have partnered with the [University of Fredericton](#), a new on-line university based in New Brunswick which offers an Executive MBA program. Between now and June 8, 2007, **20 CIPS and CATAAlliance members are eligible for a \$7,500 scholarship toward the university's executive master of business administration program.** In addition, a limited number of CIPS members with an I.S.P. designation and without an undergraduate degree may be considered for non-degree course registration based on their managerial experience, professional certification, and career progression. Upon successful completion of three Executive MBA courses with a B average (for credit), students may apply for consideration for entry into the degree program.

In subsequent discussions, the University of Fredericton has extended an offer of \$3000 bursaries to all **active I.S.P. holders** who enroll in the University of Fredericton's Executive MBA Program between September 1, 2007 and August 31, 2008.

But returning to our theme of community, it also extends **internationally**. CIPS continues to be recognized on the world stage as Canada's representative for IT professions and the profession. An example of this is CIPS's participation on an international IT task force commissioned by the International Federation of Information Processing (IFIP), a United Nations/UNESCO-founded organization of professional associations around the world. CIPS is one of three lead countries consisting of: Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom, who will create one global, professional IT designation that will be recognized world-wide. This global, professional IT designation will be modelled on CIPS's I.S.P. designation. Our goal is that all CIPS I.S.P. designation holders will be immediately recognized in the company of 25,000+ professionals globally. We are looking forward to the launch of this global designation in the fall of 2008 (which coincides with CIPS's 50th anniversary).

Last November, CIPS Fellow Paul Kent I.S.P. (see: CIPS Fellow - www.cips.ca/join/fellows) joined me at the podium of the CIO Summit to speak on professionalism. Paul will join me again - this time to share his message of professionalism at the CIPS INFORMATICS conference in Halifax at the end of May (see: www.cipsinformatics.ca).

We are also moving forward on organizational transformation and the Governance Committee is getting close to tabling an implementation plan. This work will make CIPS more agile and create more alignment between all levels of CIPS to create value for members.

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As CIPS's 50th Anniversary draws near, we need to reflect on CIPS's important role to our IT profession and to us (IT professionals). We need to look back at previous CIPS accomplishments and recognize that these could not have occurred without the hard work and dedication of our members. The foundation of what is CIPS is, after all, its members. The hard work of many volunteers and staff over the last ten years has laid the foundation for our successes today.


I believe that we are at the tipping point for significant growth and recognition. In part, this is because our relationships have put us in the position of influencers. Frankly, our influence through the Canadian IT Managers Forum (<http://blogs.technet.com/cdnitmanagers/>), the [CIPS/Microsoft Academic IT Youth Forum and national Web cast](#), our partnerships with media, and industry collectively allow us to reach and influence hundreds of thousands of practitioners in Canada and abroad. Without this important work we would just be another network of computer clubs. In fact, the local CIPS Sections are the face of CIPS to our members and provide value to the practitioner. For example, CIPS Calgary has embarked on a group membership pilot that will deliver increased value to members and their employers. This work will likely become a model for success across the country.

As I exit from my role as CIPS president, I would like to offer a special recognition to Microsoft Canada and Sierra Systems and their employees who have supported CIPS in many ways including the managers' and academic forums and for providing national videoconferencing facilities for national meetings.

In closing, I would like to thank my Executive Committee (Dennis Hulme I.S.P., Stephen Ibaraki I.S.P., Roger Hart I.S.P., Ken Takagaki, Pat Gaudet I.S.P., Kerry Augustine I.S.P., and Mary Jean Kucerak); members of the National Board; Provincial Presidents; Section Presidents; and the National Office Staff for their hard work this past year. I have learned and benefited immensely from their frank and thoughtful advice.

