



## Issue 2 (2008) March

Welcome to the March edition of the CEPIS Newsletter. In this edition you will find news from the CEN ISSS workshop, a preview of the EUCIP monograph to be published in UPGRADE later this year and details of how to take part in the Euro-Inf workshop. You'll also find links to other relevant events, the latest news and the most recent calls for contributions.

We invite you to forward this newsletter to any member who may be interested or send us their details for inclusion in the distribution list.

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#### CEN/ISSS e-Skills Workshop



This workshop is part of the European standardisation process. For some five years, it has been working to produce a framework for ICT practitioner skills, intended to be useful for individuals and employers in planning career plans or the recruitment, development and training of an ICT workforce. The development has progressed through several stages, and there are projects under way intended to produce a first implementation of a usable framework.

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#### EUCIP Monograph in UPGRADE Journal



UPGRADE, CEPIS's European Journal for Informatics Professionals, will publish a EUCIP monograph in its August issue. This will provide a detailed overview of the EUCIP (European Certification of Informatics Professionals) certification programme and how it is being implemented in various countries across Europe. Guest editors will include Paolo Schgör (AICA, Italy), Renny Bakke Amundsen (EUCIP Norge, Norway), and Neil Farren (ECDL Foundation).

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## NEWS



### Euro-Inf Project Workshop Invitation

This CEPIS-supported project, commissioned by DG Education and Culture, is dedicated to the development of pan European Framework Standards and Assessment Criteria for Informatics Programmes at graduate and postgraduate levels of higher education.

**A workshop will be held in Vienna on the 21st-22nd of April to discuss the proposed Framework and the application of a Euro-Inf**

quality label.

If you wish to participate [please fill in the electronic registration form available on the Euro-Inf website](#).

For further information please contact [Frauke Muth](#).

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### **Member Feedback Requested: LSI SIN paper on Authentication Approaches for Online Banking**

The CEPIS Legal and Security Special Interest Network (LSI SIN) has produced a paper on online banking authentication methods. All CEPIS Members are invited to comment on this paper in advance of its publication on the CEPIS website.

Click here to download the paper '[Authentication Approaches for Online Banking](#)'. Alternatively, you can download it from the [Member Societies area of the CEPIS website](#).

Please send your comments to [Fiona Fanning](#) by March 14th.

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### **UPGRADE – next issue coming soon!**

[UPGRADE](#) is CEPIS's European Journal for Informatics Professionals, founded in October 2000 in cooperation with [Novática](#) and [Informatik/Informatique](#). This independent, technical, non-commercial, and freely distributed electronic publication is the voice of informatics professionals in Europe. A list of upcoming editions can be found below:

- Next issue: '**Free Software: Scientific and Technological Innovation**'
- Vol. IX, issue No. 1: '**ICT Governance**'
- Vol. IX, issue No. 2: '**Model-Driven Software Development**'
- Vol. IX, issue No. 3: '**Next Generation Technology-Enhanced Learning**'
- Vol. IX, issue No. 4: '**EUCIP**'

[Click here to subscribe to this bi-monthly publication](#).

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### **ENISA Users Guide: How to Raise Information Security Awareness**

ENISA, the European Network and Information Security Agency, has announced the translation of '*A Users' Guide: How to Raise Information Security Awareness*' into 23 languages. This guide offers practical advice on how to raise the information security awareness of various target groups, in particular home users and SMEs. It is aimed at EU Member States for use when conducting awareness raising programmes and illustrates the main processes needed to plan, organise and run initiatives.

[Click here to download the guide](#).



### **ECDL Hungary supports the political coalition to train 2.2 million people in the next 3 years**

On January 8th, the five parties of the Hungarian Parliament jointly announced their commitment to increase their efforts to bridge the digital divide in Hungary. A steering committee was set up to determine the necessary actions that government, business and civic society need to undertake. Under this high profile political initiative, that takes into account a survey conducted by the Ministry of Economy, Hungary aims to raise the level of digital literacy by providing training to **2.2 million people over the next 3 years**.

