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IT VISIONARIES: NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE IITPSA PRESIDENT'S AWARDS 2023



PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

Navigating an uncertain future will require visionary leadership, innovation and excellence in ICT, which informed our choice of the theme for this year's IITPSA President's Awards.

Amid a tough economic environment and challenges such as load shedding, organisations must not only keep the lights on – they must also progress. ICTs will be critical for their survival and growth. IITPSA's members understand this only too well, and have highlighted the challenges and opportunities in a changing landscape during several of our recent events and webinars. Please see our article below, on a recent IITPSA Pr.CIO webinar where CIOs outlined how they mitigate risks caused by load shedding.

Meanwhile, in line with our efforts to help develop the next generation of ICT innovators and industry leaders, our Computer Olympiads programme is well underway for this year.

The final round of the Applications Olympiad will take place on 1-2 July, with the awards on 3 July. Round 1 of the Programming Olympiad will also take place later this month.

Some of the top performers in the Olympiads will take part in the International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI) in Hungary at the end of August this year. As always, IITPSA and Olympiad officials will help the South African team prepare for this event. It's worth noting that the South African competitors have consistently performed well at IOI, with 87 South Africans having taken part in IOI over 31 years. They earned at least four gold medals, 13 silver and 43 bronze. With the support of sponsors and volunteers, we aim to continue expanding the reach and success of the Olympiads.

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CEO'S COMMUNIQUE

Nominations are now open for one of our biggest activities of the year – the IITPSA President's Awards. These awards, with a proud history spanning over 30 years, have recognised some of the most distinguished names in South African ICT.

We're proud to say the President's Awards remain the ICT sector's most coveted accolades, and have helped raise the profiles of many deserving, up-and-coming IT leaders. We urge our members to take a moment to consider worthy candidates for this year's awards, and to submit nominations at the link in the announcement below.

We are also seeking IITPSA members who have an interest in AI and robotics to join our SIGAIR committee, to help us plan webinars and events. We need members who are informed and enthusiastic, and who are willing to contribute a little of their time to help us meet growing demand for topical, engaging webinars on various aspects of AI and robotics. Please contact me at ceo@iitpsa.org.za and copy marketing@iitpsa.org.za if you would like to volunteer.

**Best,
Tony**



IN THE NEWS

Nominations open for IITPSA President's Awards



Nominations are now open for the 2023 IITPSA President's Awards – the IT industry's most prestigious annual awards.

This year's awards theme is: 'IT Visionaries: Celebrating the ICT Industry's Embrace of the Future', recognising those ICT professionals who are driving innovation and progress. Nominations will close on 15 August and the winners will be named at an award ceremony in November.

IITPSA President, Admire Gwanzura, says that while the awards always recognise exceptional achievement in the ICT sector, this year they go further – recognising visionaries helping to shape the future of their organisations and communities.

"Our theme for this year's President's Awards recognises the rapid pace of change, and the fact that ICT professionals need to prepare their organisations for an uncertain future. They must be multi-skilled visionaries who are able to see the risks and opportunities lying ahead, and help their organisations navigate them. This demands technical expertise, strategic and leadership skills, and a deep commitment to professional ethics," he says.

The award categories include:

- IT Personality of the Year
- Visionary CIO of the Year
- Technology Excellence Award
- Social Responsibility / Community Award
- Dynamism in ICT Youth Award

[Click here to nominate deserving candidates for these awards](#)



IITPSA round table explores load shedding risks in IT

The risk of increased load shedding or even complete grid failure was the hot topic under discussion at a successful IITPSA round table webinar for CIOs, IT Directors and IT Managers this month. Participants said they were under pressure to mitigate the risks.

[Watch the webinar here](#)



IITPSA participates in ITWeb Security Summit 2023



The IITPSA partners with leading industry events throughout the year, bringing added value to our members. This month, we participated in ITWeb's Security Summit 2023, where our members received discounts on registration fees, and CPD points for attendance.

At the Johannesburg leg of the Security Summit at the Sandton Convention Centre, Kelvin Nhlapo was on site to meet delegates, and Gauteng Chapter Chair Saba Rahimi chaired a session in the Industry Insights track.

IFIP Vice President & IP3 Chair, and former long-serving non-Executive Director of the IITPSA, Moira de Roche chaired a panel discussion on Next Generation Security at the ITWeb Security Summit in Cape Town.



