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[ICTC Report Calls For New Approach in Dealing with Critical Skills Shortage](#)

A recently released report on Canada's skills shortages in the critical Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector revealed that a serious skills shortage is threatening the sector. The ICT sector has been described by employers as the number one contributor to Canada's productivity. The Information and Communications Technology Council (ICTC), Canada's leading authority on ICT skills development, has just completed the Outlook 2008-2015, a year-long investigation into the reality of the skills challenge in Canada.

"This report shows the reality of the skills issues in Canada. The regional differences are the most important determinants of the type of skills shortages and the degree of the problem," said ICTC President Paul D. Swinwood. "We need to concentrate on this aspect of the skills challenge." [Click here to view the report.](#)

[Member Scholarships for University of Fredericton's online EMBA in Corporate New Venture Leadership](#)

CIPS has partnered with the University of Fredericton's School of Business to offer qualified members a substantial entrance scholarship to undertake an online Executive MBA in Corporate New Venture Leadership, one of "Canada's most exciting and essential online MBAs". Time is running out to enroll for the next program, which begins January 12, 2009. The application deadline is December 19, 2008.

The value of the scholarship is \$7,500, which reduces net tuition fees to \$17,000 for the complete program. This scholarship is only available to qualified professionals, and would also apply for the EMBA in Global Leadership. To qualify for the full scholarship, members must possess an undergraduate degree from a recognized university, an I.S.P. designation, and five years of professional work experience including two years in management.

The University of Fredericton is an online independent university based in Fredericton NB, with full recognition by the Province of New Brunswick as a degree-granting institution.

[CIPS Past President Stephen Ibaraki 2008 Recipient of Advanced Technology Award for Leadership in Information Technology](#)

The awards ceremony coincides with the 50th anniversary of ASTTBC, the association of technology professionals, and the national AGM of the CTT (Canadian Council of Technologists and Technicians) on October 25th. With the awards ceremony in BC, the Premier and the Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development will be speaking and attending. The award is "To acknowledge advancements in technology and the contributions made by individuals, both members and non-members, business and industry, and government to promote pioneer efforts in technology and to recognize the application and adaptation of advanced technology to new uses."

[CIPS Past President Stephen Ibaraki Chosen as Chairman of Global Board of World's Largest IT Organization](#)

CIPS Past President Stephen Ibaraki became the first Chairman of the Global Board for [Culminis](#). Representing over 1110 member organizations and over 2.7 million IT and business professionals in more than 90 countries, Culminis is the world's largest international organization devoted to the development and growth of the IT community by providing no-charge services to support and connect user groups, associations, and student IT organizations. Culminis stands committed to the free exchange of resources, ultimately elevating the status of the IT Professional both in their industry and in the community.

[Request for Feedback Regarding University of Fredericton EMBA in](#)

[Corporate New Venture Leadership](#)

The President of the University of Fredericton, Mr. Don Roy, would be pleased to receive your feedback regarding their Executive MBA in Corporate New Venture Leadership [Executive MBA in Corporate New Venture Leadership](#). Please spend a few minutes reviewing the program, then click [here](#) to complete a one minute questionnaire.

[Microsoft Canada Wants to Know: Where Do You Find IT?](#)

Microsoft Canada has created a survey to better gauge and understand where and how technical professionals such as: IT Professionals, Developers, Architects or IT Managers, find IT? With these findings Microsoft Canada can ensure its driving and delivering information to the right location that is the highest value to you. With your participation, we'll also be able to better understand how technical professionals like yourself consume various types of technical information so Microsoft can ensure resources you need are readily available. As a token of appreciation, by completing the survey your name (via your email address used to complete this survey) will be entered into a random draw to win* one of five Microsoft ZunesR 4GB. For complete rules of this contest, please click [here](#). To participate in the survey, [click here](#).

[Reminder: International IT Survey](#)

This survey will take between 12-15 minutes to complete and is an industry-wide and global survey. It is completely anonymous, be assured that the privacy of the data you submit is absolutely guaranteed! The research team is assessing the value of different certification programs internationally and their impact on the individual in the workplace. [Click here to proceed to the survey](#)

[Interviews, Blogs & Podcasts by Stephen Ibaraki FCIPS, I.S.P.](#)

Hear the thoughts and commentary from international experts and community leaders:

- [Markus Jakobsson, Top International Security Authority, Principal Scientist at PARC and founder of RavenWhite, Past Principal Research Scientist at RSA Security](#)
- [Keith Lau, Top International Development Authority and Entrepreneur, Founder Parametric Ventures Inc.](#)
- [Jeff Kempiners, Top-ranking IT and Business Strategist and Leading Executive, Chief Technology Officer, Avanade Canada Inc.](#)

[IT Leadership Leadership Development Program](#)

CIPS is pleased to continue its support for the IT Leadership Development Program, presented by Ryerson University's Ted Rogers School of Information Management and The CIO Summit. Presented through a unique collaboration between Ryerson University and The CIO SUMMIT, Canada's leader in IT executive development for over fifteen years, the 2009 edition comprises three four-day modules over a six-month period, beginning on February 23rd, 2009. Enrollment is strictly limited to 24 participants. CIPS members will receive a \$500 discount on the enrollment fee and may count the program toward their ISP recertification credit. This is the only program taught exclusively by IT leaders and top industry practitioners for IT leaders in a post-graduate framework. It prepares information technology managers for the challenges they will face as they move in to senior management. Now in its sixth year, this limited enrollment program has graduated over 250 students, many of whom have since moved up to executive roles in their organization. For further information or to enroll now, please visit www.ciosummit.com

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