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THE IITPSA NEEDS YOU!



PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

In this, my first 'President's Podium' as President of the IITPSA, I wish to thank my fellow board members and IITPSA members for the faith they have shown in my ability to lead the Institute into the future. I stand on the shoulders of giants – the past presidents who have led the Institute thus far. I am honoured to serve with fellow board members who are dedicated and committed to the cause of leading IT professionalism and ethical digital transformation.

A particular passion of mine is promoting Science, Technology and Innovation in early education, and empowering girls and young women to take advantage of opportunities in the IT sector. In line with this, one of my tasks as the new IITPSA President will be to focus on growing our Women in IT (WIIT) Chapter. This Chapter was created specifically to encourage girls to enter the profession and support women already working in IT, by creating a platform for growth, development and mentorship.

With the gender imbalance still significant, a growing IT skills gap, and so many young people unemployed, we see bringing more women into IT as an initiative that can benefit industry, individuals and society as a whole. This is, however, a big job that requires committed people to drive it.

We urge our women members to consider becoming actively involved in WIIT. By giving of your time and inspiration, you can help make the Chapter more beneficial for every member. More importantly, you can help drive activities such as events, webinars, mentorship and outreach programmes that have a lasting impact on the lives of our nation's girls and young women.

We have some exciting events coming up in the month of October, in the Western Cape as well as Kwazulu-Natal. Please see the notice below in the newsletter, for more information about how to get involved.

**Warm regards,
Senele Goba,
President of the IITPSA**



CEO'S COMMUNIQUE

IITPSA membership includes myriad benefits, including opportunities to gain – and share – knowledge. Of late, we have leaned heavily on a relatively small number of our members to do the sharing. While we are hugely appreciative of these members' contributions, we also appeal to other members to become more actively involved in Chapter events and Special Interest Groups.

Active involvement includes joining our SIGs, putting forward event ideas and volunteering to speak at events, where you can share your invaluable experience with other members. Any suggestions for activities that support our mandates will be gladly received and considered. In particular, we hope to see more member activity in regions such as the Free State, Northern Cape, North West, Limpopo and Mpumalanga, and more involvement in our Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Special Interest Group (SIGAIR), and Women in IT Chapter.

To discuss new Chapters, SIGs and activities, please reach out to ceo@iitpsa.org.za

Please also look out for updates on webinars to be co-hosted by director of the Developer User Group, Candice Mesk, and the IITPSA.

For those who are looking forward to the outcome of this year's President's Awards: judging is currently underway. This year's awards have attracted another outstanding field of nominations in line with the theme: 'IT Visionaries: Celebrating the ICT Industry's Embrace of the Future'. The names of the finalists will be announced soon, and the winners will be named at a ceremony in November. Please look out for communications on how to reserve a seat at the awards ceremony.

**Best,
Tony Parry**



IN THE NEWS



IITPSA Social & Ethics Committee chair wins David O'Leary Award

Josine Overdeest, chairperson of the IITPSA Social and Ethics Committee, has been named the winner of the IFIP IP3 David O'Leary Award by REDDS Capital. IFIP IP3, the International Professional Practice Partnership, leads the development of the global ICT profession. Its David O'Leary Award by REDDS Capital acknowledges an individual or organisation that has promoted and demonstrated Professionalism, has worked as an Ethics Evangelist, and/or has made strides in fostering diversity among ICT practitioners.

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Team SA wins two bronze medals at IOI 2023



Two members of the South African team won **bronze medals** at the recent International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI) 2023 in Szeged, Hungary.

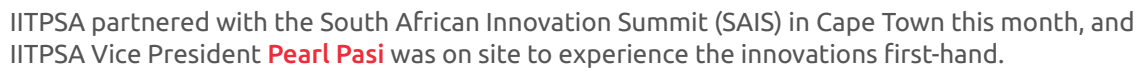
Benjamin Kleyn, a first year BSc Mathematics student at Stellenbosch University in the Western Cape, and **Minkyum Kim** (pictured left), a Grade 12 learner from Reddam House Durbanville in the Western Cape, shone at the event – the second time both of them have qualified to represent South Africa at IOI.

The South African team also included **Mohammed Khan** of UJ Metropolitan School in Gauteng and **Youkyum Kim**, a Grade 10 learner from Reddam House Durbanville. They were selected from the top performers in the IITPSA Programming Olympiad, and sponsored by Jane Street, an international quantitative trading firm.

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IITPSA at the South African Innovation Summit 2023



Women at the helm - ITWeb



ETHICS CORNER



Digital ethics and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

At the IITPSA AGM on 29 August, Chair of the Social & Ethics Committee Josine Overdevest unpacked the 'ethical digital transformation' part of the IITPSA mission statement. She highlighted the crucial contribution of digital technology to achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and how ethical considerations help mitigate risks and negative consequences.

