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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: IITPSA PRESIDENT'S AWARDS 2023



PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

We were gratified to see record numbers of registrations for the recent virtual workshop for teachers hosted by our Eastern Cape Chapter. Literally hundreds of teachers took advantage of the opportunity to learn more about unplugged coding, Lego League, ChatGPT in education, and cyber security for children. Our thanks to the organisers and volunteers who made this successful event happen.

What this event illustrated yet again was that the IITPSA, its brains trust and professional networks, have a great deal of valuable knowledge we can share to help communities and sectors make the most of ICTs. We saw a similar positive response to our webinars on careers in ICT, and dealing with loadshedding.

By giving up very little time – and at no cost to you whatsoever – you can share your knowledge and help those outside of the sector understand the opportunities, risks and practical applications of emerging digital technologies. You can have an impact and help others progress. Please consider volunteering to help us organise a webinar, or to participate in an expert panel in one of our webinars, or simply attend and benefit from industry knowledge sharing.

If you have ideas for events the IITPSA should host that could benefit our members or the broader community, please get in touch.

We would like to encourage each one of you to actively participate in nominating candidates for the prestigious President Awards in all five categories. These awards celebrate excellence, innovation, and outstanding contributions in the field of information technology and play a crucial role in recognising the remarkable efforts of individuals and organisations that have significantly impacted the industry. Your nominations hold immense importance as they reflect the collective voice of the IITPSA, and help in showcasing the best and brightest talents within our ranks. By nominating deserving candidates, you not only honour their accomplishments but also inspire others to strive for greatness, fostering a culture of growth and advancement within the industry. So, let us come together and put forth our most deserving candidates, and elevate the standards and achievements in the world of information technology. Your nominations are vital in making these awards truly meaningful and reflective of the talent and excellence within our membership and South Africa at large.

Best regards,

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CEO'S COMMUNIQUE

For 44 years, the IITPSA President's Awards have been the South African ICT industry's most prestigious accolades, awarded to only the best and brightest in the business. The oldest award, the IT Personality of the Year, has been awarded to leaders such as the University of Johannesburg's Vice-chancellor and principal, Professor Tshilidzi Marwala, WeThinkCode CEO, Nyari Samushonga, Geekulcha COO, Tiyani Nghonyama, Founder and CEO of Vumatel, Niel Schoeman, Entelect CEO, Shashi Hansjee, and former Microsoft SA MD, Mteto Nyati.

Among the past Visionary CIO of the Year award winners are Intikhab Shaik, head of Technology and Solutions Delivery at SARS, Sandra La Bella, Group CIO at Alexander Forbes, Peter du Plooy, CIO at Engen Petroleum, and Sasol CIO, Alec Joannou.

Winning an IITPSA President's Award puts individuals, teams and projects in excellent company, with the added benefits of significant public exposure and enhanced credibility. With only two weeks left to the deadline for nominations, we urge our members to nominate deserving peers and colleagues for these awards. Nominations are open to all ICT professionals in South Africa. We encourage members and non-members to nominate deserving candidates.

In closing, this edition of the IITPSA newsletter is full of important, upcoming events, including the 2023 National AGM (see notice below), and feedback on the various activities of the Institute during the month of July.

Happy reading!

**Best,
Tony**



IN THE NEWS

Only two weeks left to nominate President's Awards candidates!

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IITPSA Celebrating the ICT Industry's Embrace of the Future

Our award Partners: **Gordon Institute of Business Science** University of Pretoria **iWeb** EngineerIT

Nominations close on 15 August for the various awards, which comprise of the IT Personality of the Year Award, Visionary CIO of the Year Award, Technology Excellence Award, Social Responsibility / Community Award and the Dynamism in ICT Youth Award.

Winners of these awards elevate their own professional visibility and enhance the credibility of their organisations. Don't delay – nominate deserving candidates today!

Annual Presidents Awards criteria nominations



United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa



Tony Parry attends UNECA Regional Review meeting

This month, IITPSA CEO, Tony Parry, participated in, and represented the Institute at, the UN Economic Commission for Africa's Regional Review Meeting on Africa's Contributions towards the Global Digital Compact, held in Cape Town.

The Global Digital Compact seeks to ensure that digital technologies are harnessed for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals while mitigating their negative impacts. This event brought together government institution representatives, policymakers, academicians, private sector and civil society organisations, from across the African continent, to discuss and make proposals on Africa's contribution.



