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Outline

- **Background**
- **Vision**
- **Staying Current – in the Public Sector**
- **IT Industry**
- **The Challenge**

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Vision

- **“CIPS provides leadership in information systems and technologies by developing and promoting quality standards, practices, research, certification, and professional development while safeguarding the public interest.”**

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CIPS Fast Facts

- **Formed in 1958**
- **National organization**
- **International ties**
- **30 Locations**
- **People not companies**
- **Professional certification**

More than 8500 members

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Professional Development: Objectives

- **Support IT professionals**
- **Describe, document, promote principles**
- **INFORMATICS national conference**
- **Training Opportunities/Options**

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Public Servants

- **The Knowledge Centre of Public Works and Government Services Canada has become the Centre of Expertise for sharing ICT solutions, best practices and state-of-the-art as well as just-in-time learning and ICT workforce development programs for the Government of Canada. It currently has four elements:**
 - **ICT Workforce Development Services**
 - **The Knowledge Institute**
 - **Knowledge Exchange Service**
 - **Innovatec**

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ICT Workforce Development Services

- **To meet current and future e-government requirements, Workforce Development in collaboration with TBS/CIOB and government departments, helps ensure that the ICT expertise is acquired through the development of recruitment, retention and retraining**

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The Knowledge Institute

University courses and Certificates

- IT Project Management
- Web Development
- Enterprise Engineering

E-Learning Gateway

- 1000 technical and soft skills courses covering 44 professional IT subject areas
- 24/7 mentoring

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The Knowledge
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College Level Courses

- Web Development
- Advance Programming and Development
- IT Infrastructure Library (ITIL)

Seminars

- Continuous Risk Management
- Contract Management
- Information Management
- Cyberlaw
- Client Services (ICT)

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Knowledge Exchange Service



Knowledge Exchange



E-Government Knowledge Gateway

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Innovatec

- A “smart” professionally staffed permanent facility, designed to showcase and demonstrate leading-edge ICT solutions and technologies; offering:
 - A network for ICT innovations and cutting-edge technologies
 - GOL Showcase weeks
 - Web-enabled multi-media facilities

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Elements of a Mature Profession

- **“Finally, although not explicitly mentioned in definitions, there is an implication that a profession has an identity – that the professionals see themselves as part of community of like-minded individuals who care about the quality of their professional practice. This identity usually manifests itself in the of a professional society. Most professionals belong to the society, which, mostly through volunteer efforts, promotes the development and interactions of the other components of profession.”**

McConnell, Steve. *After the Gold Rush: Creating a True Profession of Software Engineering*. Redmond, WA: Microsoft Press, 1999.
<http://www.microsoft.com/reader/extreme.asp>

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The Challenge

- **A Medical Association exists to ensure your liver is not taken out when you have an appendectomy.**
- **A Professional Engineers Association to ensure bridges that are built will withstand travel loads and nature.**
- **Who is taking responsibility to ensure that IT projects and products have predictable levels of quality, reliability, and support?**

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Leading the Way for the IT Profession in Canada

The best way to secure your own professional future, and that of our industry, is to participate in a professional society that represents the ideals and interests of a collective group.

**In the IT industry in Canada, only CIPS can
that type of leadership and capability.
in CIPS may ultimately be one of the most
important activities in your professional career.**

**John Warner
Director
Content Alive**

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