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**Stephen Ibaraki, I.S.P., MVP, DF/NPA, CNP**



Stephen Ibaraki I.S.P. is a 35+ year veteran of Business and IT and serves the Canadian Information Processing Society (CIPS) as Director-at-large. He carries a CIPS I.S.P. (Information Systems Professional) professional designation, Canada's only legislated IT designation; an Network Professional Association (NPA) CNP (Certified Networking Professional) networking professional designation, and is a Distinguished Fellow (DF) and Microsoft Most Valuable Professional (MVP). His first experiences with technology occurred in 1965—more than 40 years ago when he built his first analog computer.

Stephen Ibaraki is the first Canadian to receive the Top Three IT/Business Honours (International, Canadian, and from a Corporation) profiled in this news story:

<http://www.cips.ca/news/national/news.asp?aID=2188>

You can find Stephen's interviews with international experts highlighted in Blogged Down, the new editorial column in the IT bi-weekly publication Computing Canada and you can read his regular commentaries about all things IT in the Canadian IT Managers (CIM) blog forum where he invites you to express your thoughts:

<http://blogs.technet.com/cdnitmanagers/>

A few of Stephen Ibaraki's notable moments include:

- In December, awarded the Computing Canada 2005 IT Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award which "represent the highest of honours for the business technology industry with an estimated size of 500,000 to 800,000 professionals from business, industry, government, media, and education." Stephen Ibaraki is the first recipient of this highest industry honour:

<http://blogs.technet.com/cdnitmanagers/archive/2005/12/21/416329.aspx>

- Awarded in 2006 Microsoft's Most Valuable Professional (MVP) Award. "MVPs are technology's best and brightest," and a "stellar group of individuals from around the world who have demonstrated a willingness to reach out, share their technical expertise with others and help individuals maximize their use of technology." Stephen Ibaraki is the first Canadian to receive an MVP in the award category profiled below with his achievements:

<https://mvp.support.microsoft.com/profile=bf2fce10-19af-45a0-a2f5-f57f666c4280>

Moreover, Stephen Ibaraki was nominated for the Windows IT Pro, MCP Hall of Fame in 2005 and profiled by Microsoft on their corporate web-site as a leading Microsoft Certified Professional since 2001.

- Announced in 2006 and Awarded in 2005 the international Distinguished Fellow (DF) honor founded by the international Network Professional Association. "The Distinguished Fellow (DF)

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award which is the international Hall of Fame for the global networking industry, represents the highest of honours with an estimated size of more than 20-50 million professionals from business, industry, government, media, and education in more than 100 countries." Stephen is the only international recipient [non-US] of this honour. Stephen Ibaraki is also Chairman of the NPA Distinguished Fellows Board and international College of Distinguished Fellows.

[http://www.npanet.org/public/about\\_leadership\\_ibaraki.cfm](http://www.npanet.org/public/about_leadership_ibaraki.cfm)

□ Awarded the international lifetime Career Achievement Award in 2002, "after a worldwide search for finalists" and "presented at the Network+Interop Conference Las Vegas." "This honor represents the highest of international awards for the global networking industry with an estimated size of more than 20-50 million professionals from business, industry, government, media, and education. ...represents outstanding lifetime business/technology achievements and contributions, integrity, and professionalism in the industry. Stephen Ibaraki is the only international recipient of this highest honor amongst elite global nominee finalists that have included top "Fellows" and "Distinguished Engineers." The industry sector "Awards for Professionalism" were founded by the Network Professional Association in 2002, with cooperation and support from industry leaders including: Network+Interop / Interop Las Vegas (largest international conference in networking, the internet, security, and communications); Network World magazine, Network Computing magazine (the leading publications in this sector); Pearson Technology Group Publishing (world's largest publisher); Microsoft, and Novell (participated in judging for 2005). The judging by the independent international panel represents the leaders in the industry."

□ In 2001 Stephen Ibaraki was presented with the prestigious Gary Hadford Professional Achievement Award, the highest of national "individual achievement" professionalism awards for integrity and excellence in IT achievement (the only recipient from 2001 to 2003) with a concurrent induction into the Hall of Fame by the Canadian Information Processing Society (CIPS):

<http://www.cips.ca/media/biography/directorStephen.asp>

□ Industry Canada and the Information Technology Association representing the top 1300 corporations in computing, telecommunications software services, and electronic content awarded Stephen the IT Hero Award in 2001.

□ In 2004, Culminis, the world's largest IT professional association awarded Stephen's company the IT Hero recognition. Earlier in his career, Datatech Systems Ltd (now part of EDS), the largest IT outsourcing, field service, mini/micro OEM, and research company awarded Stephen the national "All Star Team Award". Moreover, Stephen received nomination as one of the top writers in science and technology by the Western Magazine Foundation; Multiple college teaching awards and commendations for IT excellence; and Multiple selections as a finalist for Career Achievement Awards from a variety of prestigious organizations.

