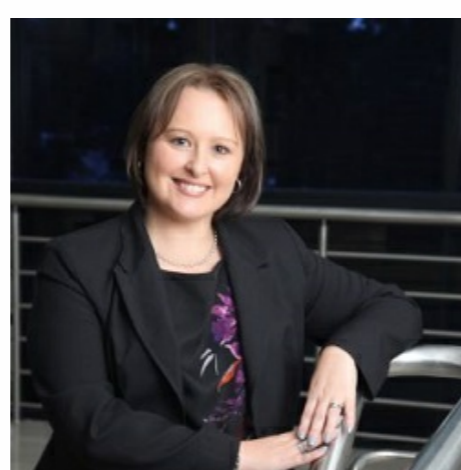




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President's Podium

Happy belated Valentine's day to everyone. Hope you spoil your significant other and in turn, they spoil you... and by spoiling, I mean showing an act of kindness and appreciation and not spending an exorbitant amount on flowers that were either not delivered or arrived dilapidated. February is still the month of love so use this as an opportunity to show others your softer side.

Many of our board members had to forego that special Valentine's dinner because they had to travel to Johannesburg to attend the IITPSA Strategy session and board evaluation feedback. It was an intense two days with lots of discussions and deliberations and I want to share some of the feedback with you.

Board evaluation

For the first time in its history, the IITPSA board has undertaken an evaluation of itself. The survey was done by a third party. This was an extremely fruitful exercise in that as the board we were presented with findings where we excelled in certain areas but require development in others. We will address the areas which require some development and our commitment to you is that we will continue to learn and improve in order to remain being an effective and successful board.

Strategy

Our current strategic objectives are Thought Leadership and Career Development. During the strategy facilitation process we reviewed what we felt was important and we will continue to drive these two objectives. We've now added a third objective which, whilst it was always important to us, should stand on its own in order to receive our fullest attention and also so that we can measure ourselves against it. The third objective relates to Relationships with various stakeholders.

Over the next few months, the National office will be appointing additional staff in order to rollout some of the plans that we have in the pipeline so please do continue to watch this space.

Ciao
Ulandi

CEO's Communiqué

Just over one and a half months into 2019, and this year is shaping up to be a spectacular one for the Institute. As our President has alluded to above, we are looking at appointing some senior people to help drive our initiatives and carry out our plans for the year... and beyond.



Launching new professional designations, entrenching digital badging with Privyseal, participating in key industry events, improving our brand positioning and awareness and, most importantly, getting closer to our members and your needs and wants, are all key objectives for the year.

We do hope that you will be engaging even more closely with the Institute this year, and we look forward to your enthusiastic participation in our many Chapter and Special Interest Group events.

To our Eastern Cape Chapter members: see you at your Chapter AGM in PE on the 27th Feb!

Best regards
Tony

IN THE NEWS



Searching for IT Talent?

What do sports coaches know that corporates overlook? Start young. Run a contest. Recognise talent. Grow skill and stamina.

Talent Search anytime 4-8 March at schools nationwide.

Parents, does your child's school enter? Ask why two million learners take part annually in this contest in 50 countries.

Teachers, reach beyond the CAPS content.

Fifteen attractive problems in 45 minutes. At five age levels from grades 4 to 12. Let them read. Read again. Concentrate. Break down the problem. Look for a pattern. Plan steps. Stick with it.

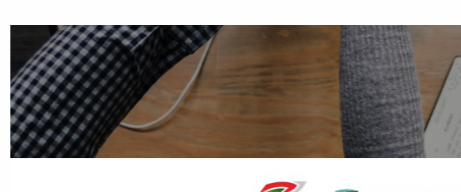
It's called 'computational thinking', but it's not about calculations.

Help learners to think.

Enter your school online at www.olympiad.org.za - 'Talent Search' - 'Register'.

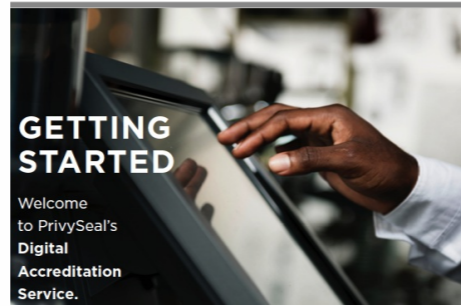
Corporates, we also celebrate support to continue to expand this free contest.

Enquiries: info@olympiad.org.za



Do you have your IITPSA Digital Badge?

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.



If your membership fees are fully paid up, or less than 3 months outstanding, you qualify to receive your IITPSA Privyseal (digital badge). Contact alice@iitpsa.org.za to request the consent email that you need to respond to in order to get the ball rolling!



UNESCO-Japan prize on Education for Sustainable Development - via IFIP

Submit your nominations for the 2019 UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development.

Funded by the Government of Japan, the UNESCO-Japan Prize consists of three annual awards of USD 50,000 for each recipient.

The Prize Statutes can be accessed [here](#).

- The nomination process takes place via an **online platform**: <http://unesco.org/esd> (user guide available [here](#)).
- To request the creation of an account for the platform, please register here: <http://www.unesco.org/esdprize/register> (If you submitted an online nomination for previous editions of the Prize, your user name and password remain valid.)
- All nominations should be submitted to UNESCO via the online form in English or French by **30 April 2019** at the very latest (midnight, Paris time).

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



IITPSA Eastern Cape Chapter AGM

27 February 2019 - St. George's Club, Port Elizabeth

The Annual General Meeting of the members of the Eastern Cape Chapter of IITPSA NPC will be held at the St. George's Club in Port Elizabeth on Wednesday 27 February 2019.

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Enterprise Architecture and IoT - A Case Study (IITPSA EASIG)

14 March 2019 - The Wanderers Club, Illovo, Johannesburg

Thomas Nel was the Enterprise Architect on a government agency project. The client desired the enhancement of their business services as well as an introduction of the SMART government concept using IoT. With his background as a professional engineer he will be sharing some of the key concepts, considerations, and lessons learned during the project, enabling architects to create strategic, segment and solution architecture and implementation roadmaps for a successful IoT project. [Read more...](#)

MEMBER BENEFITS



Anti-Virus Products

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

IITPSA is pleased to advise that we are again being sponsored by AVG South Africa, with the computers at the IITPSA National Office being protected by the AVG Internet Security Suite (Business Edition).

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