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WITFOR 2007 present at the 11th Addis Chamber International Trade Fair

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The IFIP World IT Forum (WITFOR) 2007 participated in the 11th Addis Chamber International Trade Fair (ACITF) for seven consecutive days in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with the theme "**Networking for Successful Business".** It was officially opened Thursday, 22 February 2007 and WITFOR was given the opportunity to present and promote itself in the first public gathering. Many people from different sectors and countries participated and an estimated thirty countries and over 300 business companies from Africa and Europe have displayed their products and services. Various promotional materials of WITFOR 2007 including a stand were displayed by the subcommittee members of the Ethiopian Information and Communication Technology Agency (EICTDA).

A lot of interest was shown in participating in WITFOR and most of the participants liked to be part of it. Scholars, students, investors are among others who were asking to participate and they expressed their appreciation that WITFOR 2007 is going to be held in Addis Ababa. The exhibitors were of the opinion that it is a good opportunity to bring scholars, IT professionals, lecturers, students and private sector together.

The exhibitors suggested that there is progress made in the ICT sector of the country and for which WITFOR is worth mentioning. One of the exhibition participants has suggested that "We all agree that this sector is closely intertwined with every socio-economic activity and it is a key to the poverty eradication strategy our country has embarked on. Hence, making difference in this sector means expediting the progress of the other sectors."

The WITFOR 2007 booth was visited by the president of the Ethiopi-

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an Telecommunication Corporation, by the General Director of the Ethiopian Information and Communication Technology Development Agency as well as other dignitaries and delegates who came from different countries. Some of the participants expressed that the exhibition has given them a unique moment to meet various groups in the IT industry.

The efforts of EICTDA in expanding the use of ICT and introducing WITFOR 2007 in the exhibition has been successful, 400 brochures were distributed and on average 160 people were informed regarding WITFOR each day. Eight exhibitors who were wearing white T-shirts with the WITFOR 2007 logo on the back contributed to expressing what WITFOR is.

This promotion of WITFOR was a very good first step in attracting attention and making WITFOR a success and we thank all who helped to present the forum at the trade fair.

IFIP WITFOR 2007

World Information Technology Forum
August 22nd to August 24th 2007
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Welcome to iTET - IFIP WG 3.6 and 3.4 Joint Working Conference

WG 3.6 Distance Education's event for 2007 is to be held on 26-28 September 2007 for iTET Joint Working conference.

Charles Bridge ad Prague Castle

Topics include various aspects of technology based learning and training with respect to impacts, policies, concepts, and methodologies related. The iTET Joint Working Conference will provide a presentation and a discussion platform for basic and advanced educational, technological, social and methodological issues.

Its objective is to give an overview of the state of art as well as upcoming trends, and to promote discussion about the potentials and limitations of the new learning and training technologies in both the academic and the corporate sector. The Conference and all connected activities will take place in the medieval palaces of Charles University in Prague, called Karolinum.

This will be followed by TC3 meetings:
* Fri 28/09: TC3- and WG-officers' meeting
* Sat, Sun 29-30/09: TC 3 meeting

All details are at http://itet2007.eu/

Papers are due 15 February. Registration will begin at the end of June—see the website for all dates and detail.

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IFIP Council met in London

To mark its 50th anniversary the British Computer Society (BCS) hosted the IFIP Council meeting 2007 in London, UK.

In the meeting the main items of IFIP's business were:

IFIP welcomed from January 2007 Serbia (represented by Union of ICT Societies Serbia, JISA), to be represented at GA by Mr. Djordje Dukic, president of JISA, as new member and Russia (represented by The Russian of Sciences) back in the IFIP community. The Russian Academy has now nominated Prof. Yury G. Evtushenko, director of the Academy´s Dorodnycin Computing Center as its GA representative.

