

Stephen Ibaraki delivers papers at China events

Because of his close links with the Finance Services Industry, his Chairman corporate positions, and past role as Founding Chairman of the Global Board of GITCA, Stephen was invited to participate in 6 global summits, salons (mini-summits), and High-Tech Park tours organized by Great-Idea Business Resources Co. Ltd. working with governmental bodies in Shanghai, Kunshan, Hangzhou, Ningbo, and Beijing who provided funding. In his presentations in China, he introduced the IP3 Global Industry Council (IP3-GIC) with links to interviews that appear on the IP3 portal to clearly demonstrate third party validation and support for IP3 and to introduce GIC industry-leading thought leaders to global audiences—all from a UNESCO-sanctioned body. IP3-GIC Founding Directors provided insightful quotes, comments and, in some cases, papers for the speeches which were clearly appreciated by the senior-level corporate and government audiences for their high value and especially since the content was very current, literally from the same week. Stephen was also interviewed by China TV and invited to participate in and support VIP CEO Delegations in 2011. Stephen's work and interactions during this visit demonstrated to the high level delegations at the various events that a need for ICT Professionalism is sought by global industry.

Safety critical systems need higher standards

In his article in *The Australian* on 9 November 2010, ACS President Anthony Wong examines how a spate of computer-system crashes has fuelled debate about the need for higher standards and greater accountability for ICT Professionals. He looks at the high cost of well-publicized systems failures in recent months and the impact of these. He goes on to write "With our pervasive use and growing reliance on technology in business, government and society, ICT errors and system crashes are likely to have greater and wider effects, unless we improve the level of accountability for those working with these safety-critical systems." ACS's professional certification scheme is accredited to the IP3P standard because "The ACS believes ICT professionals working with any critical system should be appropriately certified or have a higher standard of care to ensure their knowledge and skills remain relevant and up to date." [Read the article.](#)

IP3 congratulates Basie von Solms, immediate Past President of IFIP

The Executive and Board of IP3 wish to extend congratulations to Professor Basie von Solms, who recently received the "Distinguished Service in Information and Communications Technology Award" from Computer Society South Africa and EngineerIT. He received this award for truly distinguished service to the ICT profession and the industry, both locally and internationally, over many years. Basie is a Research Professor at University of Johannesburg, and is much published (book and papers) on his specialist topic, Information Security.

From an IP3 point of view, it should be noted that Basie was instrumental in getting like minded Societies together in Santiago, Chile in 2006, to discuss Professionalism in ICT, and has fully supported IP3 both as a Task Force, and a Board of IFIP.

Latest interview on IP3 web-site

David Downs is currently the Services Director for Microsoft in South East Asia and Emerging Markets. Based in Singapore, he balances leading a large team of technical, sales and operations staff with ensuring customer satisfaction and profitability for the Services business in the 7 countries he is responsible for. David says "I have a passion around the professionalization of our industry....It's really around putting in place the framework so that we can present our (relatively new) industry with confidence so that customers, partners, and other industries can look at us and see a level of professionalism there". [Listen to the interview.](#)