IITPSA SIGCyber takes roadshow to Nelson Mandela University in the Eastern Cape

The in-person SIGCyber Roadshow and student Cyber Challenge at NMU this month was the first in a series of roadshows to encourage interaction in the SIGCyber community, and between industry and students.

The event featured a guest speaker and an industry panel discussion focussing on Cybersecurity Skills Development. A Student Cyber Challenge ran concurrently with the roadshow, and it was a chance for students and industry to interact and for students to showcase their cybersecurity skills. Five student teams engaged in various vulnerability testing and troubleshooting challenges, giving the students an invaluable experience, as well as an opportunity to engage with cybersecurity industry professionals.

The 'Green Hats' and 'Catch Me If You Scan' were the top teams.



The Green Hats



Catch Me If You Scan



Panellists: (L-R) Angus de Beer, Lloyd Seeber, Richard Frost, Lynn Fitcher, Doctor Mafuwafuwane, Kerry-Lynn Thomson, Musa Salmamza



IITPSA to participate in UNECA review on Global Digital Compact

IITPSA CEO, Tony Parry, will participate and represent the Institute at the upcoming UN Economic Commission for Africa Regional Review Meeting on Africa's Contributions towards Global Digital Compact, to be held in Cape Town on 4 and 5 July.

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 will bring together government institutions representatives, policymakers, academicians, private sector and civil society organisations to discuss and make proposals on Africa's contribution.

[Read more](#)



SPOTLIGHT ON



**Certified member in the spotlight:
Clifford Bafana Nkosi**

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

One of our CMIITPSAs is Clifford Bafana Nkosi, the IT Asset Management Senior Advisor at Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd.

Prior to assuming this role, he was an Eskom Asset Management Officer primarily responsible for IT hardware assets forecasting, procurement, lifecycle replacement and disposal and was also responsible for ensuring Service Provider SLA review & adherence.

Prior to joining Eskom Holdings, he was a Computer Hardware Programmer for South African Airways (SAA) for over 5 years. There, he was responsible for writing, modifying, and testing code and scripts. He also spent 2 years as a Desktop Support Engineer for major retail companies by providing remote support for end-user hardware and software challenges.

Nkosi holds a BTech IT Support Service, cum laude, from Tshwane University of Technology.



NOTICE BOARD

Expression of Interest in IFIP website development

The International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) has invited web design and development companies to submit expressions of interest in a project to redesign and consolidate their websites. Submission of an expression of interest should be sent to IFIP (gensec@ifip.org). Companies which meet the criteria will be invited to submit a proposal. Note the closing date for the expression of interest is 21 July 2023. To receive a copy of the expression of interest forms please contact marketing@iitpsa.org.za.

Nominate candidates for the David O'Leary Award by REDDS Capital

IFIP IP3 acknowledges an individual or organisation that has promoted and demonstrated Professionalism (Professional Practice), has worked as an Ethics Evangelist, and/or has made strides in fostering diversity among ICT practitioners. An individual or organisation can be nominated. The David O'Leary award includes a cash prize of USD1500, and travel to IFIPs General Assembly to receive the prize.

Submit your nomination here:

[David O'Leary Award Nomination 2023](#)

Bursaries available for Master's, Doctoral studies

Bursaries are now available for Masters' and Doctoral studies in partnership with STADIO Higher Education. The MICT SETA has approved 10 masters and 10 doctorate study bursaries to STADIO to identify and register unemployed youths to complete a full research-based dissertation in Master of Management or a thesis in Doctor of Management: 4IR Technology as specialisation.

Register your interest here:

[Register here](#)



ETHICS CORNER



'Run, AI Racist, Run'

Both blatant and insidious bias must be confronted when training data models and algorithms, says Josine Overdeest, chairperson of the IITPSA Social and Ethics Committee.

[Read the column here](#)



IN THE MEDIA

IT leads prepare for 'business unusual' in the event of grid failure

The IITPSA CIO round table on mitigating the risk of load shedding revealed how IT leads are preparing for 'business unusual'.

Read the media coverage here:

[ITWeb](#)

[EngineerIT](#)

[Freight News](#)

[Engineering News](#)

Durban cyber wizard invited to Olympiad Final

IOL highlighted the achievement of a Computer Applications Olympiad participant.

