



International  
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Partnership

Transforming IT Professional Practice

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### **IP3 – International Professional Practice Partnership**

Previously known under the working name of I3P, the IFIP International Professional Practice Partnership is a global programme to promote professionalism in IT, define international standards and create a global infrastructure that will encourage and support the development of both practitioners and employer organisations. Recognition will be given to those who meet and maintain the required standards for knowledge, experience, competence and integrity.



The first IP3 Certification will be the “gold standard” International IT Professional - IITP.

IITP will be available through accredited IFIP member societies who have a Professional qualification. The Partnership will provide support to member societies by providing guidelines for accreditation, and marketing materials to promote IITP and other IP3 products in their region.

If you would like to receive the Complete IP3 vision statement, please contact the [Editor](#).

### **Task Force Meeting – Dublin, April 2008**

The meeting was hosted by Microsoft in Dublin at their Sandyford offices. We must thank Microsoft and in particular Graham Watson, for their hospitality, and all the help Graham afforded us whilst we were there.

Prior to the meeting Assessor training was held. Representatives from ACS, BCS, CIPS and IEEE-CS successfully completed this training. Hiroshi Mukaiyama attended the workshop component of the Dublin meeting as representative of both the Japanese government agency and IPSJ (Information Processing Society of Japan)".

Charles Hughes, Task Force Chairman, said on commencing the meeting that he was very pleased with the progress so far, mostly around planning, but it is imperative that we now delivered against the plans.

During the meeting Task Force agreed on a name, IP3, and plans were made for incorporating the new body, probably in the United Kingdom.

The next Task Force meeting will be in Milan. At this point we envisage appointing a Board, to continue to oversee the running of the organization.

*What do we  
mean by a  
Professional?*

It encapsulates:

**Competence**

**Obligations**

**Conduct**

## IP3 Chairman, Charles Hughes, lunches with Bill Gates

This was the first "Influencer Roundtable" and, as Bill Gates becomes non-executive Chairman from 1 July 2008, the only one that he will host. The aim is to thank organizations which contribute to the development of the Microsoft and IT communities. Most guests were from Microsoft groups. The 15 guests joined a clutch of Microsoft organizers early in the proceedings. Microsoft's Development Director, S. Somasegar (Soma), was also present. Charles described IP3 to Soma and thanked him for Microsoft's support.



*(Charles Hughes, front row, second from left)*

On Bill's arrival a group photo (shown above) was taken and the group sat down at to an inspiring lunch. Bill thanked everyone for their efforts and then spent the lunch eating nothing and giving fulsome responses to questions and comments from the guests. In response to the outline of IP3 he was generally supportive and focused on the scope and variety of disciplines in IT and the need for certifications to be founded on competence rather than only on educational achievements.

"Lunch with Bill was interesting and useful and followed a first-rate keynote that he gave at Tech Ed. It was an honour and privilege to be invited and to represent IP3", Charles Hughes remarked afterwards.