My sincere best wishes to Stephen as he serves as CIPS President for the upcoming 2007-2008 year. I am sure Stephen will continue to build and strengthen our national CIPS IT community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Boufford", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

John Boufford I.S.P.
CIPS President

CIPS 2006-2007 National Board of Directors



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CIPS on the International Front

In August 2007, CIPS participated in an invitation-only international summit of professional Information Technology (IT) associations around the world. As a result of CIPS's participation, CIPS has built strong relationships with many of the associations. CIPS now has stronger ties with international organizations like the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Computer Society (IEEE-CS), the Australian Computer Society and the British Computer Society. These organizations will provide recognition and mobility for Canadian IT professionals who hold the [Information Systems Professional \(I.S.P.\) designation](#).

CIPS, Australian Computer Society & British Computer Society

On March 13, 2007, CIPS announced that the association signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Australian Computer Society (ACS) and the British Computer Society (BCS). The main purpose of the MOU between the three associations is to promote a standard of Information Technology (IT) professionalism worldwide.

The MOU complements CIPS, ACS and BCS's involvement in a world IT taskforce aimed at attaining an international credential IT professional status. The joint objectives across both the MOU and the taskforce are to:

- Mitigate risk for IT professionals, their employers and customers;
- Create recognized benchmarks for professionalism to assure investors of IT's quality;
- Provide a framework for high ethical standards and values globally;
- Create a global standard for IT training and provide IT professionals with an incentive to regularly update their skills;
- Create a professional environment where there is a constant exchange of information and ideas; and
- To foster greater accountability and responsibility for actions and outcomes among IT professionals.

ACS President Philip Argy explains, "IT has never been of greater importance to our national and international economy. It also has a profound impact on social and community outcomes. Today's MOU is a crucial step towards IT attaining its rightful status within the global community, alongside other high impact professions and industries such as doctors, lawyers and accountants. The MOU recognizes the combined effort it will take...to internationalize IT professional status."

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CIPS, ACS and BCS have agreed to encourage closer working ties in producing global professional qualifications, products and services. The three organizations also plan on exchanging technical data, running joint training or educational programs, and organizing joint conferences and staff exchanges.

"We are all connected through the global critical information infrastructure (CII)," said CIPS President John Boufford I.S.P. "CII management in one country, even at the level of individual businesses, can have a profound effect upon other businesses and countries. Therefore, we need robust and reliable IT services. The need for qualified IT professionals to step up and provide that service has never been greater. This MOU is the first step in creating a global network of professional practitioners that can lead the way in this challenge."

"Cementing closer ties with both these organizations underlines the BCS's commitment to raising awareness of the need for well-qualified and capable IT professionals for the benefit of not only the U.K. IT industry, but also for information technology industries around the world," said BCS Chief Executive David Clarke.

"The IT sectors both in Australia and internationally must develop universal standards of professionalism for IT workers, as this is how we mitigate risk and assure investors of our industry's quality. This will provide measurable, objective standards and credentials that employers can look for to ensure that individuals within our industry are up to scratch and that they are trustworthy," added Argy.

The duration of the MOU is for ten years. There is also a commitment to help other overseas countries in participating in some of the activities outlined in the MOU.

Global IT Professionalism Task Force

Information Technology (IT) is rapidly gaining global recognition as a defined field of study and research. Its role within business is increasingly more strategic in nature. With the increased maturity of the field comes an increased need for professionalism.

CIPS was invited to serve as Canada's representative on an international task force on IT professionalism convened by the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP), a United Nations-founded body.

The main objectives of the Task Force are to initiate a program of activity to promote a greater international understanding of professionalism in IT, and to develop a profession that is well respected and valued for the contribution it makes to society. One of the Task Force's goals is to establish an international IT recognition framework, which is based on global standards and uses common terminology to describe skills and competencies. This would create an internationally recognized and accepted standard means of measuring and recognizing skills and competencies. It is anticipated that the framework will be in place by late 2008.

The task force is composed of senior representatives from the world's leading professional computer associations from Canada ([Canadian Information Processing Society](#)), Australia (Australian Computer Society), South Africa (Computer Society of South Africa) and the United Kingdom (British Computer Society). The task force is led by Charles Hughes, Immediate Past President of the BCS.

"Global industries need global professions to promote high professional standards worldwide and to give public recognition to qualified practitioners," said Hughes. "In the modern world, the IT industry is a global business with many international organizations requiring increasing mobility among individual members of the IT workforce. Hence, employers face growing uncertainty when recruiting staff from outside their own countries."

