



Greetings from the New CIPS President Stephen Ibaraki ...



Dear Marilyn,

I want to say "hello" as your CIPS President for the 2007-2008 year. It is an honour to be president and to lead the association as we head into our 50th anniversary. CIPS has accomplished so much over the years and the association continues to do even more.

At the CIPS National Board of Director's meetings held in Halifax, CIPS approved, for the first time, a standard of practice that applies to all members who are actively engaged in Information Technology (IT). The CIPS *Risk Management Guideline* is a standard of practice to help you with your IT projects and activities. As members of CIPS, you will have a professional **responsibility** to understand this *Risk Management Guideline*. However, please feel free to exercise your professional judgment in deciding how this guideline would apply to your work. To obtain a copy of the *Risk Management Guideline*, please visit: www.cips.ca/standards/riskmanagement. An on-line risk management tutorial will be available in the coming months.

In addition to the *Risk Management Guideline*, CIPS is working on a variety of other important national initiatives such as the planning of CIPS's 50th Anniversary, a landmark national and international event to held in conjunction with Summit 2008 a joint CIPS, DPI conference in Ottawa May 7-9, 2008; a new CIPS Web presence to make it easier for you to connect to the resources you need; the I.S.P. acronym change for the I.S.P. designation in Quebec (from IPA to EATI); CIPS educational forums through Web cast participation; moving to governance implementation to increase value and efficiencies to members; new channels of education and professional development; and our continued CIPS branding outreach at conferences throughout the summer and much more.

Progress continues with the United Nations-founded IFIP International Professional Practice Program (I3P) global IT designation and a launch is currently scheduled for 2009. CIPS was invited to hold the CFO and Vice-Chair positions of this International Task Force. We continue to connect with government agencies that are indicating support

for CIPS and the Professional Practice Program. CIPS is working behind the scenes to ensure the success of this international designation with the ultimate goal of raising the value of your CIPS membership and the profile of the IT professional. Throughout the year, we will provide you with updates as new information emerges.

I would like to draw your attention to a special offer for all CIPS members. You have a chance to win a copy of the *Windows Server 2003 R2* with 25 client licenses by answering a short, five-minute survey about the [Microsoft Security Assessment Tool \(MSAT\)](#). The MSAT is a free tool designed to help your organization assess weaknesses in its current IT security environment, reveal a prioritized list of issues, and help provide specific guidance to minimize those risks. Just provide your feedback on the quality and usefulness of this tool and we'll automatically enter you for a draw to win a copy of *Windows Server 2003 R2*. If you have not yet used the MSAT, please do so before completing this survey. For more information about this special offer, please visit: www.cips.ca/it/default.asp?load=msat.

A reminder also to you that through a special academic partnership between CIPS and the University of Fredericton, the University is offering all CIPS members [\\$7500 scholarships](#) until September 5 for the on-line Executive Master for Business Administration Degree (EMBA) class beginning September 10 and; [\\$3,000 bursaries](#) to I.S.P. designation holders who enroll in the EMBA program between September 6, 2007 and August 31, 2008. For more information, contact Tracy Pugh, University Enrollment Manager at Tracy.Pugh@UniversityFredericton.ca. You can also visit: www.UniversityFredericton.ca.

I am looking forward to my term as president this year to grow our membership and benefits. CIPS is a great organization to be a part of, especially at this time. There are opportunities for you to contribute your IT expertise by submitting articles for the [CIPS Connections](#) national e-newsletter, Canadian Government Executive magazine, and the [CIPS/Microsoft IT Managers' Blog](#). If you are interested in submitting an article(s), please send an e-mail to info@cips.ca.

I also encourage you to get involved either locally or nationally. Your ideas and feedback are always welcome. Help us leverage 50 dynamic years and celebrate another 50!

In the mean time, enjoy the rest of your summer! I will touch base with you again in the fall with more updates.

Sincerely,



Stephen Ibaraki FCIPS, I.S.P.
CIPS President

*Participate in [Information Systems Professional \(I.S.P.\) Week \(October 15-22, 2007\)](#) -
watch for event details in your Section!*