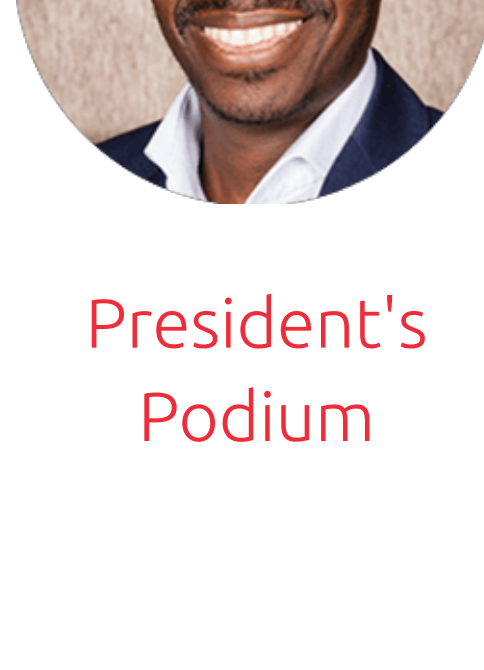




## PROFESSIONALISM



### President's Podium

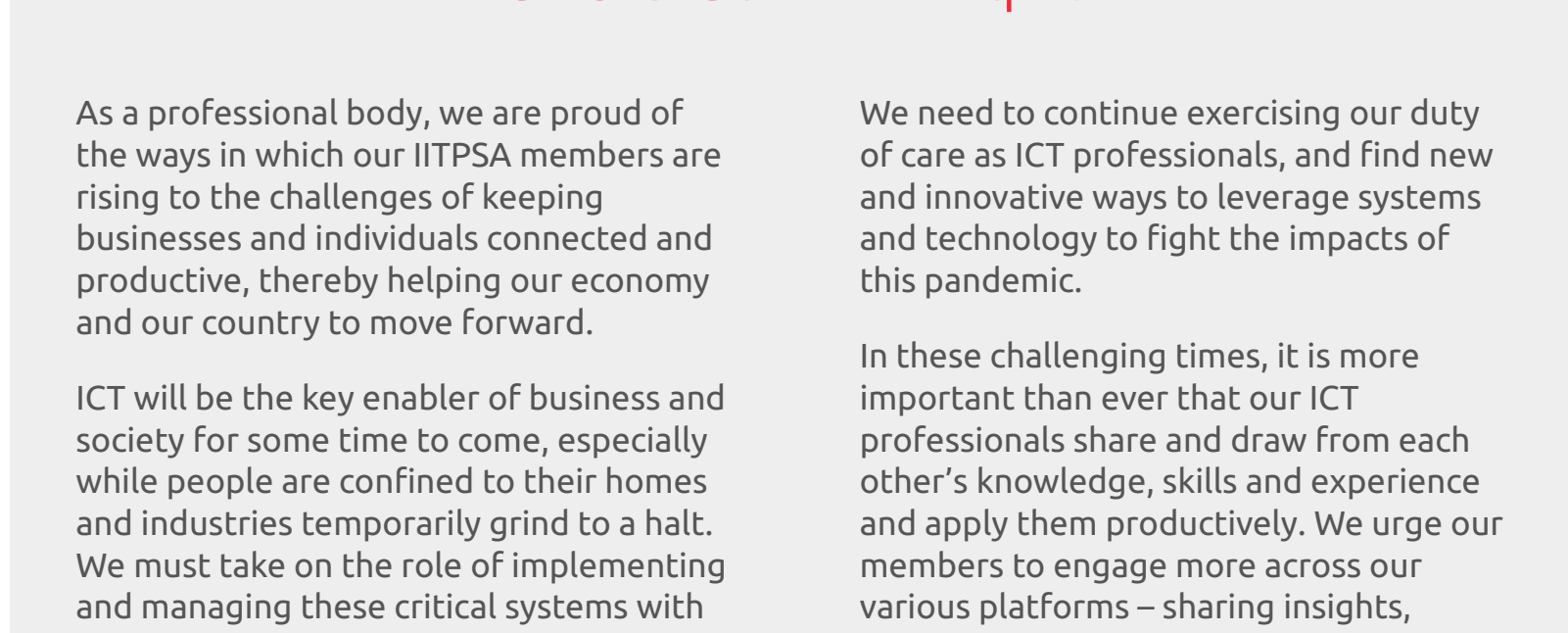
Barely a month ago, our message to members noted that there was a possibility of a lockdown coming to curb the spread of COVID-19. Just weeks later, we now know the lockdown was not only instituted, but also extended, with every chance that it may be extended in some form again.

