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IT EDUCATION, ONGOING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT & PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION Keep growing: the new normal



President's Podium

I recently enrolled for further study – something many other IT professionals appear to be doing lately. While the prospect of gaining more knowledge is exciting, it's also daunting to take on more work at a time when all of us are stretched fairly thin in the workplace. But skills shortages and tight budgets mean everyone is having to work harder, and at the same time, we all need to keep pace with change in the industry. This, I believe, is the new normal. We need to change our pace, adapt to continual learning, and acclimatise to being 'always on' for

IIT PSA is evolving in line with this changing environment: we're adding to our professional development events and stepping up our always on engagement via social media, where we will strive to keep our members updated on global news and trends, as well as our own activities. Follow us on Facebook and T witter to stay up to date @IIT PSA.

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CEO's Communiqué

While it's widely acknowledged that every business is now an IT business, thanks to the all-pervasive nature of technology, the fact remains that the world of IT is still something of a mystery for many. CEOs, HR managers and recruitment agents, for example, are not always well versed on the skills and qualifications needed to perform specific roles within the IT department.

As the voice of the ICT sector and the champion of ICT professionalism in South Africa, IIT PSA has issued statements on these matters. We continue striving to bring home the importance of ethical conduct among our members and the broader ICT sector. By raising awareness of the IIT PSA, our members can help organisations understand the role the Institute plays in South Africa, and why its members can be trusted as credible professionals. And if you haven't yet activated your Privyseal, we urge you to do so. Best regards Tony

In The News



ICT – The Only Sector Building Solutions to its own Skills Shortages

As the world races into the Fourth Industrial Revolution, digital skills shortages have become a major challenge. Fortunately, the ICT sector that so desperately needs high-end skills has also built the tools to overcome the skills shortages.



A team of final year BCom Informatics students at the University of Pretoria has won a Women in IT project award sponsored by the IIT PSA for an outstanding final year project submitted by an all-girl team.

IIT PSA awards a University of Pretoria all-girls B Com Informatics project team



IIT PSA's KZN Chapter is set to participate in the Ethekwini Youth Employability Indaba and KZN Career Expo in Durban from 23 – 25 May, showcasing careers in IT to up to 30,000 youths and their parents in the greater Durban area. This year's event focuses heavily on careers in the 4th Industrial Revolution.

IIT PSA KZN Chapter supports KZN Career Expo

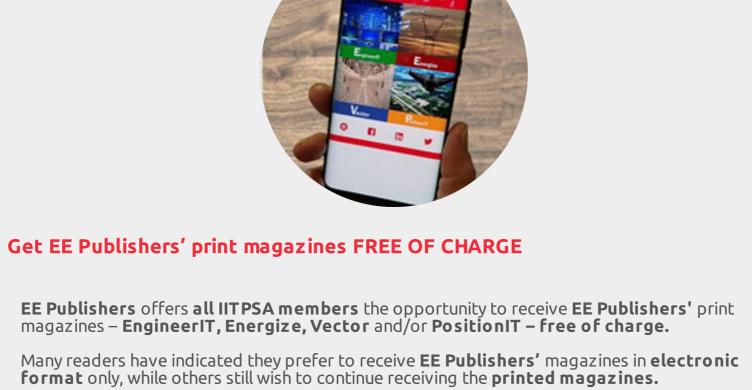
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The IFIP Position Paper on the Internet of Things has been released, presenting IFIP's position on several major questions and choices around IoT benefits and risks, and outlining possible actions to solve the IoT 'choice problems'. IIT PSA invites comments and further suggestions from members - in particular ideas for following up on the possible actions listed in chapter 5. The IFIP Position Paper is available to members in good standing, on request to alice@iitpsa.org.za

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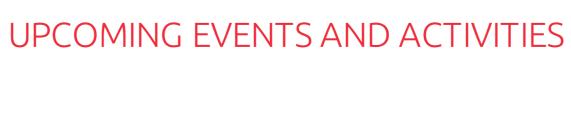
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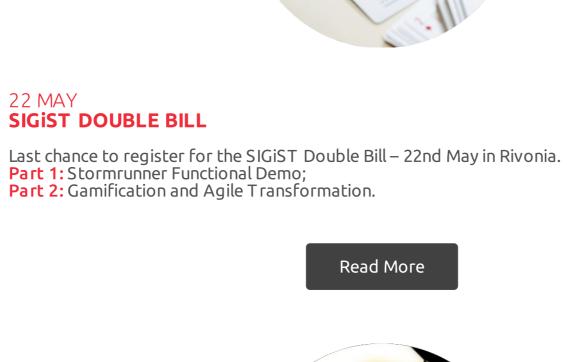
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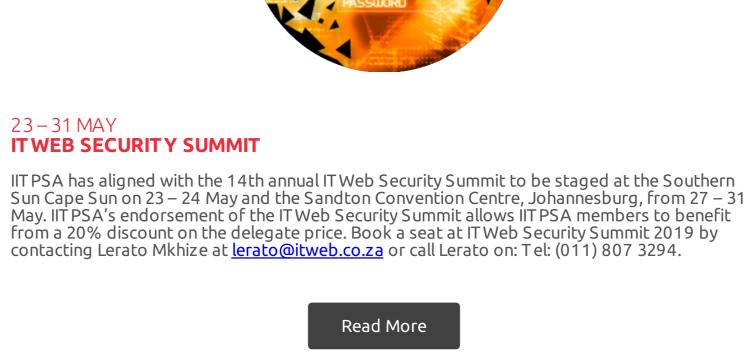


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