



President's Podium

August is the month of celebration and acknowledging the phenomenal women in this country. Unfortunately, I write this piece with a heavy heart. A few days ago, I received news that Brenda Aynsley, who was a past president of the Australian Computer Society, passed away after a long battle with illness.

I want to dedicate this month's newsletter and article to Brenda.

I first met Brenda when we invited her to be a keynote speaker at the 2016 President's awards. I was immediately drawn to her passion for professionalism in ICT and her witty sense of humour. Although she was battling an illness, she didn't let it dictate its terms and I admired her courage, strength and dedication to continue doing what she loved.



Brenda holds the distinction of being the first female president of the Australian Computer Society in 2014. In the same year she was admitted to the Order of Australia and awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her service to the information and communications technology sector. As a stalwart for the ICT profession she had the attention of audiences at the United Nations, the International Telecommunications Union, the world summit on Information Society, and at conferences such as the World Computer Congress and the World IT Forum. [Read More...](#)

CEO's Communique

As the professional body for ICT in South Africa, each year IITPSA recognises those people who have recently excelled, in either our ICT profession and / or the ICT Industry, by means of our two long-standing, highly-prized awards, being the IT Personality and Visionary CIO of the Year.



In 2018, they are joined by two brand new awards, namely the Technology Excellence and the Social Responsibility / Community Awards (see article below). Each of these four awards is open to public nomination, so please help the Institute's judging panels to ensure that we have absolutely the best candidates in the running to receive each award by submitting your nominations [here](#).

OUR TOP STORIES



IITPSA Launches two new awards

The Institute is pleased to announce that two new awards have been added to the line-up for the 2018 IITPSA Annual President's Awards. In addition to our prestigious IT Personality, Visionary CIO and Distinguished Service in ICT Awards, the following awards will be made for the first time:

The **Technology Excellence Award**, which recognises a person or a team who has made exceptional / innovative use of information technology, or designed an innovative new technology, for an organization and that has delivered measurable benefit, either for business or the SA Economy.

The **Social Responsibility / Community Award**, which recognises a person / team / project delivering the benefits of IT on a not-for-profit basis into the community / or bringing the community into the IT space (addressing the digital divide).

Dont' forget to submit your nominations for each of our Awards! [Read More...](#)



IITPSA announces two new Gauteng Special Interest Groups

Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (SIGAIR)

SIGAIR is an IITPSA Special Interest Group (SIG) for the Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Robotics community. The idea of this SIG is to bring people together from diverse backgrounds who are either practitioners of, or interested in AI and Robotics. The adoption of AI is especially relevant for South African businesses if we are to compete in global markets.

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Cybersecurity (SIGCyber)

SIGCyber is an IITPSA Special Interest group (SIG) for the Cybersecurity and related communities. The idea of the SIGCyber is to bring together people from diverse backgrounds who are either practitioners, academics or interested in Cybersecurity. The Cybersecurity domain encompasses technologies, policies, procedures and practices designed to protect organisation, institutions and citizens from attacks. [Read More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Afternoon @ SIGIST

2018-08-22 - LAB, 90 Rivonia Road, Sandton

Abstract 1 – "You need to lift testing!": A testers ascension to quality engineer

Natasha Anderson shares her journey of re-invention as she transitioned her career from one built on the principles of waterfall to one of agility.

Abstract 2 – Shifting SQA left and right

Continuous integration is key for shifting SQA left. The aim is to release to our customers as quickly and as cost effectively as possible and, in turn, ensure a quality product is delivered. The new generation methodologies like DevOps and Agile are at the forefront of making sure that this is achieved successfully. [Read More...](#)



Cybersecurity skills in South Africa – An IITPSA W Cape Chapter Event

2018-08-23 - ICTS on Main, UCT, Cape Town

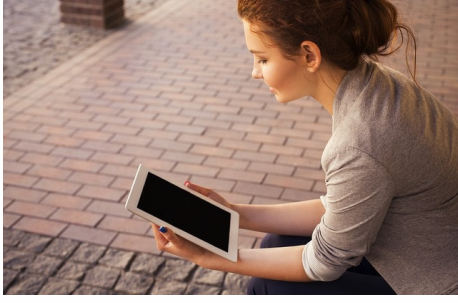
Guest speaker, Jacques Ophoff (UCT), reviews South African cybersecurity training, considering the perceived high demand for such skills. It presents an analysis of job requirements in this area, based on a recent analysis of the Western Cape market. Finally, there is a discussion of initiatives around an international cybersecurity education programme and South Africa's involvement in this process. [Read More...](#)



The IITPSA EC Chapter Women's Networking Breakfast

2018-08-29 Bocabliss Lemon Tree, Walmers, Port Elizabeth

All Women in IT are cordially invited to The IITPSA EC Chapter Women's Networking Breakfast hosted in conjunction with the Nelson Mandela University, School of ICT. A morning of connection and reflection: Being a woman in a "man's world". [Read More...](#)



How women can thrive in the IT Workplace

A Women in IT (W Cape) Event

2018-08-30 - The River Club, Observatory, Cape Town

As one of its strategic goals, IITPSA strives to encourage and promote women in the IT Workplace. IITPSA wants to encourage girls to enter the workplace and help build work environments that make women stay. To honour Women's month in August, IITPSA is holding a special event to explore the issues facing women. A panel of women who are successful in the IT workplace will share their views and experiences with you. [Read More...](#)



Leaderex

2018-09-04 - Sandton Convention Centre

Join Africa's largest gathering of business leaders, professionals and entrepreneurs on 4 September 2018 at Sandton Convention Centre.

A day to network, challenge conventional thinking and learn from over 250 top CEOs and entrepreneurs. IITPSA will be taking the lead role in a stream on digital skills! [Read More...](#)



AI Expo Africa

2018-09-10 to 2018-09-11 - Century City Conference Centre, Cape Town

AI Expo Africa 2018 is focusing on real world applications & trends driving the AI Economy in Africa, exploring the AI Business Opportunity NOW and seeking to build an AI Business focused Community across Africa.

30% Discount offered to all IITPSA Members attending AI Expo Africa 2018 who pay by company invoice / EFT.

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TEST-IT AFRICA International Conference

2018-09-19 (Jhb) and 2018-09-20 (CT)

It is true - this year the SASTQB is celebrating their 10th anniversary! As part of the celebrations the annual TEST-IT AFRICA International Conference will be a two city one conference event.

JOHANNESBURG

Tutorials: 17 and 18 Sept

Conference: 19 September

The Capital on Park Hotel

CAPE TOWN

Tutorials: 21 September

Conference: 20 September

The CTICC

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AVG is a leading developer of Security Software with over 120 million home and business users around the world.

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