These rapid changes, and their devastating impacts on businesses around the world, demand more from those of us working in the ICT sector.

Not only can we contribute the technology and skills to enable business as usual in many sectors, we can also offer innovation and expertise to help non-digital businesses to pivot, go digital where it helps enable their businesses, and adapt to the needs of this new world.

In these uncertain times, we owe it to society to contribute our skills in the most professional way possible. The world needs us now, and we must remain focused on excellence in our service delivery, to help businesses survive through the difficult times ahead.

**Thabo Mashegoane**



### CEO's Communiqué

As a professional body, we are proud of the ways in which our IITPSA members are rising to the challenges of keeping businesses and individuals connected and productive, thereby helping our economy and our country to move forward.

ICT will be the key enabler of business and society for some time to come, especially while people are confined to their homes and industries temporarily grind to a halt. We must take on the role of implementing and managing these critical systems with professionalism and ethics top of mind.

We need to continue exercising our duty of care as ICT professionals, and find new and innovative ways to leverage systems and technology to fight the impacts of this pandemic.

In these challenging times, it is more important than ever that our ICT professionals share and draw from each other's knowledge, skills and experience and apply them productively. We urge our members to engage more across our various platforms – sharing insights, experience and ideas that help us all.

**Best regards  
Tony**

## In The News

### DevConf Live! A real win for lucky IITPSA members



This year's DevConf conference for developers found itself having to rapidly move from an IRL event in Johannesburg and Cape Town, to a combined virtual event on 2 April due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As an event partner, IITPSA had tickets to the event to give away to six lucky members. They report that going virtual did not harm the popular developers' conference at all!

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### SA tech community throngs to help govt fight Covid-19 threat



Hundreds of South African tech professionals are thronging to a new community to help the government fight the spread and impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. This is according to Malan Joubert, co-founder of tech job portal OfferZen, who told the first virtual DevConf Live! developer conference that South African tech professionals were volunteering their services at Project Unlocked.

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### Blockchain, Bitcoin show promise in SA, but more skills needed

*IITPSA KZN Blockchain SIG hears that Blockchain use will pick up in SA, and Bitcoin is expected to be the crypto winner*



IITPSA KZN Chapter committee members. (From left) Chair Marshall Masanga, Tiger Chapanduka, Senele Goba, Bryan Baxter and John Singh

South African financial organisations are exploring the potential use cases for Blockchain in their operations, but are exercising caution in its adoption. So says John Singh, a senior systems analyst and head of the IITPSA Blockchain Special Interest Group (SIG) in KwaZulu Natal. He was speaking at the first IITPSA SIG meeting to be delivered as a webinar, and reported back on the recent Blockchain Africa conference in Johannesburg.

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### Beware non-sanctioned business tools during lockdown

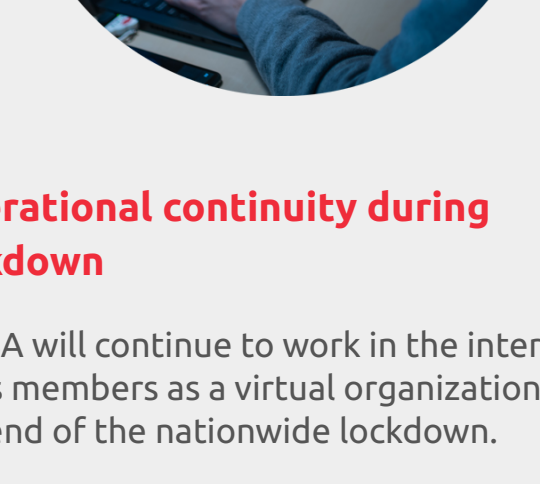
*Cybercrime presents a bigger risk than ever during lockdown, but social engineering can be used to help mitigate risk, say UCT specialists.*

Speaking during a webinar hosted by the Western Cape Chapter of the IITPSA, University of Cape Town (UCT) technical specialists said social engineering was a key method used to access networks – usually for financial gain and services as we move forward and beyond the current worldwide crisis. Crime increased, but awareness could be raised by using the same social engineering techniques criminals use.