"Professionalism is the key word in the task force's mandate. We want IT practitioners around the world to understand the importance of maintaining professional standards," said CIPS Director Roger Hart I.S.P. "Professional certification, such as Canada's I.S.P. designation, for example, is one way to address the international skills and qualification issue. Professional certification demonstrates IT professionals' credibility and ethical practice...that they will only undertake IT projects they are qualified to do."

"Together, the world task force aims to identify a unified IT standard to follow. This will no doubt have an impact on the IT profession both nationally and internationally," added Hart.

Government Relations

There has been promising support for bilateral negotiations with international governments on using the I.S.P. designation as a recognition mechanism for Information Technology (IT) practitioners. The Canadian government's inclusion of the I.S.P. designation into the General Agreement in Trades and Services (GATS) negotiations indicates this value. Under the proposal, international IT practitioners can work in Canada if they have an I.S.P. designation or equivalent. CIPS is looking forward to this agreement coming to fruition in the future.

CIPS on the National Front...

Academic IT Youth Forum

CIPS looks to educators for answers, attract students to tech careers

On May 7, 2007 CIPS held a special event and interactive Web cast for post-secondary educators across the country. The objective of the event and Web cast meeting, entitled, "National Academic IT Youth Forum," was to announce the results of a study about students' attitudes toward technology and what attracts them to computer science courses.

"We need to understand youth, what drives them and their perceptions about technology careers," said CIPS President John Boufford I.S.P. "Then, we have to look to the university and college professors across the country to share their thoughts and expertise on what needs to be done to get students to enroll in computer science and technology programs. We have to consider the facts: only 42 per cent of students say their school encourages them to develop technology and computer skills, and only 15 per cent of students say they learn more about technology from their teachers and courses."

CIPS was seeking a national dialogue on the educational technology challenge in post-secondary schools today. The association was also looking to the educators' assistance in finding solutions to encourage more students to enroll in college and university computer science programs.

CIPS, in association with Youthography, a youth-market research company, provided results on experiences with technology among third and fourth-year secondary school students, as well as first and second-year college and university students across Canada in comparison with statistics from the United States. Those in attendance at this event and Web cast gained a better understanding about youth today: ▪ Who are they? ▪ What drives them? ▪ How do they see the world? ▪ What contributions do they want to make? ▪ What are their attitudes towards technology in society, technology in careers, and technology in the educational system?

Microsoft Canada was the sponsor of the "National Academic IT Youth Forum."

Partnerships

CIPS continues to work on partnerships with all levels of industry as part of its mandate to build an IT community. This includes the Canadian Advanced Technology Association (CATAAlliance), and the Information and Communications Technology Council (ICTC), formerly known as the Software Human Resource Council.

CIPS and CATAAlliance Join Forces

Focus on Building Canada as the Innovation Nation

[CIPS](#) (Canadian Information Processing Society) and [CATAAlliance](#) (Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance) announced on February 13, 2007 a partnership between the two organizations. CIPS and CATAAlliance have said that they want to be a stronger voice on Information Technology (IT) issues and to offer more products and services to their stakeholders through joint activities.

“CIPS and CATAAlliance have similar objectives in negotiating this Memorandum of Agreement - MOU - to provide a competitive environment for Canadian IT businesses to compete in the global economy and to provide good employment opportunities for Canadian IT practitioners,” said CIPS President John Boufford I.S.P. “It is to both our advantages that we utilize our strengths for the benefit of all IT professionals, the IT industry, and the IT profession.”

As part of the partnership, CIPS and CATAAlliance are planning to undertake the following:

- Design and execute a national study on the value of IT professionalism and the [Information Systems Professional of Canada - I.S.P. designation](#) to Canadian businesses today;
- Mobilize respective memberships to further the industry's [Innovation Nation Platform](#), a set of measures designed to accelerate high tech business growth in Canada;
- Undertake collaborative advocacy to improve Canada's investment climate; and
- Host a joint roundtable on the skills shortage issue, a core interest of both organizations.