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Rising young computing stars named in IITPSA Applications Olympiad

The national winners of the 2023 Computer Applications Olympiad have been named, featuring a cohort of new, rising computing stars. The Applications Olympiad is part of the South African Computer Olympiads annual programme, a project of IITPSA. This year's top performers were Ruan Schoeman, a repeat medallist and Grade 11 learner from Homeschool Midrand, who was awarded the gold medal.

Silver medals were awarded to Grade 12s Jeremy Jaeger of Domino Servite School in KwaZulu Natal and Ayesha Saljee of Crawford International College, Sandton in Gauteng. The following Grade 12s were awarded bronze medals: Lara Lategan of Hoërskool Randburg in Gauteng, Donzell Pick of York High in the Western Cape, and Sambulo Zikhali of Empangeni High in KwaZulu Natal.



Back - Lara, Donzell and Sambulo (Bronze Winners)

Front - Ayesha (Silver Winner), Ruan (Gold) and Jeremy (Silver)



IITPSA's Prof. Wesson named an IFIP TC13 Pioneer

IITPSA, the IFIP country member for South Africa, extends our congratulations to IITPSA member Prof. Janet Wesson, Professor of Computing Sciences at the Nelson Mandela University (NMU), who was among only five international candidates chosen to be honoured with the 2023 IFIP TC13 Pioneer Award. An IFIP TC13 Pioneer is someone who, through active participation in IFIP Technical Committees or related IFIP groups, has made outstanding contributions to the educational, theoretical, technical, commercial, or professional aspects of analysis, design, construction, evaluation and use of interactive systems.



ETHICS CORNER





Josine Overdeest, chairperson of the IITPSA Social and Ethics Committee **reports on last month's webinar hosted by the IITPSA Social & Ethics Committee and Women in IT Chapter in which she interviewed mobile industry veteran Ineke Botter**. Ineke Botter, one of the very few female mobile network CEOs and author of 'Your phone, my life: or, how did that phone land in your land', reflects on how the world built its mobile networks over the past 30 years. They discussed the amazing story of the mobile revolution and highlighted Ineke's ethical leadership lessons on fighting corruption and building a sustainable ICT skills base in a country.

Moderated by Josine Overdeest, chairperson of the IITPSA Social and Ethics Committee, this event also explored ethics in Botter's work.

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SPOTLIGHT ON



CMIITPSA Tafadzwa Murinda

A key benefit IITPSA offers our members is the professional recognition and credibility of professional designations such as Certified Member (CMIITPSA).

One of our CMIITPSAs is Tafadzwa Murinda, Data Manager at Right To Care South Africa.

Murinda is currently in his final year of study for a Master's degree in Information Systems and Technology at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Information Technology Management from the Management College of Southern Africa, a Bachelor of Science degree in Informatics from the University of South Africa and a Certificate Program in Business Analysis from the Faculty Training Institute.

With over 14 years' experience in Data Management, Monitoring Evaluation & reporting and management; Health Informatics technical assistance and Data Quality, he has worked as a Data Manager at Right To Care (South Africa) since 2019. This international organisation focuses on improved health solutions through the fusion of health systems, ePharmacy, strategic information, Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and direct service delivery support to the South African National Department of Health.

Murinda says he is passionate about Data Management, Data Analysis, Data Science, Health Informatics, Monitoring and Evaluation, Business Analysis, Data Engineering, Information Systems and Technology Management, and works to his mottos LADIA (Learn, Apply, Discover, Improve and Achieve), and 'Know your limit and break it!'.



IN THE MEDIA

Nominations are open for the 2023 IITPSA President's Awards

Read all about it on:

ITWeb

IT-Online



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



3 August 2023

IITPSA Free State meet & greet

Bloemfontein

Saba Rahimi, Chair of the IITPSA's Gauteng Chapter, is currently in Bloemfontein, and wishes to engage with IITPSA members in the Free State. These members are invited to this networking event at Blue Rain Guesthouse, to meet Saba and their fellow Free State members, and get an update on the activities of other regional chapters. Join us to discover our member benefits and future plans, and learn how to become more active participants in Institute activities. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

[Register here](#)



23 August 2023

Beyond the hype: the realities of the cloud. An IITPSA Pr.CIO Round Table

Cloud adoption and spending is on the increase in Africa, but concerns remain about issues such as security, cost management and the skills needed to run cloud and hybrid environments optimally. The IITPSA invites all designated Pr.CIOs to this high-level round table event for a frank discussion, under Chatham House Rules, on the cloud platforms available in South Africa today, and the challenges, opportunities and pitfalls of moving to the cloud. Featuring a panel of IITPSA Professional CIOs (Pr.CIOs) with extensive experience in cloud adoption and management, this round table will reveal insights and advice on selecting, migrating to, and managing cloud environments.