To celebrate IFIP's 50th anniversary it has been decided to publish a book "IFIP 50 years" following the pattern of "IFIP 36 years". It has been suggested that it will cover some of the historic developments at major events of IFIP TCs and WGs; IFIP World Computer Congress 2010 will also devote some sessions to IFIP 50 years. IFIP Member Societies are invited to host IFIP events to mark IFIP 50 Years, or to include some IFIP related part ("IFIP Day") in their own events.

IFIP started a new project for "Professional Practice" (for more information about this please have a look at the relevant article in these News). Council agreed that IFIP will provide initial funding of up to €50K to match funding provided by the Member Societies on the Working Party between Council and GA 2007. Council noted and accepted unanimously that the cost of the next phase of the project is expected to require a further commitment of funds by IFIP of up to €150K to match further funding contributed by IFIP member societies.

Nigel Shadbolt , BCS President

IFIP finances in 2006 were in a good shape. The report showed a surplus of €118K (budget was €3K). There has been a significant decrease in income and no changes in expenses. Income from Return on Assets was a surplus of €129K, Dues from Members were lower than the budget, royalties from Publications decreased by €105K, proceeds from activities including proceeds from TC Events were €60K, which was slightly above budget.

The work on "IFIP's Future Strategy" progressed further. The document containing IFIP's strategic aims and scopes and objectives as well as proposed projects was well received from Council. A further developed plan will be developed and presented at GA 2007.

Basie von Solms, Roger Johnson, Leon Strous

The tabled proposal for restructuring IFIP's Executive Board and Council was accepted by Council after some changes and additions agreed within Council. It will be submitted for formal approval to GA 2007.

IFIP has been informed by its Publisher Springer that they have teamed up with Google to obtain improved results from Google's Search engine. Springer has also worked on a plan to enable continued free access to the IFIP series. Royalties paid to IFIP totalled in 2006 €41,149 for IFIP's main series and €57,580 for LNCS.

IFIP's Publications Committee reported on the search for a Digital Library system for IFIP's publications. A confidential memo about the analysis of the proposed options for a Digital Library has been submitted to the President. Further work on this project will be done by a special task force established by the President / President Elect.

Professional Practice Programme

Global IT Profession Comes Nearer

A unique gathering of leading world experts earlier this month in Cape Town, South Africa concluded that global recognition for IT professionals would provide major advantages to individual practitioners and for IT systems users and suppliers.

The meeting was called by the International Federation for Information Processing, IFIP, and involved senior representatives from the world's leading professional computer societies from Australia (ACS), Canada (CIPS), South Africa (CSSA) and UK (BCS). The Task Force is led by Charles Hughes, Immediate Past President of the BCS. The meeting addressed key issues facing the IT industry today including lack of clarity of international professional skills and qualifications and worldwide mobility of IT professionals and commenced planning for a global IT profession.

Each of the societies has a national scheme to provide public recognition to qualified members. However, these schemes lack visibility outside their own countries.

Charles Hughes said, "Global industries need global professions to promote high professional standards worldwide and to give public recognition to qualified practitioners".

"In the modern world, the IT industry is a global business with many international organisations requiring increasing mobility among individual members of the IT workforce. Hence, employers face growing uncertainty when recruiting staff from outside their own countries."

Basie von Solms, IFIP President-Elect, commented "To achieve recognition, IT professionals will require an accredited combination of education and experience, as well as undertaking Continuing Professional Development and committing themselves to a Code of Ethics."

The meeting agreed to report its findings to the IFIP Council at the end of February and seek agreement to develop more detailed proposals to establish the scheme as well as agreeing to a governance structure.

After acceptance of the report, leading IT organisations will be invited to participate in the development and launch of the programme.

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Charles Hughes, Immediate Past President of the BCS:

"The BCS Professionalism in IT programme is aimed at getting the IT profession recognized as being on a par with that of medicine and law. Its goal is to help employers and employees improve their ability to exploit the international IT economy more effectively, win recognition and respect for IT professionals, and create an understanding of the important role IT plays in business and the wider community."