“We recognize the need to help the industry and profession with the skills shortage issue,” said CATAAlliance President John Reid. “But technical competence is only part of the solution. We need practitioners who can work to professional standards. That means people who have trusted competence as well as trusted intentions. CIPS's designation – the I.S.P. – is backed by legislation and provides the ‘gold standard’ in Canadian professional certifications. We believe that CIPS-certified practitioners are better able to provide reliable IT services,” added Reid.

CIPS and CATAAlliance Join Forces.../2

The MOU is not the first time that CATAAlliance has supported CIPS and its professional certification. CATAAlliance supports the Canadian government's offer under the General Agreement in Trades and Services (GATS) negotiations in which the I.S.P. designation is one of the criteria allowing foreign IT practitioners to work in Canada. In addition, CIPS actively participates in CATAAlliance's town hall meetings and actively contributes to on-going research initiatives such as the Advantage Canada Summits and ICTC's Internationally Educated Professionals (IEP). The MOU increases opportunities for CIPS and CATAAlliance to collaborate more closely on these and other planned initiatives.

Members of CATAAlliance also receive a special 20% discount off CIPS membership as a result of the CIPS/CATAAlliance partnership.



PHOTO (left to right): Kevin Wennekes, CATAAlliance Vice President and John Boufford I.S.P., CIPS President, seal the deal on the new CIPS/CATAAlliance partnership.

CIPS and ICTC Announce Partnership

CIPS and the Information and Communications Technology Council (ICTC) announced a special partnership between the two organizations in Ottawa on January 30, 2007. The partnership takes advantage of both organizations' strengths and develops activities toward improving the quality and quantity of ICT workers in Canada.

ICTC and CIPS have agreed to do the following as first steps of the partnership:

- ICTC and CIPS will further develop the certification recognition systems and recognition of IT professionalism in Canada; and
- ICTC and CIPS will work together on the development of strategies and programs related to important ICT issues.

"We believe that our industry needs a well trained and certified ICT workforce," explains CIPS President John Boufford. "Through our joint activities, which begin with high school recruitment to address post-secondary ICT enrollment, we will play a significant role in the growth and recognition of ICT professionals in Canada. This partnership with the ICTC strengthens our ability to do that."

"The importance of partners like CIPS is immeasurable for the council," says ICTC President Paul Swinwood. "CIPS and ICTC share similar visions for the future and Canada's role in it. With this in mind, I believe that the partnership between ICTC and CIPS will be a formidable tool in maintaining and expanding on Canada's global success in ICT."



PHOTO (left to right): CIPS President John Boufford I.S.P. and ICTC President Paul Swinwood unveil the new ICTC/CIPS partnership agreement in Ottawa on January 30, 2007.

IT Business Group/IT World Canada

CIPS is also proud of the strong partnership it has built with IT Business Group/IT World Canada. This strong partnership has enabled CIPS to speak out on IT issues relevant to the profession through the [CIPS IT Professional Special Section](#) in six of the 18 yearly issues of Computing Canada magazine. Thank you to CIPS members who contributed articles for this special section.

Industry Partnerships

CIPS also continues its strong partnerships with major companies such as Microsoft and Sierra Systems as well as publishing groups such as the National Post and Canadian Business. CIPS was invited by Canadian Business to participate on an expert panel to choose the top IT executive leaders for 2006. CIPS was happy at the opportunity to be recognized as a leader for IT professionals and to provide IT insight for the publication.

Culminis

Through CIPS's relationship with Culminis, the association offered CIPS Sections more than \$500,000 USD in Windows Server 2003 R2 Enterprise Edition software for use as prizes at CIPS events across the country. CIPS plans to use the remaining copies for other promotions.

Charity Organizations

CIPS's community vision is extended in a partnership with [IT Volunteering](#), a non-profit organization that works to match IT volunteers with charitable groups in need of support. CIPS is proud to be a founding partner of this venture, which the association believes will allow CIPS to show its leadership in social programs.

