

FINNISH INFORMATION PROCESSING ASSOCIATION
Member Society report 2005/2006 for IFIP GA
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1. Overview

The Finnish Information Processing Association (FIPA) celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2003. Leading Finnish companies established (The Punched Card) Society in 1953, the name and focus was reshaped in early 1960 to cover important aspects of computing. Since then, Finnish professionals, researchers and even students of information processing have collaborated under the umbrella of the national society FIPA that consists of as many as 26 independent local or topical member-societies.

The total membership at the end of 2005 was ca. 20 000, from these ca. 650 were company members. The professional coverage of the FIPA personal membership has been at a very satisfactory level in Finland as the total number of people working in IT professions counts ca. 80 000. However, the continuing strong trend of IT user companies to outsource IT to the service industry has affected negatively the FIPA membership. FIPA has been loosing both personal and company members during the last years. This is a serious matter and it was reacted by FIPA as a strategic initiative to better define, develop and communicate the membership value of FIPA. The new strategy will be based on more exact segmentation of members to be able to create customized activities and to create professional communities to develop top IT skills.

2. Major FIPA Activities in 2005/2006

Most of the professional activities of FIPA are organized by the 26 local member-societies in major Finnish cities. Typically each member-society arranges professional seminars, working groups, meetings and visits to companies.

2.1 National seminars

At the country level, FIPA organized three major annual seminars. During the last year these were marketed as Top Professional Seminars: one 2-day seminar the IT management, one for IT professionals, and one for IT decision makers in public administration.

2.2 National Awards

FIPA delivered three national awards, the "IT Person of the year" (professor Martti Mäntylä, Helsinki University of Technology), "The IT Product of the year" (Matka.fi, an integrated timetable service covering and combining different public transport timetables in the entire country), and "The Academic Dissertation of the year" (Markku Turunen, University of Tampere).

2.3 ECDL

FIPA has discontinued running ECDL driving license system in Finland due to significant economic losses each year since the operations were started.

2.4 Projects

FIPA published last year the annual salary and work satisfaction survey of IT professionals in Finland, published in the Computer Weekly.

FIPA continued development of the web service called "IT Marketplace" that has ca. 10 000 monthly visitors. A new web service was launched 1st of May 2006.

FIPA has continued development of European IT skill profile system (EUCIP) with CEPIS.

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