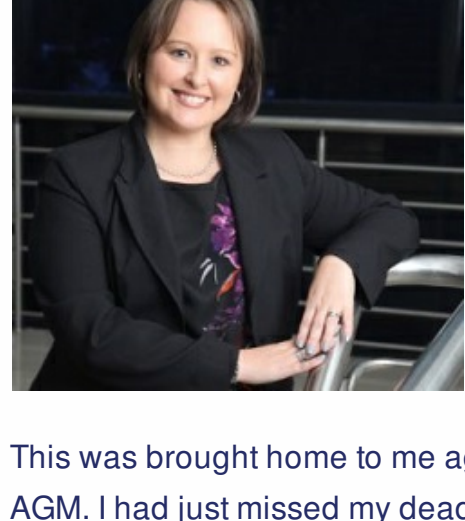


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DISCOVER THE POWER OF NETWORKING

**President's Podium**

The old saying 'It's not what you know, but who you know' has never held more true than now, in a hurried digital age when many of us spend much of our time working in isolation behind a laptop. Effective networking takes us out from behind our digital barriers and puts us into the heart of communities who can help us solve problems and advance our goals.

This was brought home to me again recently, when I attended the IITPSA Western Cape Chapter AGM. I had just missed my deadline to register for further studies, and I mentioned my disappointment to fellow IITPSA members while networking at the AGM. Lo and behold, they had information that enabled me to enroll for my Master's in IT Governance at Nelson Mandela University in good time, and three days later, my professional development plans were back on track!

Had I not had access to the network, or reached out and told people of my challenge, my further study ambitions for the year would have been derailed. Considering that IITPSA has more than 10 000 members across the country, the scope of the problems that can be overcome, and the professional development goals that can be fast-tracked through networking in this forum is immense. It's essentially the brains trust of South Africa's IT industry, and everyone present at every event has information of value to contribute. But this information is only accessible if you reach out and engage, network and share knowledge.

With IITPSA's broad range of events delivering so much in-depth knowledge from the podium, it can be easy to forget that you're likely seated alongside people who can also help you advance and overcome challenges. Let's strive to remember this, and take full advantage of all IITPSA events to truly engage and discuss, to make full use of the power of this network!

Ciao

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CEO's Communiqué

The month of March is not only the official beginning of autumn in South Africa, but also, of relevance to all IITPSA members, it is the start of our new Financial Year – so, Happy New Year!



A new financial year is an excellent time to reflect on what factors support professional success. These days, it's clearly about more than skills and knowledge. You need ongoing professional development, supportive peer networks, credibility, as well as brand building and marketing that make you stand out from the crowd.

IITPSA's frameworks and activities have evolved to deliver all of the above. It's a power-house networking and professional development forum that actively promotes its members' success.

As alluded to by our President, networking is certainly an important component of professional development, and our events give members ample opportunity to interact with each other. We urge you to take advantage of these opportunities at our monthly knowledge sharing events, Special Interest Group meetings, Chapter AGMs and the industry events we endorse.

Please see our events listings below for upcoming events.

Each individual member's credibility, brand building and marketing are crucial too, and here, IITPSA has moved to help members assert their professional credibility by implementing our Privyseal digital badging. It's free to members and easy to add yours to your email signature, so please read further to learn how to get yours.

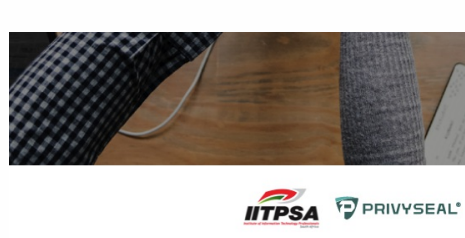
Best regards

Tony

IN THE NEWS**Deadline approaching for Eastern Cape IT Industry Regional Awards nominations**

29 March is the deadline for nominations for the annual IITPSA Eastern Cape IT Industry Awards!

Nationally, these awards have been recognising excellence in IT since the 1970s, and are also the most prestigious accolade for IT professionals in the province. Nominations are invited for the Eastern Cape Region IT Personality of the Year, IT Entrepreneur of the Year, IT Contributor to Society and Women in IT Awards. Nominees must be IITPSA members, or be willing to become members. The awards will be presented at a gala dinner in Port Elizabeth on Wednesday 22 May. Please contact lester.cowley@mandela.ac.za for nomination forms.

**Privy Seal now active – get yours!**

IITPSA's digital badge (Privyseal) is now available to all IITPSA members in good standing (i.e. fees are fully paid up, or less than three months outstanding). PrivySeal provides a digital seal of validity, through a clickable image that you can place in your email signature or on your website to provide live verification of your professional standing.

This new Privyseal digital badge confirms your status as a member of our SAQA recognised and IP3 accredited professional body, and affirms your commitment to professionalism and ethics.

If you have not yet received a Privyseal 'consent to participate' email, contact alice@iitpsa.org.za to request it and then click here to get started.

