Reaffirming our Commitment to Professionalism

In September 1958, a conference for data processing workers was held at the University of Toronto. The proceeds from the conference and the vision of Dr. Calvin (Kelly) Gotlieb led to the formation of the Computing and Data Processing Society of Canada, now known as the Canadian Information Processing Society, or CIPS. CIPS in its early years was primarily a networking organization where practitioners gathered at meetings to learn about the coming changes in technology and to share ideas and experiences with one another. Today, CIPS is a federation of Provincial Societies, most of whom have legislative recognition for the I.S.P. designation. Our primary focus is professionalism; the integrity and competence of IT practitioners. As CIPS celebrated its 60th anniversary, our commitment to Professionalism was reaffirmed by all Provincial Societies not only in words but also by our actions.

Our commitment to Professionalism was at the heart of the actions the Society took to preserve CIPS’ presence in Ontario, to preserve the CIPS Ontario Act for right to title in the Province and to support those members in Ontario who valued our commitment to Professionalism. As privacy and cybersecurity issues mount, our mandate and responsibility as ethical practitioners to protect the public against the misuse of information technology has never been more important. Our ability to meet our mandate nationally is now strengthened by our actions to support members and the general public in Ontario.

The agreement signed by CIPS National and CIPS Alberta for the continuation of the Shared Services Agreement for the administration of the I.S.P. designation and other services was also a demonstration of our commitment as a Society to our Professionalism goals.

The National Board of Directors approved an updated CIPS Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct which is now going through the process of being approved by Member Societies at their respective AGMs. While this approval process is a lengthy one, work on updating the CIPS Code of Ethics exam has begun. The CIPS Code of Ethics and Standard of Conduct is one of our foundational professionalism products and is core to our individual professionalism commitment. Our Ethics exam is a must for all aspirant certified members graduating from non-accredited programs.

CIPS has a long and respected history on the international stage. CIPS is a founding member of such international organizations as the Seoul Accord, the Federation of Enterprise Architect Professional Organizations (FEAPO), the International Professional Practice Program (IP3), the Institute for Certified Computing Professionals (ICCP), and the Information Federation for Information Processing (IFIP).

Through the relationship built by CIPS Saskatchewan with immigration officials in their Province, the Saskatchewan Immigration Nominee Program (SINP) required CIPS certification for potential immigration applicants applying under two IT related National Occupation Codes. CIPS received over 600 certification applications by fiscal year-end. While this has had a huge impact on increasing the global visibility of CIPS,
more important is its impact on CIPS’ ability to share our dedication to professionalism to hundreds of international IT practitioners.

The SINP recognition of the CIPS designations demonstrates the importance of building and nurturing relationships. It also provides encouragement and a potential way forward for other Provincial Societies. The SINP recognition was the result of many years of relationship building. While the clear majority of certified applications have been for CIPS Saskatchewan, CIPS British Columbia, CIPS Ontario, and CIPS Nova Scotia have also seen increases in their international certified members and applicants.

The dramatic increase in applications naturally put a strain on our administrative processes related to assessing applications. While some administrative efficiency has resulted, the need for an online application and the automation of our administrative functions has never been more highlighted. Thank you to those CIPS members who have responded to the many calls for volunteers to help with both the education and experience reviews associated with processing applications. It is encouraging to see several our new international members also volunteering and showing their support of our commitment to professionalism.

CIPS’ accreditation councils, ISTAC and CSAC, continued their important work of accrediting computer science programs in Colleges and Universities across Canada and abroad. The continued increase in student members introduces future IT professionals to CIPS’ Professionalism products and commitment at an early stage in their career.

The CIPS Fellows Electoral Committee, working under the leadership of Patricia Glenn, FCIPS, I.S.P., ITCP, elected 8 new Fellows into their ranks this year. The collective wisdom of our Fellows is one of CIPS’ biggest assets and we need to find ways to better engage them on a more consistent basis. Thank you to the many CIPS members who contributed their time and expertise to CIPS in support of professionalism.

A look to 2018-2019
As we move into the 2018-2019 fiscal year, we have a number of vacancies that need to be filled on the National Board, the Executive Council, and our standing committees, such as the Finance Council and Professional Standards Advisory Council. Provincial Societies are asked to help identify potential volunteers to fill these important vacancies. Our commitment to CIPS Ontario members remains as they start the process of rebuilding. In the coming year, we need to make progress with the automation of the certification application process. Last, but critical in our reaffirmation of Professionalism, is a new services agreement between CIPS National and the Provincial Societies. A new services agreement will better define and strengthen the relationship between CIPS National and the Provincial Societies as well as the relationship between individual Provincial Societies. It will help to define our future organization, products, and services in support of our professionalism focus. It will put CIPS on a path to celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2033.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Burt, I.S.P., ITCP
Chair, CIPS National Board of Directors, 2017-2018
Governance Structure

The above diagram is a reflection of the governance model as defined in the CIPS constitution and bylaws and has been in effect since 2008, with one exception. In September 2014 the Transition Committee was formed to temporarily take on the role of the Executive Council.
# CIPS National Board (as of June 2018)

The National Board is the governing body of CIPS. The Board is composed of CIPS Provincial and National members who represent both certified and non-certified members.

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2018 CIPS Fellow Inductees

Being awarded the CIPS Fellow status is earned recognition of significant development or outstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession, computer technology, the ICT sector or the adoption of ICT. Contributions can be made at a local, provincial, national or international level.

