



IITPSA News Ed. 116 - December 2018

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President's Podium

We are almost at the end of another year. They say the older you get the more time flies, so I am feeling pretty old right now because the year has flashed by like a lightning bolt.

At this time of the year I like to reflect and assess whether I have achieved my goals, both on a personal and professional level.

Well, I feel like a pig in mud because I have achieved my goals and more. Goal setting for me is very important because it helps me to push myself past my comfort zone and being able to achieve things that I thought weren't possible. It helps me to propel forward and to live life to the fullest.

My goals are SMART:

- Specific
- Measurable
- Attainable
- Relevant
- Timely

So, using the above criteria, I am going to set some more goals for 2019. It's ok if I don't achieve them all but it gives me something to work towards.

I am also proud of the goals achieved by IITPSA. Some of them are listed below.

- Our membership base continues to grow and go from strength to strength.
- We launched 2 new special interest groups namely Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence.
- Our regional chapters continue to provide value to our members.
- We are rolling out a digital certificate and signature known as Privyseal to our members.
- We've collaborated with the JCSE in the research of IT Skills.
- We've had another successful IITPSA President's Awards banquet.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the IITPSA board and staff for their contribution to a wonderful year and a big thank you to our members for your support.

I wish everyone a magnificent festive season and look forward to another fruitful and exciting year.

Ciao

Ulandi

CEO's Communiqué

The end of December is fast approaching and many of our members are preparing to go away on leave (and quite few have departed already). As our President has mentioned above, there have been quite a few IITPSA achievements during 2018, with more still to come in the year that lies ahead!



Our offices will be closed from the afternoon of 21 December until 03 January 2019 for a much shorter than usual year-end break, and we would like to wish all our members, associates and friends well over the Festive Season. To those who celebrate Christmas, we wish you a blessed and Christ-filled Christmas, and to all, Happy Holidays!

Best regards....

Tony

IN THE NEWS

We congratulate our 2018 President's Awards Winners



IT Personality

Teddy Daka - CEO of Elton



Visionary CIO

Jacques Barkhuizen - ABSA CIO - Virtual Channels / Digital Banking



Technology Excellence

EmptyTrips - Benji Coetzee



Social Responsibility / Community

Project Isizwe - Dudu Mkhwanazi

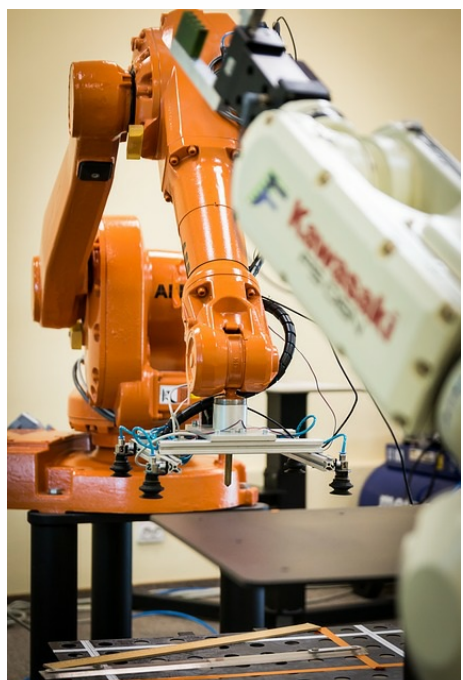


Sincere congratulations to each of these worthy winners!



Distinguished Service in ICT

Dr. Jackie Phahlamohlaka

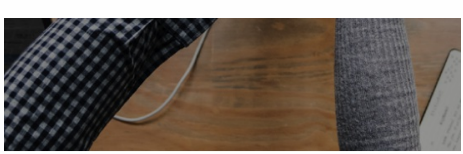


Automation makes me mad

by Adrian Schofield FIITPSA

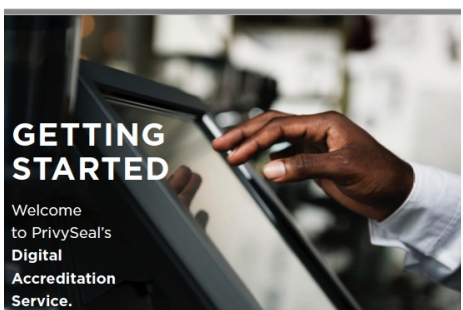
.... The first number that made me blink was 5,7 million - more than one third of all jobs at risk within 7 years? Surely not! The second number that raised at least one eyebrow was 3,5 million - why has the "at risk" number dropped by 2,2 million? The one that got both eyebrows hopping was that the reduction in "at risk" jobs could be "to just 2,5 million", as if putting this number of previously economically active people on the streets was in some way acceptable.

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IITPSA rolls out Privyseal

IITPSA has contracted with PrivySeal to provide a digital accreditation service to all members in good standing, enabling them to prove their membership status and professional standing.



Due to the size of our membership base, we are rolling this out in a phased approach to our members around the country. If it has not yet reached you, you will soon be receiving an IITPSA email asking you to give your consent to participate (POPIA compliance), after which you will be able to register for your individual Privyseal. So do keep an eye on your inbox for that all important consent request email.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



IITPSA Year-End Office Closure

Friday 21 December 2018: The IITPSA National Office in Midrand will close at 14h30 for the Year-End break and will re-open at 08h00 on **Thursday 03 January 2019**.

We wish all our members a blessed Festive Season and Happy Holidays. Thank you for your support in 2018 and very best wishes for 2019!



IITPSA Western Cape Chapter AGM

31 January 2019 - Riverclub, Cape Town

The Annual General Meeting of the members of the Western Cape Chapter of IITPSA NPC will be held at Riverclub, Cape Town on Thursday 31 January 2019.

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MEMBER BENEFITS



Anti-Virus Products

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

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