CIPS's community support extends also to the internationally-recognized [Neil Squire Foundation](#) (NSS). NSS is a charitable organization that uses technology, knowledge and passion to empower Canadians with physical disabilities. Their research in the application of technology to support the disabled truly captures the imagination of a technology practitioner. CIPS led a program to provide support by raising funds and delivering the Neil Squire Foundation's message at the President's Challenge at Informatics 2006 in Victoria, at EnergizeIT, and through the [CIPS/Microsoft Canadian IT Managers' Blog](#) (CIM). What a great charity for CIPS to support!

CIPS is also reaching out to build the IT community. For example, the association extended an invitation to join CIPS to the recently-disbanded Digital Eve members that are seeking a home. CIPS recognizes the value of these programs and wants to assist where it can.

Marketing

I.S.P. Week 2006

Over several years, CIPS has had discussions with the Canadian federal government to recognize professionalism in its IT staff by endorsing the I.S.P. designation. In April 2006, the CIO of Canada indicated that the federal government would be looking at professional certification. This was reinforced at a special, national CIPS event hosted by CIPS Ottawa and CIPS Ontario during [I.S.P. Week](#) (October 16-23, 2006). Many federal government employees also showed immense interest in getting their I.S.P. designation. The value of the I.S.P. designation continues to increase.

Similar I.S.P. designation discussions with the provincial government are ongoing in some of the provinces where the I.S.P. designation is legislated.

CIPS 2006 Awards of Achievement and Fellow Recipients



CIPS members from across the country convened in Victoria on May 27, 2006 for the annual Awards of Achievement ceremony and dinner. The CIPS Awards of Achievement is a way for the association to recognize members' IT leadership and excellence. The ceremony was held at the prestigious Union Club of British Columbia, a Victorian landmark built in 1879.



Congratulations to the following CIPS 2006 Awards of Achievement Recipients:

C.C. Gotlieb Award

Dr. Bob Fabian I.S.P.

For members who are widely recognized for outstanding contribution to CIPS through years of substantial efforts for the association.

Gary Hadford Professional Achievement Award

Karen Lopez I.S.P.

For members who are widely recognized by their peers for their integrity and expertise, outstanding IT achievements and high degree of competence in their field.

Marilyn Harris IT Professionalism Award

Kevin Brown I.S.P.

This award recognizes an Information Systems Professional (I.S.P) holder who best exemplifies the true value of the I.S.P. designation.

CIPS Volunteer of the Year Award

Diana Balkwill (Red Deer, Alberta)

Ken Flaman I.S.P. (Regina, Saskatchewan)

This award recognizes member contributions to CIPS at a local or regional level.

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(From left to right: Ken Flaman I.S.P., Kevin Brown I.S.P., Dr. Bob Fabian I.S.P., Diana Balkwill. Missing: Karen Lopez I.S.P.)

Ken Flaman I.S.P. was among the award recipients honoured at this year's awards ceremony. When asked how he felt and what this recognition meant to him, he said, "I appreciated the recognition as the 2006 Volunteer of the Year for a couple of reasons; it comes from a national organization of IT professionals whom I respect and most off all it comes from an organization with a long history of relying on volunteers."

Dr. Bob Fabian I.S.P., also an award recipient added, "I was pleased and just a little surprised by the award. I was particularly pleased to receive an award named after Kelly Gotlieb. Kelly is a friend and one of Canada's outstanding computer pioneers. Now, we need to find effective ways to deliver on the promise of professionalism that has inspired CIPS and the I.S.P. [designation]."

The Awards of Achievement ceremony was also an opportunity for CIPS to congratulate its first Fellow Members. Fellow Members are professionals in the IT sector who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession or industry in Canada. Fellow Members may use the designation, FCIPS, after their name.

The Fellow is the highest class of membership offered by CIPS and can only be obtained with approval from the CIPS National Board of Directors. Only Fellow Members can nominate an individual for a Fellow Membership. However, because this is the first year that CIPS is offering the Fellow Membership, this year's Fellow Members were nominated by the Fellow Nominations Committee led by Richard Thompson I.S.P.

