

#### Overview of Society

- The **mission of SSCS** is to contribute to favourable conditions for the development of informatics and information technologies in Slovakia. The imperative is the support of newest methods and technologies in all areas of the Slovak economy. SSCS is constituted as the professional organisation covering all areas of informatics and information technologies, mainly theoretical and applied informatics, computer engineering, software engineering, information systems, communication systems, security, and education. SSCS presents its statements and proposals to the state and public institutions and helps them in coordination and solution of the basic issues of the development of informatics and information technologies and education. SSCS supports research and development in informatics and ICT by organizing conferences and seminars. SSCS supports the progress of young people in informatics by supporting their participation in professional activities and organisation and support of informatics competitions.
- **Webpage** of SSCS is [www.informatika.sk](http://www.informatika.sk)

#### International

- SSCS represents the Slovak informatics and ICT community in IFIP and CEPIS.
- SSCS is taking part in the IFIP TC1, TC2, TC3, TC6, TC8, TC12, and TC14.

#### Key activities this year

- SSCS is organizing the ICDL digital skills certification in Slovakia. The Covid restrictions slowed down this activity which we tried hard to revive this year. The negotiations with regional governments showed strong interest in picking up on two successful projects in Bratislava and Nitra regions in pre Covid time. The project Digital Skills for Life was aimed at secondary school teachers and in next step at students. Funding came from the self-governing region. However, due to financial cuts the new projects can only start from the next year budget.
- The strongest example of supporting talented students is the support for the Olympiad in Informatics starting from the local rounds, eight regional rounds and National Olympiad. Slovak students usually score very successfully at the International Olympiad in Informatics as proved by the gold, silver and bronze medals in over 30 years. SSCS supports the Olympiad by the organisation activities of its members and also financially.
- SSCS has active cooperation with the Government, especially with the Ministry for Investment, Regional Development, and Informatics. The ministry invited SSCS representatives to the working groups dealing with defined areas of informatics – they were active in the working group Governance and working group Self-administration where they contributed to the Project of digital transformation of public administration and in several other working groups (e.g., cloud infrastructure, AI, network infrastructure). SSCS president is the member of the Government Advisory Body on the Digitalisation of Public Administration and Single Digital Market where all the important documents in informatics must be approved. Further cooperation is with the Ministry of Education where SSCS members are active in the curricular committee.
- SSCS activities in organising conferences were slowed down due to Covid. MFCS 2024, one of the top conferences in foundations of informatics was organized in August 2024. Preparation for organizing SOFSEM 2025, the 50th edition of broad scope conferences now mainly devoted to foundations of informatics and AI are under with conference to take place in January 2025.