□ As an international expert in more than 50 areas of business and technology, Stephen has been interviewed widely by the media (for example Cisco's iQ magazine for March 2006; ComputerWorld Canada and NetworkWorld Canada for Winter 2006); he has served as a certification exam author, and Microsoft has profiled him for leading the industry. Speaking requests have included Network+Interop, Comdex, WorldExpo conferences, Xephon London-based enterprise conferences, Smartforce worldwide internet broadcasts, and the biennial World Computing Congress. His regular articles and discussions with leading CEOs/CIOs, business/technology experts have appeared before CIPS, NPA, Culminis, Pearson newsletters, InformIT, Computing Canada, Myst, China Information World, China CCIDNET, WorldExpo Conference news, JobLineCanada, and the Canadian IT Managers forum (CIM) a joint venture between CIPS/Microsoft with support from Computing Canada—the top three organizations in Canada (top professional group, top corporation, and top business/technology publication). His business predictions were selected from amongst the world's best experts for CEOnetworking's top ten 2004-business trends and by the marketing portal TechTransform. His predications for 2006 were selected for the best-selling books series by Mitchell Levy which go to the top 10,000 CEOs.

□ Stephen was elected as a Board Director in January 2005 to a four-year maximum term to the Network Professional Association (the only director outside of the US). Moreover, he was appointed by acclamation in May 2005 as Director-at-large to the Canadian Information Processing Society or CIPS. CIPS is a founding and board member of the 60+ country International Federation of Information Processing; holds two board seats with the international ICCP; an affiliate membership with the South East Asia Regional Computer Federation; holds formal ties with the British, Australian, and New Zealand Computer Societies; has formal relationships with the all major associations. Stephen is also an invited international expert for the US-based Council of Advisors Gerson Lehrman Group, and the Society of Industry Leaders Vista Research group. He is also an invited founding member for the Canadian Leadership Council for Culminis, the world's largest professional organization. Other appointments include: Director NPA Certification and Accreditation Board and Certification Committee; Director Editorial Board and Managing Editor, NPA Publications; Chairman of NPA Distinguished Fellows Board and international College of Distinguished Fellows; Microsoft Research Panel; Silicon Research Panel; Application Development Trends (ADT) Magazine Advisory Board; board of directors for a Microsoft-profiled human resource management software company and chairman of a internationally-profiled web development company; board director and chief strategy officer for the No.1 ranked new media company with 4000 researcher/analysts; board director and founding investor for a leading payment services company. Stephen is also a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors [which manages the ICD Corporate Governance College].

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## Anne Graham



During her undergrad days, Anne learned valuable IT skills such as how to perfect her typing so that her COBOL program punch-cards would compile properly. Specializing in MIS in Graduate school, she not only learned but was tested on her ability to translate binary into hex, hex into octal, and octal into digital. Despite those early drawbacks and the rapid obsolescence of these important technical skills, she went on to a successful career with high tech firms including NCR and DEC in their glory days, and non-tech firms including financial services, professional services, and telecommunications. Over the course of rising to VP and General Manager roles over the past 20 years, Anne was responsible for several business turnarounds, and has done a lot of hiring and firing, often learning the hard way how to create the right fit between employee and organization. In 2000, she embarked on researching what makes people and organizations successful and was subsequently invited to lecture regularly in UBC's MBA program. Simultaneously, Anne is the principal of a successful consulting firm focused on helping CEOs and their teams become self-sufficient in building the kinds of highly profitable companies that the most talented employees aspire to work with, and that the most valuable customers never want to leave - companies with legendary value.

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## Michael Vax

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## Neil Johnson



Neil Johnson has been in the IT industry for 30+ years and has worked as a consultant and development executive for a number of companies. These include:

Digital Equipment of Canada - 15 years ending as Senior Technical Architect  
SHL Systemhouse of Canada - 3 years as Manager of Technology

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Digital Courier International - 3 Years as VP of Engineering  
Cirrinet - 1 year as VP of Engineering  
GDS & Associates/CGI - 3 years as senior consultant  
Independent consulting - 3 years

He currently provides consulting on product development, systems integration and document, records and information management projects.

He has been on the CIPS Board in various positions since 1994 for approximately 9 years.

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## DJ Dunkerley



Business Analyst and Project Manager DJ Dunkerley has more than 10 years experience working in the hi-tech industry in Vancouver, starting at Laser's Edge in 1994. After seven years with Creo (now Kodak Graphics) as project and product manager, DJ works with Annex Consulting on a variety of projects.

DJ Dunkerley lives in Vancouver and is married with two young children (both boys), and another one on the way. He is kept busy.

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## Stacey Cerniuk



Stacey Cerniuk is the President & CEO of Annex Consulting Group Inc., a Vancouver-based IT professional services company. Annex has recently been recognized as #12 fastest growing company in British Columbia and #3 fastest growing private high tech company in BC. Stacey was the 2003 winner of Business in Vancouver's Forty Under Forty recognizing the top business people in British Columbia under the age of 40.

Stacey is Past President and Director of Special Projects for CIPS Vancouver. He is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP), a member of the Project Management Institute, a member of the Society of PMPs of Greater Vancouver, member of the Algorithm Technology Network, and an advisor to UBC's Project Management Certificate Program. He often speaks on a variety of topics including project management, starting a technology business, and business development.