Recently, the parliamentary committee has established a sub-group to implement the strategy on e-Inclusion and **István Alföldi**, CEO of John von Neumann Computer Society, (ECDL Foundation Licensee in Hungary), is involved in the coordination of the digital literacy policy area. John von Neumann Computer Society, having an active role in building this coalition for e-Inclusion in Hungary, has set a target to deliver the ECDL programme to at least three hundred thousand people within the next three years.

Hungary's social and economic progress over the last decade is impressive but the digital gap remains higher than the average in the EU. In this respect, Hungary is committed to the **i2010 strategy for growth and employment** of the EU that will allow the country to reap the benefits of technology.

[Click here for more information on Hungarian e-Inclusion.](#)

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## EVENTS



### **CEPIS Spring Council**

12th April 2008, Ljubljana, Slovenia

The Spring Council will take place at the Hotel Lev, Ljubljana, Slovenia on Saturday 12th April. Thanks to those of you who have registered. If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible, in order to guarantee accommodation at the Hotel Lev. The agenda and supporting documentation will be available prior to the Council in the members area of the CEPIS website.

[Click here to Register](#)

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### **Conference: 'Women and ICTs: Move out of the Shadow!'**

6th March 2008, Brussels, Belgium

Attracting young women to take up a career in ICT is essential to combat the shortage of staff in this crucial sector. Viviane Reding, Commissioner for Information Society and Media, is following up last year's "Shadowing

Exercise" with a [one-day conference](#) aimed at motivating young women to start a career in ICT.

[Click here to download the agenda](#)

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#### Other events taking place soon:

- **12th-14th March**  
[12th Conference on Optical Network Design and Modelling](#), Vilanova i la Geltru, Spain. Organised by: Technical University of Catalonia
  - **25th-26th March**  
[4th Intl. Conference Interoperability for Enterprise Software and Applications](#), Berlin, Germany. Organised by: INTEROP VLAB & Enterprise Interoperability Centre – EIC
  - **29th-30th March**  
[7th Intl. Symposium on Software Composition](#), Budapest, Hungary. Organised by: ETAPS
  - **31st March-4th April**  
[6th Intl. Symposium on Modelling and Optimization in Mobile, Ad Hoc, and Wireless Networks](#), Berlin, Germany. Sponsored by ICST; IEEE IT; ACM; IFIP WG6.3
  - **7th-11th April**  
[8th Latin American Theoretical Informatics Symposium](#), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Sponsored by: PUC-Rio; UFRJ; CNPq; CAPES; FAPERJ; HP; Yahoo!; Microsoft Research; UOL; IFIP TC1
  - **7th-11th April**  
[Network Operations and Management Symposium](#), Salvador da Bahia, Brasil. Sponsored by: IEEE Communications Society; IFIP WG6.6
  - **12th April**  
[CEPIS Council](#), Ljubljana, Slovenia. Organised by: CEPIS
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#### CALLS FOR PAPERS



#### ENISA seeks experts

ENISA is seeking help in identifying experts for 3 new groups that will produce position papers on the following:

- [Mobile e-Identity](#)
- [Web 2.0 Security Issues](#)
- [Virtual World and Gaming Security and Privacy](#)

Anyone interested is invited to contact [Mr. Giles Hogben](#).

These groups will work entirely virtually, through bi-weekly telephone conferences, wiki and mailing lists. The average time required is approximately 2 person-days for research and drafting of contributions and also includes participation in related conference calls.

The papers are aimed at decision makers and politicians. They represent

independent expert opinion and point out the risks and opportunities in a specific area of emerging risk. These papers are expected to gain a considerable amount of coverage in the press.

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### **Call for papers: International Multiconference on Computer Science and Information Technology**

Wisla, Poland October 20-22, 2008

**The 2008 International Multiconference on Computer Science and Information Technology (IMCSIT 2008) has opened its call for papers.** The event will be organised by the Poland Chapter of the IEEE Computer Society ([Gdansk Branch](#) and Silesia Branch) and the Systems Research Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

Please note that 18th May 2008 is the closing date for full paper submission.

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### **Your Suggestions**

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