Jamiela Dawood, UCT Technical Specialist and Chanza Jacobs, Senior Systems Engineer at UCT, described social engineering as both a 'Jedi mind trick' and old-school con artistry.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / REMINDERS

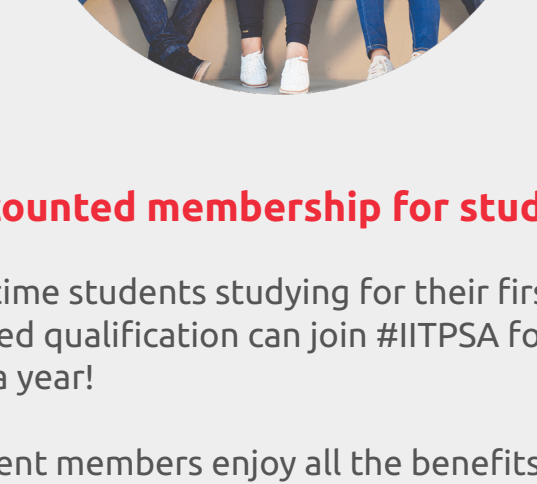


### Operational continuity during lockdown

IITPSA will continue to work in the interests of its members as a virtual organization until the end of the nationwide lockdown.

Our staff are equipped to work from home and will carry out such tasks as are feasible in this mode. All our usual email addresses remain in use and we have set up a new contact number 087 655 1679 that will enable you to be connected to the appropriate staff member, during normal working hours.

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### Discounted membership for students

Full-time students studying for their first ICT related qualification can join #IITPSA for only R65 a year!

Student members enjoy all the benefits of membership, including access to free Chapter and special interest group events, networking with industry leaders and discounted access to key industry events.

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### Take advantage of all the benefits of IITPSA membership!

Your membership of IITPSA qualifies you for a range of benefits.

Take advantage of the IITPSA PrivySeal, which confirms your professional standing, by registering below

[Click here to register](#)

Gain a Pr. CIO level designation, which recognises qualifications and experience at the highest level.

If you are a current CIO, to begin the application process for Pr.CIO recognition, please click on the button below

[Click here to read more and begin the Pr.CIO application process](#)

Attend events for free or at discounted rates! See below for a list of upcoming events.



### IITPSA Office Relocation

We are pleased to announce that, to cater for changing business conditions and the growth of the IITPSA, we will be moving to a new office location from the beginning of May 2020 (or as soon thereafter as SA lockdown conditions allow).

We will continue to provide the same friendly membership services at our new address at Unit 4, Probud Commercial Park, James Crescent, Midrand, which will also allow us to offer additional products and services as we move forward and beyond the current worldwide crisis. Our phone number is 087 655 1679 (or +27 87 655 1679 - if calling from outside of South Africa).

In the interests of staff and member safety, please note that, once lockdown is lifted and we have moved into our new offices, we will continue to limit collections from the IITPSA office to registered couriers only and all documents will be couriered until further notice.

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



### 29 APRIL BUSINESS FUNCTIONS READY FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – AN IITPSA "TABLING TECH" EVENT 17:00 - 17:45

Many business leaders are looking at ways to implement AI into their organisations, but the question is where to start? How do you ensure you implement AI in the right areas in a sustainable way that will give you the highest return on investment? Well known AI speaker, Johan Steyn, will be discussing a number of typical business areas that are good candidates for an AI implementation in your business. Join the IITPSA webinar on 29 April from 17h00 – 17h45. IITPSA members may join free of charge. Attendance numbers are limited and will be dealt with on a first-come, first-served basis. [Register here](#)