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NOTICE BOARD



Women in IT need you!

If you're a woman in IT who is passionate about addressing the industry gender imbalance, and empowering girls and women to pursue opportunities in the IT sector, we need you! The IITPSA's Women in IT (WIIT) Chapter strives to encourage and empower girls and young women who are seeking careers in IT, and to support and uplift women who are already established in IT careers. Admittedly, it's a big job.

WIIT is therefore seeking volunteers with passion, drive and big ideas to help grow our programmes. If you want to make a difference, we invite you to join us!

To join the chapter and volunteer your services, contact info@iitpsa.org.za

[Learn more](#)



CATCH UP ON EVENTS YOU MISSED!

Cybersecurity awareness and ChatGPT in education

The Eastern Cape Chapter of the IITPSA recently invited teachers to a webinar on unplugged coding, FIRST LEGO League, cybersecurity awareness and ChatGPT in education.

[See what you missed here](#)

Green Blockchain

In this combined Social & Ethics Committee & BlockchainSIG webinar Josine Overdevest and John Singh discussed the environmental impact of software in general and blockchain in particular.

[See what you missed here](#)



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



5 October

ITWeb CX Summit, the Maslow Hotel, Sandton

With an agenda that speaks to the entire CX value chain, the CX Summit is an IITPSA accredited event. IITPSA members will receive a 20% discount on delegate fees using the promo code: CX2023-20.

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6 October

Western Cape Roadshow and Student Cyber Challenge: an IITPSA SIGCyber event

Get insight into burnout in cybersecurity professionals at this in-person IITPSA SIGCyber Roadshow and Student Cyber Challenge at the University of Cape Town.

[Learn more](#)



9 – 10 October

ISACA SA Chapter annual conference

The IITPSA supports the upcoming 2023 ISACA SA annual conference in Johannesburg, where IITPSA members will receive the same rates as ISACA members.

[Learn more](#)



19 October

Celebrate spring, network and discuss the impact of AI: an IITPSA Western Cape Chapter event

Spring is on its way at last, and the IITPSA Western Cape Chapter invites you to make the most of it with an evening of networking, thought-provoking conversation, awards and celebration.

[Learn more and register here](#)



2-3 November

AI Expo Africa

IITPSA will be a partner to the 6th Edition of AI Expo Africa in Sandton this November. AI Expo Africa 2023 will unite thousands of decision makers, investors, buyers, suppliers, innovators, SMMEs and NGOs focused on real world 4IR technologies. Common themes in the conference will include expert discussion on 4IR tech trends, ethics, privacy, standards, regulation, policy as well as cross cutting themes such as Smart Cities, Smart Citizen & National Strategies.

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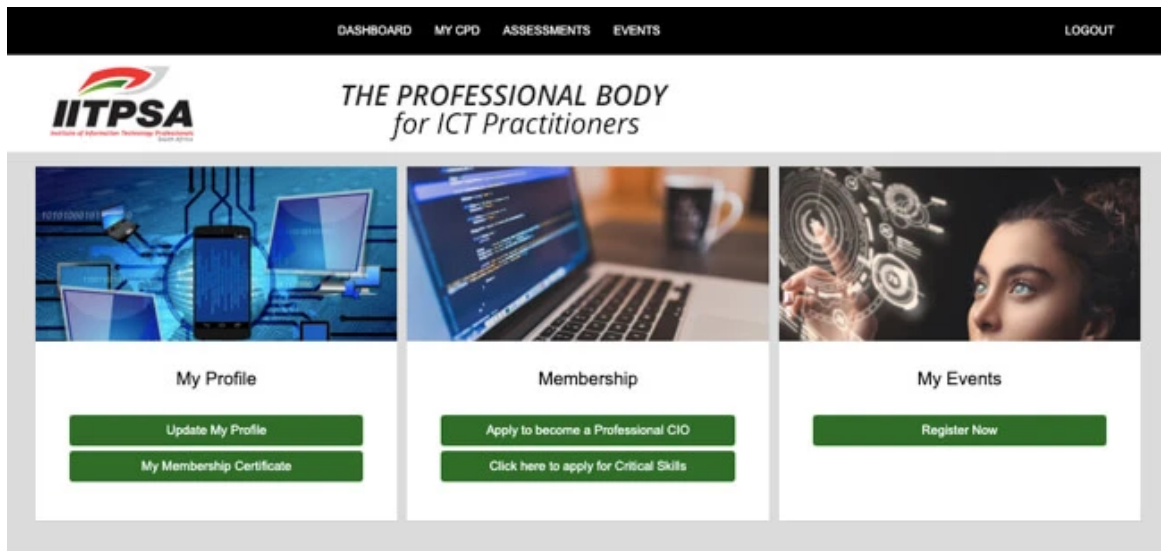
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