29 August 2023

IITPSA AGM (Save the Date)

The next Annual General Meeting of the members of ITPSA NPC (Institute of Information Technology Professionals South Africa), registration number 1958/001036/08, will take place on Tuesday 29 August 2023 at 17h00, online.

Please note that only IITPSA voting members, in good standing, will be able to vote on matters tabled for decision at the AGM.

The official notice of the AGM, agenda, and relevant supporting documents, will be made available to members in the next week.



13 September 2023

AfICTA – IITPSA e-conference on cyber disinformation (Save the Date)

The 13th edition of the Quarterly eConference of Africa ICT Alliance (AfICTA), will be held on 13 September, hosted by AfICTA Southern Africa Stakeholders in collaboration with IITPSA. The virtual session will examine the theme "Fighting Disinformation as a Prominent Cybersecurity Challenge".

The session will examine disinformation in the age of social media, the challenges of detecting disinformation, factors behind the spread of disinformation, how to detect and forestall the propagation of disinformation and understanding the risks of disinformation and misinformation.

Registration information will be disseminated via member platforms shortly.



The IITPSA also partners with leading industry events throughout the year, providing significant IITPSA member discounts and CPD opportunities. These include:

Digitizing Africa 2023, 29-30 August, Sandton Convention Centre

At this IITPSA CPD accredited event exploring Africa's digital landscape, all IITPSA members qualify for a 15% discount using the promo code: DAIIITPSA15. Pr.CIO designated IITPSA members may attend as VIP guests. Don't miss this event, and visit IITPSA at our booth in the exhibition area!

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South African Innovation Summit (SAIS) 2023 27 – 29 September, Cape Town

Celebrating innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship in South Africa, this event offers a 20% discount for all IITPSA members attending. IITPSA members will receive their discount code soon – please watch your mailbox for details.

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ITWeb CX Summit 5 October, 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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AI Expo Africa 2 – 3 November, Sandton Convention Centre

IITPSA members benefit from a full 50% discount on delegate fees to attend the largest business focused Artificial Intelligence (AI), Robotic Process Automation (RPA) and 4IR trade event in Africa! Watch your mailbox for your discount code!

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IITPSA members in good standing qualify for discounted registration fees at these events. Follow our social media pages for more information and the discount codes.

See the full events calendar below.

Events Calendar



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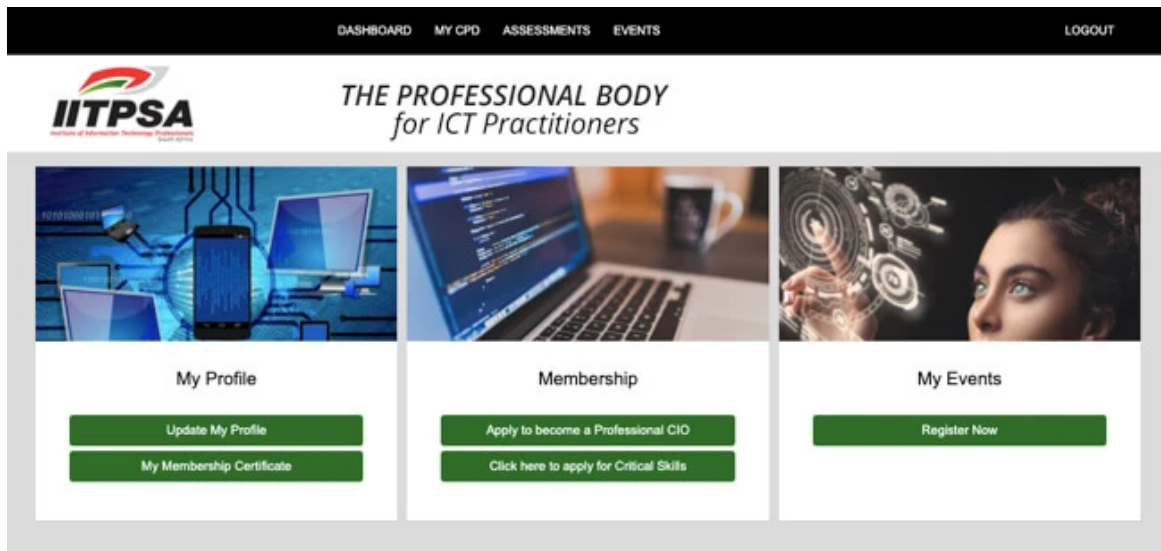
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Member Self Service



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IITPSA members will accrue 1 CPD point for every Tabling Tech or other IITPSA webinar they attend

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