**IITPSA endorses annual ITWeb Security Summit**

IITPSA has aligned with the 14th annual ITWeb Security Summit, to be staged at the Southern Sun Cape Sun on 23 May and the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, from 28-29 May.

This Summit, described as southern Africa's definitive conference and expo for information security, IT and business professionals, is a prime knowledge sharing and networking opportunity. It includes a high-profile conference and business exhibition featuring top international, African and local speakers delivering key insights across three focused tracks, interactive workshops and in-depth training courses. This year's focus areas will include emerging cyber security strategies in AI, blockchain, IoT, DevSecOps and more, and give delegates an understanding of how to increase their businesses' cyber resiliency.

IITPSA's endorsement of the ITWeb Security Summit allows IITPSA members to benefit from a 20% discount on the delegate price. [Book your space here](#)

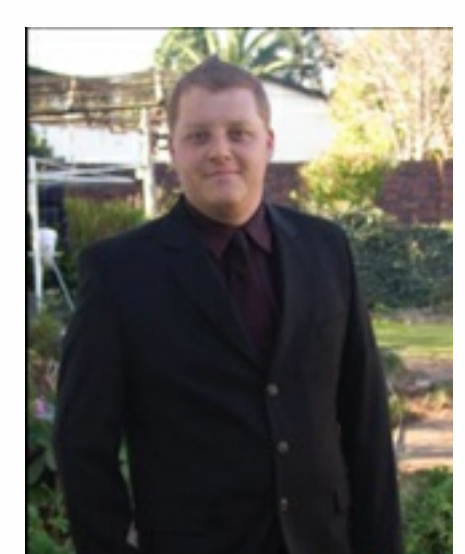
Help an MSc student complete his research

Rutendo Ngarira, a UNISA MSc in Computing student is conducting research into Improving software project management quality through the use of analytics on project management data. He urgently requires the input of relevant professionals. If you are willing to participate in his research by completing a short questionnaire, please contact him at 46893628@mylife.unisa.ac.za

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**19 MARCH - PORT ELIZABETH****IT Assurance – An IITPSA Western Cape Chapter Event**

This presentation will explore IT in relation to Combined Assurance and the greater governance scheme, by tracing the evolution of Combined Assurance from King III to King IV. The overview will include how both enterprise risk-management and business goals are supported by the development and use of the IT-Combined Assurance Model (ICAM).

Presented by Maria Kostelac, senior IT Governance advisor, trainer, practitioner and entrepreneur. Maria has held various subject matter and advisory positions in key public and private industry sectors, including that of subject matter expert for a large multi-national audit firm over the course of 19 years. As certified Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT) Practitioner, ITIL® Expert practitioner and trainer, ISO27000 Lead Implementer and ISO20000 Consultant her roles in IT and business span assurance, programme design & management, senior trainer and governance advisor across the areas of IT: Risk, Governance, Service Management and Information Security Management.

[Read More...](#)**20 MARCH -JOHANNESBURG****BDD, Testing and QA in the agile DevOps environment**

Get a comprehensive summary of BDD and Testing and QA in an agile and DevOps environment. What BDD is and what it is not. The BDD process (activities and steps) Framework and tools.

Presenter Mark Sage has 15 years' experience in testing mission-critical projects in a variety of environments, mostly in the domain of financial and banking systems. He is an Agilest and works at Nedbank as a QA Coach and Integration Specialist. The event takes place from 17h30 to 19h30 on 20 March at The Chill Room, the Campus, Sloane Street Bryanston.

[Read More...](#)**27 MARCH – PORT ELIZABETH****Growing your own global technology business from anywhere: Lessons learnt – An Eastern Cape Chapter Event**

This talk will cover how Gough Venter focused on growing an ICT services business and selling to an international ASX listed company in Australia, then starting a co-working space and growing a SaaS business. Other topics he will cover include the DevOps of scaling a SaaS business globally, Machine Learning and the present environment he is working in, the Vision space (with photos & videos) plus some Natural Language Processing for chatbots.

[Read more...](#)**27 MARCH – DURBAN****Blockchain Africa Report Back – An IITPSA KZN Chapter Event**

In this event John Singh will report back on Africa's leading Blockchain and Cryptocurrency conference which he attended on 28 February 2019. The attendees will learn how companies and individuals are using this technology, what some of the most interesting use cases and applications are and what regulations are being considered and implemented across various jurisdictions.

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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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IITPSA has partnered with CareerJunction, SA's #1 Quality Candidate provider, to offer a job search/advertising service on its site. Go to www.iitpsa.org.za and click on 'Careers' in the 'Activities' menu to see it in action, or simply click on the link below.

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Professional Indemnity Insurance (PI) at a special rate for IITPSA Members. In the interests of providing added value to Members, the IITPSA has negotiated a special PI Insurance Scheme for Members that provides very competitive premiums, wide coverage and also affords Legal Advice when required to protect your interests.

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