Gerald Caissy, FCIPS, I.S.P., ITCP
Kewal Dhariwal, FCIPS, I.S.P., ITCP
Margaret Havey, FCIPS, I.S.P., ITCP
Dr. Timothy Lethbridge, FCIPS, I.S.P., ITCP
Donna Lindskog, FCIPS, I.S.P., (ret.)
Dr. Man Fung Lo, FCIPS, I.S.P., ITCP
Lem Murphy, I.S.P., ITCP
Jon Nightingale, I.S.P., (ret.)
Accredited Programs:

CIPS accreditation helps:

- Raise the profile of IT courses;
- Fast-tracks graduates of accredited programs to the AITP, I.S.P. and ITCP designations;
- Exposes students to the perspectives of CIPS members on opportunities in the IT industry and the importance of professionalism, ethics and ongoing professional development.

The following programs were re-accredited by CIPS:

Universities

University of New Brunswick
  Bachelor of Computer Science
  Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering

York University
  BA Honours in Computer Science
  iBA Honours in Computer Science
  BSc Honours in Computer Science
  iBSc Honours in Computer Science
  BA Specialized Honours in Computer Science
  BSc Specialized Honours in Computer Science
  BA Specialized Honours in Computer Security
  BSc Specialized Honours in Computer Security
New AITP, I.S.P./ITCP Designation Holders (as of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018)

Holders of the AITP designation have demonstrated that they have the educational requirements for the I.S.P. designation and are working to obtain the required work experience for full certification status.

Congratulations to the following AITP Members:

**CIPS British Columbia**
Aubrey Robertson, AITP  
Christina Thompson, AITP

**CIPS Alberta**
Gloria Roth, AITP

**CIPS Saskatchewan**
Weigang Dai, AITP  
Parth Bhaveshkumar Dalwadi, AITP  
Taren Fairbrother, AITP  
Yuhan Feng, AITP  
Ankush Goyal, AITP  
Cheryl Heinrichs, AITP  
Subin Jacob, AITP

**CIPS Manitoba**
Kyle Voth, AITP  
Allison Zelinsky, AITP

**CIPS Ontario**
Samuel Oluwamoluyi Egbaiyelo, AITP  
Seong Geun Yoon, AITP  
Aron Yvan Pie Ngoyi, AITP

**ActionTI**

**CIPS Prince Edward Island**
Kashyap Patel, AITP  
Kyle Pineau, AITP
Holders of the I.S.P. and ITCP designations have demonstrated that they possess the education and experience to practice to the highest standards in their field.

Congratulations to the following Certified Members:

**CIPS British Columbia**
- Van Duc Do, ITCP
- Mark Melnik, I.S.P.
- Rebecca Midiang’a, I.S.P.
- Ton A. P. van der Tol, I.S.P.

**CIPS Alberta**
- Nicole Berard, I.S.P., ITCP

**CIPS Saskatchewan**
- Ahmed Abaza, ITCP
- Alankar Acharya, I.S.P.
- MD Tasnim Alam, I.S.P.
- Elkhan Aliyev, I.S.P.
- Aiman Gamal Ahmed Al-Koli, I.S.P.
- Hazem M. Aly, I.S.P.
- Akhil Baby, I.S.P.
- Mehrdad Bagheri, I.S.P.
- Rajesh Bellapu, ITCP
- Harshkumar Jeevanlal Bhalodia, I.S.P.
- Kartikeya Bhatt, I.S.P.
- Narinder Singh Bhullar, I.S.P.
- Nadeem Iqbal Butt, ITCP
- Swapnil Chandra, I.S.P.
- Liang Chang, I.S.P.
- Shahrad Chaudhry, I.S.P.
- Darshankumar Chauhan, I.S.P.
- Jaydeepsinh Mansinhji Chhasatiya, I.S.P.
- A S M Sayem Chowdhury, I.S.P.
- Peter Stephen Damisa, I.S.P.
- Prameela Chandra Dantuluri, I.S.P.
- Alaa Essa, I.S.P.
- Kumudu Samanala Fernando, I.S.P.
- Venkatesha Ganiga, I.S.P.
- Tuan Minh Ha, I.S.P.
- Huy Minh Ha, ITCP
- A M Sharif Hasan, I.S.P.
- Thanh Hoang, I.S.P.
Rong Wang, I.S.P.
Dong Xiang, I.S.P.
Lin Xue, I.S.P.
Hui Yang, I.S.P.
Yaqin Yang, I.S.P.
Zhou Yuding, I.S.P.
Yu Zhang, I.S.P.
Dawei Zhang, I.S.P.
Wenjiang Zhong, I.S.P.
Wei Zhou, I.S.P.
Chenxi Zhu, I.S.P.
Gang Zhu, I.S.P.

CIPS Ontario
Douglas Bray, I.S.P.
Pritpal Singh Cheba, I.S.P.
Atul Chopra, I.S.P.
Niel Harper, I.S.P.
Simon Hood, I.S.P.
Muhammad Haseeb Khan, I.S.P.
Xiang Sun, I.S.P.
Truong Thuong Han, ITCP
Japhet Ukwueze, I.S.P.
Gopinath Veerakalyani Palanisamy, I.S.P.

CIPS New Brunswick
Ahmed Abdelhady, I.S.P.
Minghao Ding, I.S.P.
Sandy Fadale, I.S.P.
Adi Yehezkel Lapter, I.S.P.

CIPS Nova Scotia
Mohamed AbouEIella Hamed Mohamed, ITCP
Abimbola Bamiwo, I.S.P.
Sudakar Meganathan, I.S.P.

CIPS Newfoundland
Robert Blundon, I.S.P.
Jennifer Mugford, I.S.P.
**Financial Statements**

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The 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statements are available in a separate document.

**National Services**

The CIPS national service delivery is an integral part of the Executive Council and ensures the daily administration of the association is successful. Resources are located in Mississauga, Ontario and provide support for the National Board, Standing Committees, Councils and Provincial Societies. These roles include the coordination of all volunteers from across Canada to ensure service delivery is completed in a timely and efficient way.

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