

**Finnish Information Processing Association (FIPA)  
IFIP Full Member Society Report**

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## **General**

The Finnish Information Processing Association (FIPA) was founded in 1953 to promote the use of information technology in Finland. Today it consists of 26 member societies, which jointly have as members some 27 000 individuals as well as 800 companies and other organizations. The majority of the member societies operate regionally to promote professional growth of IT professionals and to provide an informal platform for discussing current issues of the field. Some of the member societies have more focused technical and scientific interests.

As the leading national organization in the IT field FIPA participates in the development of the information society by contributing to the development of public IT policies and the prerequisites for IT companies. With its company members it is also influential in developing rules and policies for the IT field. Furthermore, it acts as a sponsor and organizer of research projects of national significance, and organizes various types of events, including an annual 'Tietotekniikka' congress.

FIPA is a member of [CEPIS](#), [IFIP](#), [ICC](#) (International Chamber of Commerce), and [NDU](#) (Nordisk Data Union).

## **Current Activities**

Among others, FIPA's ongoing activities concern the development and revision of

- statistical recording of the IT field,
- professional education,
- web-based information services for the IT field,
- quality standards for systems work,
- ECDL dissemination in Finland,
- qualifications for IT professionals.

## **IFIP**

FIPA recognizes the potential importance of IFIP in its international contacts. It has representatives in all IFIP TCs and in several WGs, and IFIP Working Conferences are organized in Finland from time to time.

Although involvement in IFIP activities has clearly been beneficial for the individual TC and WG members and their organizations, FIPA would wish to find ways to utilize its IFIP membership more effectively also in its own activities. For this purpose, information flow between FIPA and its IFIP representatives has been organized in terms of a permanent council for international contacts.