British Computer Society (BCS) signs memorandum of understanding with overseas counterparts

15 March 2007: Creating a global IT profession has taken a step forward thanks to an agreement between The British Computer Society (BCS), its Australian counterpart, the ACS, and the Canadian Information Procession Society (CIPS) to work more closely together. The memorandum of understand to collaborate for mutual benefit where appropriate was signed by David Clarke, chief executive of the BCS, the leading professional body for the UK IT sector.

He says: "Cementing closer ties with both these organisations underlines the BCS's commitment to raising awareness of the need for well-qualified and capable information technology professionals for the benefit for the UK IT industry, but also for information technology industries around the world."

The three organisations have agreed six routes to encourage closer working, including co-operating over the ways respective professional qualifications, products and services are developed—and in some cases swapping agreed technical data—running joint training, educational programmes, conferences, and staff exchanges. They have also made a commitment to meet either in person or electronically on a regular basis.

Philip Argy, President of the ACS, says: "ICT has never been of greater importance to our national and international economy. It also has a profound impact on social and community outcomes. Today's MOU is a crucial step towards ICT attaining its rightful status within the global community, alongside other high impact professions and industries such as doctors, lawyers and accountants."

"The closer ties between our professional associations will benefit all IT practitioners on a professional level," said CIPS President John Boufford. "IT practitioners will have greater access to IT programs, products and services on a global scale. The closer ties will also enable our organizations to work together on a unified front to address IT issues affecting our society today."

The MOU complements the BCS's involvement in an International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) sponsored taskforce aimed at attaining an international accredited IT Professional status**.**

It is due to last for 10 years, in the first instance. There is also a commitment to help other overseas countries interested in joining the group.

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IM 2007 Moving from Bits to Business Value

21–25 May 2007
Munich, Germany

IM 2007

10th IFIP/IEEE Symposium on Integrated Management

IM 2007 will present the latest technical advances in the area of management, operations and control of networks, networking services, networked applications, and distributed systems. Held in odd-numbered years since 1989 and taking turns with its sibling conference NOMS, IM 2007 will build on the successes of its predecessors and serve as the primary forum for exchange among the research, standards, vendor and user communities in the field of integrated management.

The symposium is sponsored by the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) Working Group 6.6 on Management of Networks and Distributed Systems, and by the IEEE Communications Society Technical Committee on Network Operations and Management. In addition, IM 2007 is getting essential support from industrial patrons.

IM 2007 is organized into technical and application sessions, panels, and tutorials. In addition, it is featuring an industrial experience track to share practical lessons learned by user and vendor communities, birds-of-a-feather sessions, and vendor exhibits. Keynotes from most prominent persons, and a distinguished experts panel addressing the theme of the conference "Moving from bits to business value" in the context of Grid Computing highlights the excellence of the conference as well.

In the tradition of previous events, the whole Organizing Committee is strived to make the IM 2007 Symposium the highest quality professional event of the year. Paper submissions underwent a stringent review process implemented by the Technical Program Committee, which includes many of the most respected experts in the field. Papers have been received that break new grounds or present insightful results based on experience with integrated management of networks, systems, applications and services.

Major conference topics include:

- Management Paradigms, Theories and Models
- Management and Virtual Environments
- Management Standards and Enabling Technologies
- Operation and Management Functions
- Service Engineering and Operational Challenges
- Management of Emerging Networks and Services
- Organizational Aspects of IT Service Management
- Autonomic Computing and Self-Management

Tutorials presented address the most “hot” topics of integrated management.