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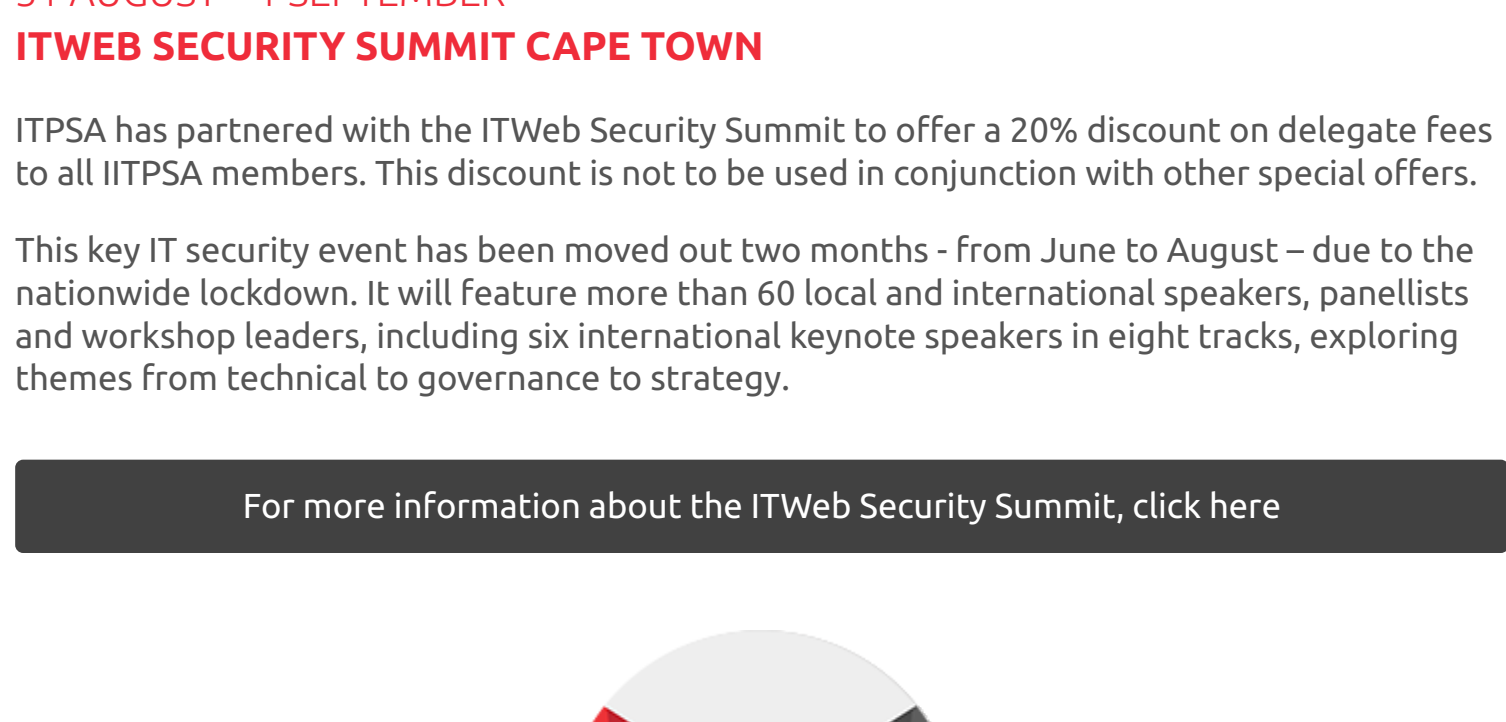


### 30 APRIL IITPSA KZN CHAPTER AGM

The 2019 / 2020 Annual General Meeting of members of the KZN Chapter of IITPSA will be held as a virtual event from 18:00 on Thursday 30 April.

KZN members are invited to join us, as guest speaker and KZN Chapter Committee member Brian Baxter addresses cybersecurity concerns in this time of pandemic.