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CIPS announced its first Fellow Members at a special Awards of Achievement ceremony held at the Union Club of British Columbia, a Victorian landmark built in 1879. (From left to right: Stephen Ibaraki, I.S.P., Kevin Brown, I.S.P., Tom Keenan, I.S.P., Peter King, I.S.P., Paul Kent I.S.P., Yasmin Jivraj, I.S.P., Faye West, I.S.P., and Ken Chapman, I.S.P.)

Congratulations to the following CIPS 2006 Fellow Members:

- Ted Barnicoat FCIPS, I.S.P.,
- George Boynton FCIPS, I.S.P.,
- Kevin Brown FCIPS, I.S.P.,
- Ken Chapman FCIPS, I.S.P.,
- Dr. Jane Fritz FCIPS, I.S.P.,
 - Serge Godin FCIPS,
 - Calvin Gottlieb FCIPS,
 - Bill Hutchison FCIPS,
- Stephen Ibaraki FCIPS, I.S.P.,
- Yasmin Jivraj FCIPS, I.S.P.,
- Dr. Tom Keenan FCIPS, I.S.P.,
 - Paul Kent FCIPS, I.S.P.,
- Dr. Peter King FCIPS, I.S.P.,
 - Dr. Maria Klawe FCIPS,
 - Lori MacMullen FCIPS,
 - Dr. Paul Sorenson FCIPS,
- Dr. Larry Symes FCIPS, I.S.P., and
 - Faye West FCIPS, I.S.P.

Fellow Members have agreed to uphold the highest standards of ethics and professional conduct. They will also help to promote CIPS and the association's initiatives within their sphere of influence. CIPS extends its congratulations again to the 2006 Awards of Achievement and Fellow Membership recipients! For more information, visit: www.cips.ca/it/awards and www.cips.ca/join/fellows.

INFORMATICS 2006

Security, human resources and business were some of the issues that were discussed at the 48th annual CIPS [INFORMATICS](#) IT symposium that was held in Victoria from May 28 to 30, 2006. INFORMATICS featured six keynote sessions, more than 20 workshops, an executive roundtable and special events.

Highlights at INFORMATICS included:

- Derick Wong, Microsoft Canada, *Top Ten Security Threats*;
- Peter Turner, E-mail Shrink, *Overcoming E-mail Insanity*;
- Paul Swinwood, Software Human Resource Council President, *State of Human Resources in IT*;
- John Boufford I.S.P., CIPS President 2006-2007, *Managing Business Risk*;
- Andrew Berkuta, Senior Security Strategist, McAfee Canada Inc., *The Changing Face of Internet Security*;
- James Crooks I.S.P. and Yiman Jiang; *Internet Hackers: How They Work*;
- An executive roundtable (composed of CEOs and CIOs from Abebooks.com, Custom House Global Foreign and Schneider Electric), *Strategies for Fostering Better Business Relationships*;
- ...and many others.

For more information on INFORMATICS and previous programs, visit:
www.cipsINFORMATICS.ca.

External Events

CIPS participated in a variety of external events to build community and to promote CIPS and the I.S.P. designation.

Energize IT

CIPS was an association partner in Microsoft's Canada-wide [EnergizeIT](#) event and live Web cast where more than 4,000 professionals registered. CIPS presented in Vancouver and hosted a booth in Toronto. The CIPS logo was prominently featured and broadcasted Canada-wide. Moreover, all registrants received an EnergizeIT package featuring DVDs which contained promotional links to the [CIPS/Microsoft Canadian IT Managers' Blog](#).

Post-conference, CIPS was able to send a promotional call-to-action statement to all 4,000+ registrants. As a direct result of this initiative, CIPS gained new members including user group leaders and I.S.P. designation applicants. CIPS is looking forward to partnering in future EnergizeIT events and thanks Microsoft Canada for the opportunity to participate.

Massive Technology Show

CIPS participated for the first time this year in the Massive Technology Show (MTS), a three-part event that provides a user-friendly environment to explore technologies for business. The event was held Vancouver, British Columbia on March 28, 2007.