[IOL](#)



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



27 July 2023

Teachers' virtual workshop: an IITPSA Eastern Cape Chapter event

The Eastern Cape Chapter of the IITPSA invites all primary and high school teachers to an afternoon of unplugged coding, FIRST LEGO League, cybersecurity awareness and ChatGPT in education. This is a free teachers' webinar for all educators, parents and interested stakeholders. There are also Takealot vouchers to be won.

[Read More](#)



29 August 2023

IITPSA Annual General Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting of IITPSA NPC (Institute of Information Technology Professionals South Africa) will take place on Tuesday 29 August 2023, online (time to be confirmed). The IITPSA is calling for nominations of members to serve as Non-Executive Directors on the Board of IITPSA NPC. We encourage all members to diarise and attend the AGM.

[Call for Nomination of Members](#)



The IITPSA has also partnered with ITWeb on a number of leading industry events throughout the year. These include:

- ITWeb CX Summit – 5 October
- ITWeb Cloud & Data Centre Summit - 31 October

See the full events calendar [here](#), and follow IITPSA's social media for updates. Benefit from your IITPSA membership and use the discount codes to secure your 20% discount when booking at ITWeb events.

Watch our social media pages and events calendar for details of upcoming events!

Events Calendar



CATCH UP ON RECENT EVENTS

Ethics at work: meet the author of 'Your Phone, My Life': An IITPSA Social & Ethics SIG and IITPSA Women in IT (WIIT) Event

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

[Watch it here](#)

POPIA Compliance: an IITPSA Cybersecurity Special Interest Group (SIGCyber) webinar

This discussion gave an overview of the POPIA Compliance Assessment Toolkit (PCAT): System, presented by CSIR senior researchers/cyber security specialists Sipho Ngobeni and Terrence Moabalobelo, and NDC CIO Devan Naidoo.

[Watch it here](#)

Investigating Cryptocurrencies: An IITPSA Blockchain and Cryptocurrency SIG event

In this interesting event, John Singh provided a good understanding of how an investigator would go about tracking the flow of money and narrowing down the probable owners of the cryptocurrency.

[Watch it Here](#)



ANNOUNCEMENTS / REMINDERS

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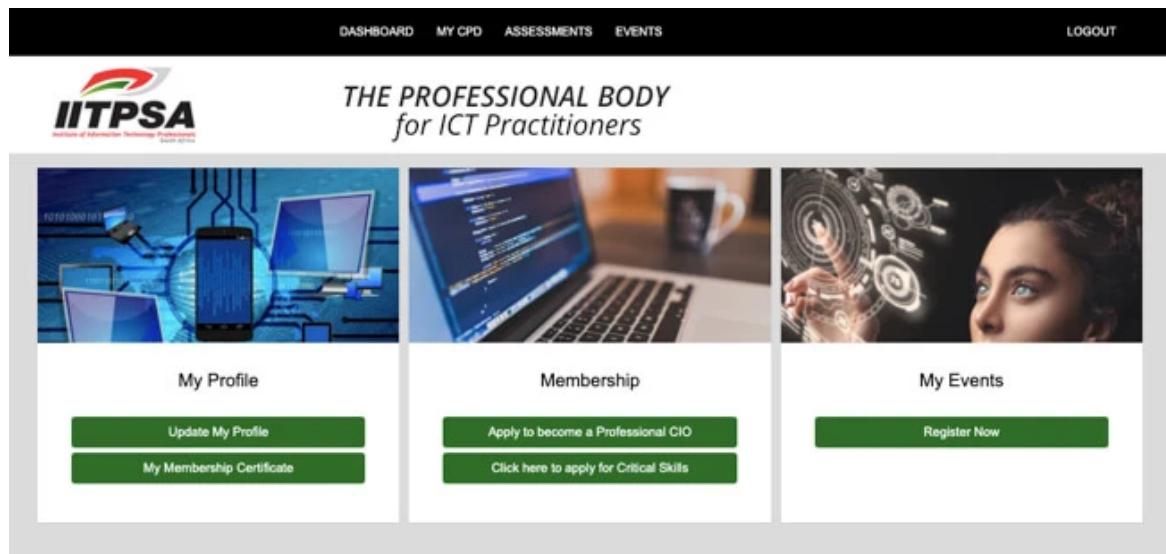
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Member Self Service



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Anti-Virus



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[Career Opportunities](#)

EARN CPD POINTS

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

Follow us on social media, and check our interactive events calendar [here](#) to stay up to date with new events and special delegate discounts!