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### 25-27 AUGUST ITWEB SECURITY SUMMIT JOHANNESBURG

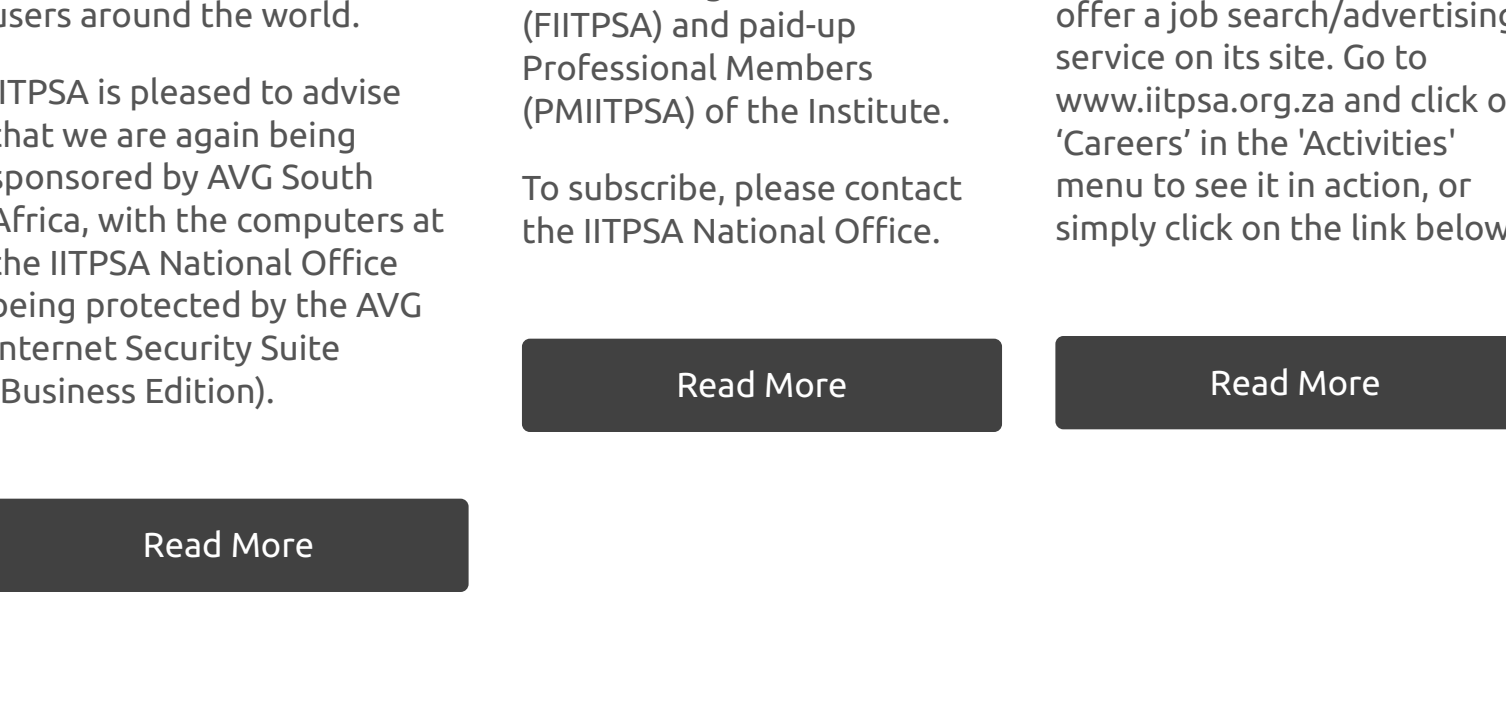
### 31 AUGUST – 1 SEPTEMBER ITWEB SECURITY SUMMIT CAPE TOWN

IITPSA has partnered with the ITWeb Security Summit to offer a 20% discount on delegate fees to all IITPSA members. This discount is not to be used in conjunction with other special offers.

This key IT security event has been moved out two months – from June to August – due to the nationwide lockdown. It will feature more than 60 local and international speakers, panelists and workshop leaders, including six international keynote speakers in eight tracks, exploring themes from technical to governance to strategy.

[For more information about the ITWeb Security Summit, click here](#)

## 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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### ITWeb Publications - Brainstorm

iWeb Brainstorm is available free of charge to Fellows (FIITPSA) and paid-up Professional Members (PMIITPSA) of the Institute.

