



Vale Brenda Aynsley OAM  
(picture courtesy ACS)

With great sadness we learned about the passing away of Brenda Aynsley on August 12, 2018. Her activities and accomplishments are many and for a very long time. Being a strong person who had a clear vision and goals to achieve, she was very persistent in convincing colleagues of her ideas. For IFIP she was instrumental in giving the work on professionalism a major boost. Being the chair of the International Professionalism Practice Partnership (IP3) for six years, from 2011 – 2017, she reached out to member societies and convinced many of them to start thinking about the path of professionalism schemes and international accreditation of them. This was not an easy task, the plans of IP3 were sometimes seen as impossible to accomplish or threatening to existing initiatives. Brenda was tireless in explaining and promoting the good cause of professionalism. During her period as chair IP3 was more solidly embedded in the IFIP structure which benefitted the promotion of it.

She also contributed many times to events organized by UN organizations like ITU and UNESCO about (first) the Millennium Development Goals and (later) the Sustainable Development Goals. She strongly believed that assisting developing countries in achieving professionalism in their ICT workforce would contribute to achieving the SDG's. And this was advocated in many workshops in Geneva and other places.

There is so much more to tell about her achievements and for that I am happy to refer to the tributes to her from the ACS and IP3:

<https://ia.acs.org.au/article/2018/Vale-Brenda-Aynsley-OAM.html?ref=newsletter>  
<http://ipthree.org/brenda-aynsley-immediate-past-chair-passes-away/>

It was a privilege for me to have known Brenda and to have worked with her on the goals of our community. She was a true driving force, sometimes impatient but always optimistic that ultimately the goals would be achieved. A storyteller with a great sense of humour. She will be dearly missed.

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