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TRUST & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



President's Podium

Recently, I was fortunate to be nominated to travel to Ethiopia as part of an AFICT A delegation for an Internet Governance Train the Trainers workshop organised by the African Union Commission, as part of its Policy and Regulation Initiative for Digital Africa (PRIDA). The trip was an eye-opener, not least because of the way in which Ethiopian drivers manage to navigate Addis Ababa traffic without traffic lights or circles!

Over five days, delegates discussed issues such as internet governance, legal frameworks, development and human rights; raising a whole lot of questions I had never before considered. Many of us simply take the internet for granted and use it without giving it much thought, but once we delve deeper into issues such as accessibility, the cost of data, or the governance of zero rated sites, we begin to understand that governance, ethics and trust have to be built into the internet at every level.

Now that the internet is crucial for digital participation and empowerment, we have to consider ways to ensure access for all – including the poor and people with disabilities. We must ensure that the right policies are in place to ensure freedom on the internet, affordable data costs and universal access. We need to be aware that different groups – civil society, business, government and technical stakeholders – all have differing and valid requirements around internet governance and access. So we have to have more discussions and greater transparency on internet governance, to ensure that this important resource is equitable shared and transparently managed.

Ciao
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CEO's Communiqué

Earlier this month, employer branding firm Universum SA's annual rankings survey **'Most Attractive Employers 2019'** found that young professionals working in South Africa's Engineering / Technology, Liberal Arts/Education and Business/Commerce categories all ranked Google as the most attractive employer this year, putting Google in the enviable position of being the most attractive employer for young professionals in South Africa for the second year running. Interestingly, the survey also indicated, among other things, that South Africa's talent pool wants professional training and development, leadership opportunities, inspiring leadership, and ethics in the workplace.

With high demand for the country's best and brightest young professionals and an ongoing high-level IT skills shortage, employers in our sector should take a closer look at the employer attributes young professionals rate as important.

As the industry's champion of trust and professional development, we at IITPSA are not surprised to see these listed as key factors making a company an employer of choice.

Our codes, including behaving in a professional manner, committing to life-long learning and continuing professional development (CPD) programmes, contributing to the sharing of knowledge and expertise and helping to mentor and guide young people entering, or already in the profession, are the hallmarks of the kind of employer up and coming talent admires.

We believe that through IITPSA membership and commitment to our codes of conduct, top IT professionals and employers can help to establish themselves as employers of choice.

Best regards
Tony

NEWS

In The News



Eastern Cape IT achievers recognised

The annual Eastern Cape IITPSA IT achievers gala awards dinner again showcased a field of exceptional IT professionals, educators and students. Jean Greyling, Associate Professor in the Department of Computing Sciences at the Nelson Mandela University, emerged as the Eastern Cape IITPSA 2019 IT Personality of the Year and will be nominated for the national IITPSA 2019 IT Personality of the Year award to be awarded later this year.

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Become an IITPSA Non-Executive Director

IITPSA invites nominations for suitably qualified, knowledgeable and experienced voting members to serve as volunteer Non-Executive Directors of the Institute. Fully completed nominations should reach us by Sunday 23 June 2019 at 17h00.

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Participate in student study: Auditing Agile projects in South Africa

IITPSA member, Dr. Elizabeth Mkhwa, a Postdoctoral Research fellow at the University of Johannesburg is conducting a research study entitled: "Conceptual Framework for Auditing Agile Projects." The purpose of this study is to examine how to audit agile projects in organizations and to develop a conceptual framework for auditing agile projects. Members are invited to participate in the 10 – 15 minute survey. Click on the button below to complete the survey.

[Click here to complete survey](#)



Member spotlight

Why is it important to be a member of IITPSA?

"It's not just being a member of IITPSA – it's being an active member. Go to the meetings, speak up, write stuff. Understand issues from everyone's perspective. Help to solve shared problems. My view is that this industry has given me a good living and it is only fair that I put something back. Becoming a member of a committee leads to other roles, some within the institute, some in other organisations. The breadth of global experience that I have gained from attending international conferences is priceless – all thanks to being willing to serve."

Adrian Schofield
FIITPSA PM/IITPSA IP3P

Production Consultant
IITPSA NPC [Institute of Information Technology Professionals South Africa]



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



31 JULY IITPSA AGM SAVE THE DATE!

The IITPSA Annual General Meeting will be held in Johannesburg on 31 July, 2019 at 17h00 for 17h30. The venue will be confirmed soon.



28 - 29 AUGUST ICT IN INFRASTRUCTURE 2019 CONFERENCE AND EXPO: EE PUBLISHERS & ENGINEER IT

Venue: Emperors Palace, Ekurhuleni

The ICT Infrastructure 2019 Conference and Expo is a business-to-business and business-to-government conference and exhibition showcasing cutting-edge information and communication infrastructure technology and solutions. The event brings together owners and users of ICT infrastructure in business, commercial, industrial, mining and utility installations, stakeholders in the ISP, WISP, data centre, electronics and information engineering sectors, and providers of power, standby power, emergency power and alternative energy systems for ICT infrastructure.

The conference, attracting over 300 delegates, will focus on a broad range of key ICT infrastructure issues including design, implementation and management of data centres; cloud, cyber security, risk, continuity and disaster recovery; power supply, ICT skills development and supporting equipment, standards and testing.

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3 - 4 SEPTEMBER LEADERX

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre

Africa's largest gathering of business leaders, professionals and entrepreneurs. This two - day event features 230 masterclasses delivered by 500 speakers. IITPSA will be co-hosting the Digital Skills Summit at Leaderx on 3 September 2019.

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16 -18 SEPTEMBER GARTNER IT SYMPOSIUM/XPO

Venue: Cape Town

Focused on the strategic trends and technologies that are shaping the future of IT and business at IT Symposium/Xpo™ 2019. Thousands of CIOs and IT executives come together in Cape Town to discuss key topics including data & analytics, artificial intelligence, machine learning, culture, customer experience, cybersecurity and more. IT Symposium/Xpo 2019 is the place to hone leadership skills, refine strategies, and find the innovative technologies that will help to power digital transformation. Come and visit IITPSA at the Gartner 2019 IT Xpo.

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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.

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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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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