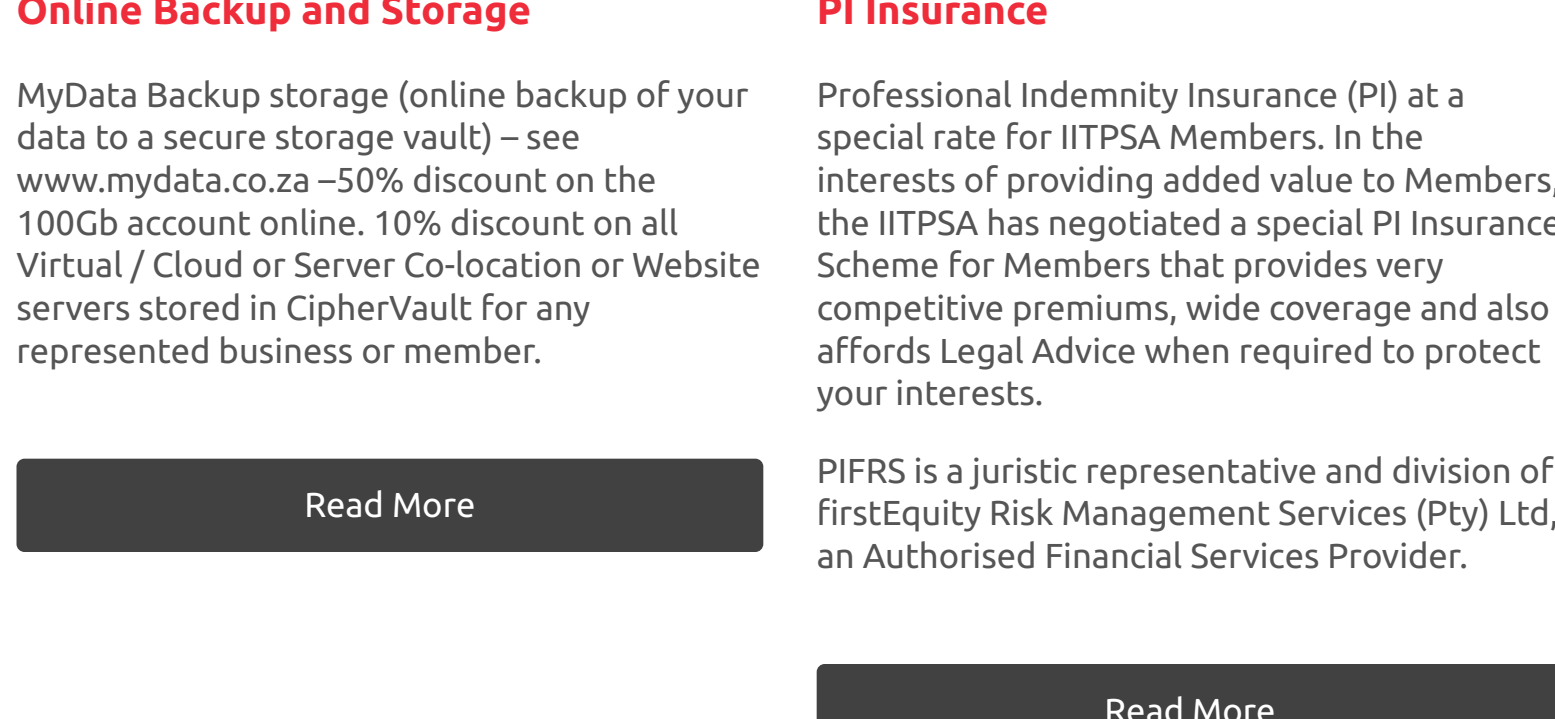
To subscribe, please contact the IITPSA National Office.

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### Career Opportunities

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](http://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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### Online Backup and Storage

MyData Backup storage (online backup of your data to a secure storage vault) – see [www.mydata.co.za](http://www.mydata.co.za) – 50% discount on the 100Gb account online. 10% discount on all Virtual / Cloud or Server Co-location or Website servers stored in CipherVault for any represented business or member.

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### PI Insurance

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.

PIFRS is a juristic representative and division of FirstEquity Risk Management Services (Pty) Ltd, an Authorised Financial Services Provider.

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