The CIPS session at the Massive Technology Show featured CIPS Vice President Stephen Ibaraki FCIPS, I.S.P. Stephen shared his insight on "IT as a Strategic Asset." Stephen explained why there is disconnect between IT and business performance in 80% of businesses and what simple steps can be done to take IT and business alignment to the next step. He also explained why it is important for the IT team to understand: the long-term goals for dependable future success; the fundamental three value disciplines of excellent companies, and the five core drivers of business success.

CIO Summit

On November 6, 2006, CIPS also held a risk management session at the [CIO Summit](#) in Montreal. CIPS Fellow and xwave COO Paul Kent FCIPS, I.S.P. joined CIPS President John Boufford I.S.P. in leading the session. They talked about the CIPS model for initiating IT standards in ethical practices and risk management, and gave insight on how to develop internal controls to minimize business risk. Similar seminars were presented at Linux World, InfoSecurity Canada, InterDoc, and the e-Financial conferences as well as an (ISC)² professional development events.

The estimated coverage value for CIPS's participation at external events like these is more than \$1 million through recognized third-party validation of CIPS, and leveraging of CIPS's extensive history and relationships. The actual expenditure cost is less than 20,000, thus realizing a 50-to-1 cost-value ratio.

Professional IT Standards

Risk Management

Risk management is important for Information Technology (IT). Too many development projects fail to meet expectations and virtually all on-line systems face a growing array of threats. IT professionals need to pay attention to risk.

CIPS has formally recognized the importance of conducting risk assessment at the beginning of assignments and continuing with risk management during IT assignments.

In May 2006, the following motion was approved by the CIPS National Board of Directors: *In principle, CIPS agrees to the following Standard of Practice: "All professional assignments must begin with a risk assessment, and risk management must be practiced throughout professional assignments."* Resulting from this motion was the request for the creation of a Task Force to further investigate and develop a Standards of Practice on Risk Management.

As a first step, the Task Force, led by Dr. Robert Fabian I.S.P., undertook field research to obtain information on the use and the practical maturity level of organizational processes on assessment and management of risk. The conclusion from the survey was that risk awareness is growing, but risk management policies and practices are not yet firmly established in Canadian organizations.

The next phase involved the development of a basic guide to the most important policies, procedures, practices and standards relevant to risk management.

In May 2007, the National Board approved the first CIPS best practice document, *The CIPS Risk Management Practice Guideline*. All CIPS members now have a responsibility to generally understand the material in this guideline, but are free to exercise their professional judgment in deciding how this practice guideline applies to their work.

Chinese Delegation

In November 2007, CIPS was asked to host a presentation to a delegation of senior government officials from Shanghai who was visiting Canada. The aim of the presentation was to explore issues related to privacy, security and professionalism. The delegation showed a high level of interest in the concept of professionalism and further discussions are anticipated.

National Office Staff: First I.S.P. Holder

Andy O, the CIPS Webmaster and Systems Administrator, received his I.S.P. designation this year and became the first CIPS employee to receive the credential.



New I.S.P. Designation Holders (as of May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007)

Holders of the I.S.P. designation have demonstrated that they possess the education and experience to practice to the highest standards in their field.

Congratulations to the following latest recipients of the I.S.P. designation:

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| • Alan Mauricio, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • Andrew Bryson, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • Angela Wiseman, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • Brian Stewart, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • Charlene Nagy-Gyorgy, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • Chih-Hsien Hsieh, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • Cindy King, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • Clayton Rudney, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • Darrin Charbonneau, I.S.P. | Alberta |
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| • Deb McGibney, I.S.P. | Alberta |
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| • Gary Rupp, I.S.P. | Alberta |
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| • Jim Dyck, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • John Matsikas, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • John Mui, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • Karen Cimolai, I.S.P. | Alberta |
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| • Michael Allan Smith, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • Moni Jena, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • Nelson Fraser, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • Nelson Tecson, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • Omar Khan, I.S.P. | Alberta |
| • Robert Brick, I.S.P. | Alberta |