Six co-located workshops on specialized topics will be held on the days before and after the IM technical program:

- 5th IEEE Workshop on End-to-End Monitoring Techniques and Services (E2EMON 2007)
- 2nd IEEE International Workshop on Business-driven IT Management (BDIM 2007)
- 2nd IEEE International Workshop on Broadband Convergence Networks (BcN 2007)
- 2nd IFIP/IEEE International Workshop on Feedback Control Implementation and
- Design in Computing Systems and Networks (FeBID 2007)
- 4th International Workshop on Managing Ubiquitous Communications and Services (MUCS 2007)
- 1st IEEE Workshop on Autonomic Communication and Network Management (ACNM 2007)

Don't miss the top IT management event in 2007, register today at http://www.ieee-im.org

Early Bird Registration by Monday, April 9th
Advance Registration by Monday, April 30th
Late Registration after Monday, April 30th

The 22nd IFIP TC-11 International Information Security Conference will be held in May 14th - May 16th, 2007 at Sandton Convention Centre, South Africa. IFIP SEC 2007 is organized in collaboration with the Computer Society of South Africa, SBS Conferences and the following universities:

University of Pretoria
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
University of Johannesburg
University of South Africa

IFIP SEC 2007 is co-located with Futurex, Southern Africa's largest ICTE Event.

The theme of the conference is: New Approaches for Security, Privacy & Trust in Complex Environments Information is now the most important commodity in a global market. Individuals, businesses and governments are dependable on information embedded in secure, privacy aware and trustworthy IT infrastructures. Classical information security services such as authentication and authorization urgently demand a re-design and improved implementation to ensure security, privacy and trust features in today's integrated and complex information rich environments.

Over 40 speakers / information security specialists from 17 countries around the world including: Australia – Austria – Brazil – Belgium – Finland – France – Germany – Hong Kong/China – Italy – Japan – Netherlands – Norway – Singapore – South Africa – Sweden – UK – USA will inform you about the latest research and developments in the field of Information security. Topics like Logical Access Control, Privacy, Trust, Intrusion Detection, Security Management will be addressed.

Keynote speakers include: Judge Mervyn King, South Africa, Ross Anderson, Computer Laboratory, Cambridge UK, Bill Caelli, Information Security Institute, Queensland, Australia.

With all companies large or small having open internet connectivity, threats from anywhere in the world today are a possibility.

If you are responsible for IT systems, data networks or information you should be concerned and you should attend this international event.

For further details visit www.sbs.co.za/ifipsec2007

Organisational Dynamics of Technology-based Innovation: Diversifying the Research Agenda

The next IFIP8.6 Conference is being held at Manchester Town Hall from 14th - 16th June 2007. The conference title is 'Organisational Dynamics of Technology-based Innovation: Diversifying the Research Agenda'. The aim of the conference is to help move forward our understanding of the organisational dynamics of technology-based innovation by diversifying the research agenda in three general areas: theoretical perspectives, methodologies, and organisational sectors (with a specific focus on the public sector).

A wide range papers have been accepted which include: Theoretical alternatives to diffusion theory; case studies on technological innovation as a mechanism for organizational; action research investigations specifically in the public sector and studies of technology as an enabler of change in the inter-organisational domain. The fully conference programme and registration details are available at http://www.ifip86-2007.salford.ac.uk/

For the first time the IFIP8.6 Conference is including a pre-doctoral consortium which is being chaired by Prof Bob Galliers of Bentley College, USA.

Townhall Manchester

The conference is being held in Manchester's neo-Gothic Town Hall, designed by Alfred Waterhouse, a leading Victorian architect and completed in 1887 the building is acknowledged as a masterpiece of Victorian architecture. Inside it is lavishly and richly decorated, with mosaic floors bearing the "bees", symbols of Manchester's industry, and has wall murals by Ford Madox Brown. The conference reception will be held in the Sculpture Hall whilst the main conference will take place in the Lord Mayor's Parlor and Civil Conference Hall.