• Robert Lam, I.S.P.	Alberta
• Robert M. East, I.S.P.	Alberta
• Rommel J. Palanca, I.S.P.	Alberta
• Salvatore Miniaci, I.S.P.	Alberta
• Sam Duha, I.S.P.	Alberta
• Samantha Leeder, I.S.P.	Alberta
• Tara Reimche, I.S.P.	Alberta
• Todd Tuffs, I.S.P.	Alberta
• Troy Murray, I.S.P.	Alberta
• Trung Ma, I.S.P.	Alberta
• Vyacheslav Sklyarenko, I.S.P.	Alberta
• Wendy Walroth, I.S.P.	Alberta
• William Alm, I.S.P.	Alberta
• Ziyad Essa, I.S.P.	Alberta
• Zoltan Tougas, I.S.P.	Alberta
• Abraham Lang, I.S.P.	British Columbia
• Alan Wheatley, I.S.P.	British Columbia
• Darren Day, I.S.P.	British Columbia
• Gord Stuart, I.S.P.	British Columbia
• Gregg Hugh Ferrie, I.S.P.	British Columbia
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• Guy Tremblay, IPA	National
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• Richard Gonzalez, I.S.P.	National
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- Will Craddock, I.S.P. Saskatchewan

New Candidate Members (as of May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007)

Candidate Members have not yet accumulated the professional experience requirements to hold the Information Systems Professional (I.S.P.) designation. However, they have successfully completed a relevant education program.

Congratulations to the following new Candidate Members:

• Dale Tasic	Alberta
• Carla Granberg	British Columbia
• Meilissa Lombard	British Columbia
• Farhan Yousaf	New Brunswick
• Brian Roulston	Saskatchewan
• Ryan Wilson	Saskatchewan
• Soren Valentin Michelsen	Ontario

Newly Accredited or Re-Accredited Programs in Canada (May 2006 to May 2007)

University Programs in Computer Science

The following university programs were accredited by CIPS this year. Congratulations to the faculty and students in the following programs:

- **University of Calgary**
Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science
Bachelor of Science Major in Computer Science
- **University of Ottawa**
Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science
Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science, Information and Management Systems
Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science (coop)
Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science, Information and Management Systems (coop)
- **University of Saskatchewan**
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (Honours)
- **St. Mary's University**
Bachelor of Science with Major in Computing Science
Bachelor of Science with Honours in Computing Science
- **University of Western Ontario**
Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science
Honours Specialization in Computing Science
Specialization in Computer Science

Newly Accredited or Re-Accredited Programs in Canada.../2

University Programs in Software Engineering

- **University of Calgary**
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science - Concentration in Software Engineering
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computer Science - Concentration in Software Engineering
- **University of Ottawa**
Bachelor of Applied Science - Software Engineering
Bachelor of Applied Science - Software Engineering (coop)
- **University of Saskatchewan**
Honours Bachelor of Science in Computer Science - Software Engineering Option
- **University of Western Ontario**
Honours Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with Software Engineering Specialization
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with Software Engineering Specialization
Honours Specialization in Computer Science with Software Engineering Minor
Specialization in Computer Science with Software Engineering Minor

College Programs

The following college program was re-accredited by CIPS this year. Congratulations to the faculty and students in the following program:

- **Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST),
Palliser Campus**
Computer Information Systems Diploma

International Program Accreditation

The following college program was accredited by CIPS this year. Congratulations to the faculty and students in the following program:

- **College of the North Atlantic - Qatar**
Internet Application Developer Diploma

Membership

Group Membership Pilot

The CIPS Calgary Section was asked to pilot a new CIPS Group Membership Program for the 2006-2007 year. As a result of the program, the CIPS Calgary Section increased its membership by 50 people because of one, company alone. CIPS Calgary is now asking this major company to indicate how CIPS can assist them with their IT professional needs. The Section will use this feedback in further developing the CIPS Group Membership program for future companies interested in joining. CIPS wants to offer a stronger value proposition.

A thank you to CIPS Director Adam Cole I.S.P., CIPS Calgary President Mike Blackwell and the CIPS Calgary team for their work on this new CIPS initiative.



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