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5th Intl. Symposium on Modeling and Optimization in Mobile, Ad Hoc, and Wireless Networks http://www.wiopt.org/	**WiOpt 2007**	**16-20.4.2007** Limassol, CY
IPM Intl. Symposium on Fundamentals of Software Engineering msirjani@cwi.nl	**FSEN 07**	**17-19.4.2007** Teheran, IR
New Technologies, Mobility and Security 2007 http://www.ntms2007.org	**NTMS'2007**	**2-4.5.2007** Paris, FR
5th Workshop on Software Technologies for Future Embedded and Ubiquitous Systems http://dblab.dankook.ac.kr/~seus2007	**SEUS 2007**	**7-8.5.2007** Santorini Islands, GR
16th International World Wide Web Conference http://www2007.org	**WWW 2007**	**8-12.5.2007** Banff, CA
Workshop in Information Security Theory and Practices 2007: Smart Cards, Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing Systems http://wistp2007.xlim.fr/	**WISTP 2007**	**9-11.5.2007** Heraklion, GR
22nd IFIP TC11 International Information Security Conf. http://www.sbs.co.za/ifipsec2007	**SEC 2007**	**14-16.5.2007** Johannesburg,ZA
2007 Next Generation Internet Networks 3rd Euro-NGI Conf. on Next Gen. Internet Netw. Design and Engineering for Heterogeneity http://www.q2s.ntnu.no/eurongi2007	**NGI 2007**	**21-23.5.2007** Trondheim, NO
10th IFIP/IEEE Symposium on Integrated Management http://www.im2007.org	**IM 2007**	**21-25.5.2007** Munich, DE
International Symposium on Environmental Software Systems http://www.isess.org	**ISESS**	**22-25.5.2007** Prague, CZ
European Interactive TV Conference http://www.cwi.nl/events/2007/euroitv2007/	**EuroITV 2007**	**24-25.5.2007** Amsterdam, NL
9th Intl. Conf. on Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries http://www.ifipwg94.org.br/		**28-30.5.2007** Sao Paulo, BR
International Embedded Systems Symposium http://www.iess.org	**IESS'07**	**29.5.-1.6.2007** Irvine, CA, USA
1st IEEE & IFIP Intl. Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Software Eng. http://www.sei.ecnu.edu.cn/TASE2007/	**TASE 2007**	**6-8.6.2007** Shanghai, CN
15th Intl. Conference Systems Integration 2007 http://si.vse.cz	**SI 2007**	**10-12.6.2007** Prague, CZ
The Third International Conference on Open Source Systems http://www.oss2007.org	**OSS 2007**	**11-14.6.2007** Limerick, IE
WG8.6 Conference: The Problematics of Techn. Innovation: Diversifying Theory, Methods and Contexts http://www.iris.salford.ac.uk/Conferences/ifip86		**14-16.6.2007** Salford, UK
Intl. Conference on Distributed Computing in Sensor Systems http://www.dcoss.org	**DCOSS'07**	**18-20.6.2007** Santa Fe, NM, USA
Fifth World Conference on Information Security Education http://www.118.ifip.info/wise/wise5/index.htm	**WISE5**	**19-21.6.2007** West Point, USA
Joint IFIP Conference: WG3.1 Secondary Education, WG3.5 Primary Education Informatics, Mathematics, and ICT: a 'golden triangle' http://www.ccs.neu.edu/imict2007	**IMICT 2007**	**27-29.6.2007** Boston, MA, USA
Education, Training and Life Long Learning for IT Professionals	**ET&LLL for ITP**	**9-13.7.2007** Dublin, IE
IFIP WG8.2/9.5 Conference on Virtuality and Virtualization http://floss.syr.edu:8008/ocs/index.php?cf=3		**29-31.7.2007** Portland, OR, USA
IFIPTM 2007 Joint iTrust and PST Conferences on Privacy, Trust Management and Security http://www.unb.ca/pstnet/itrust-pst2007/	**IFIPTM 2007**	**30.7.-2.8.2007** Moncton, New Brunswick, CA

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IFIP Summer School on The Future of Identity in the Information Society http://www.cs.kau.se/IFIP-summerschool/		**6-10.8.2007** Karlstad, SE
History of Nordic Computing 2 http://hinc2.utu.fi/	HiNC2	**21-23.8.2007** Turku, Aabo, FI
World Information Technology Forum 2007 http://www.witfor.org	WITFOR 2007	**22-24.8.2007** Addis Ababa, ET
Home/Community Oriented ICT for the Next Billion http://www.hoit2007.com/	HOIT 2007	**22-25.8.2007** Chennai, IN
10th IFAC/IFIP/IFORS/IEA Symposium on Analysis, Design and Evaluation of Human-Machine Systems http://www.ifac-hms-2007.com/		**4-6.9.2007** Seoul, KR
PRO-VE 2007 - 8th IFIP Working Conference on Virtual Enterprises http://www.pro-ve.org/	PRO-VE'07	**10-12.9.2007** Guimarães, PT
5th Latin American Network Operations and Management Symposium http://www.lanoms.org/2007/	LANOMS 2007	**10-12.9.2007** Petropolis, RJ, BR
Aerospace Technologies and Applications for Dual Use pietro.finocchio@tiscali.it		**12-14.9.2007** Roma, IT
IFIP WG8.1 Working Conf. on Situational Method Engineering: Fundamentals and Experiences http://www.MethodEngineering07.org	ME'07	**12-14.9.2007** Geneva, CH
IFIP WG5.7 APMS Conference http://www.ipe.liu.se/apms2007	APMS 2007	**17-18.9.2007** Linköping, SE
The 26th Intl. Conf. on Computer Safety, Reliability and Security http://www11.informatik.uni-erlangen.de/safecomp2007/	SAFECOMP 2007	**18-21.9.2007** Nuremberg, DE
International Conference on Entertainment Computing ma-lz@cs.sjtu.edu.cn	ICEC 2007	**20-22.9.2007** Shanghai, CN
IFIP WG3.6 & 3.4 Joint Working Conference on Information Technology for Education & Training http://itet2007.eu	iTET 2007	**26-28.9.2007** Prague, CZ
2nd IFIP Working Conference on Computer Aided Innovation mansour.ashtiani@delphi.com	2nd IFIP WC-CAI	**8-9.10.2007** Brighton, MI, USA
IFIP/ACM Latin America Networking Conference 2007 http://lanc2007.upv.es/	LANC 2007	**10-11.10.2007** San José, CR
The 7th IFIP Conference on e-Business, e-Services and e-Society http://i3e.ccnu.edu.cn/	I3E 2007	**10-12.10.2007** Wuhan, CN
5th Intl. Workshop for Technical, Economic and Legal Aspects of Business Models for Virtual Goods http://www.virtualgoods.org	VG 2007	**11-13.10.2007** Koblenz, DE
The IFIP TC8 International Conference on Research and Practical Issues of Enterprise Information Systems http://www.confenis.org	CONFENIS'07	**14-16.10.2007** Beijing, CN
Intl. Conf. on Robotics, Vision, Information, and Signal Processing 2007 http://ee.eng.usm.my/rovisp07/	ROVISP'07	**28-30.11.2007** Penang, MY
IFIP/IIASA/GAMM Workshop on Coping with Uncertainty (CwU) Robust Decisions http://www.iiasa.ac.at/~marek/wrksp/cwu07/org.html	CwU	**10-12.12.2007** Laxenburg, AT
The 2007 IFIP Intl. Conf. on Embedded and Ubiquitous Computing http://www.cs.ccu.edu.tw/~shiwulo/euc07/	EUC 2007	**17-20.12.2007** Taipei, TW
20th IFIP World Computer Congress 2008 http://www.wcc2008.org/	WCC 2008	**7-10.9.2008** Milano, IT
9th IFIP World Conference on Computers in Education http://www.wcce2009.org	WCCE '09	**27-31.7.2009** Florianopolis, BR