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In this edition we bring you reports on the launch of the first ever e-Inclusion award, the adoption of the European Qualifications Framework, the European e-Skills conference along with a contribution from our Polish Member Society on their World Information Society Day celebration.

Also included you'll find out how your Member Society can put forward candidates for the 5 Execom positions to be elected at the CEPIS Autumn Council in November, as well as the minutes of the CEPIS Spring Council and information on UPGRADE's issue on 'IT Governance'. Enjoy!

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European Commission launches e-Inclusion Awards

The European Commission has launched the first ever e-Inclusion Awards competition to celebrate the best and most imaginative use of ICT to reduce digital and social exclusion. Find out how your initiatives can be submitted.

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Pre-registration for European e-Skills Conference now open!

This conference brings together experts to discuss best practices, flagship projects and report on progress of the five major action lines outlined by the EC and presented at the CEPIS Spring Council. Anyone interested in attending is required to pre-register.

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NEWS



➤ [Execom Elections](#)

The CEPIS Execom elections will take place at Autumn Council on 20th November 2008 in Brussels. This year there are 5 positions for election to the CEPIS Execom. The positions are:

- President Elect;
- Honorary Secretary;
- Honorary Treasurer;

- Vice President;
- Vice President.

Each position has a 2-year term with the exception of the President Elect, who will serve 4 years in total (including 2 as President and 1 as Past President).

All candidates for election should be nominated by at least 4 full Members. Applications by candidates must be submitted to the CEPIS office in writing and also contain copies of the supporting nominations.

In order to ensure that CEPIS is active and relevant to its Members, it is essential that all Members are engaged in both putting forward potential candidates and supporting the nominations of candidates. By doing so they will ensure that CEPIS is a member-led and member-focused organisation.

The closing date for applications to be received in the CEPIS office in Brussels is Friday, 17th October 2008. The CEPIS Secretariat will send details and candidate forms to all Members shortly.



➤ **CEPIS Spring Council Minutes available**

The Minutes of the CEPIS Spring Council are now available to [download here](#) and in the Members Area of the [CEPIS website](#).



➤ **Committee of the Regions urges Member States to step up e-Inclusion efforts**

In a recently adopted report the Committee of the Regions called for increased efforts to develop an all-inclusive information society, and stressed how e-inclusion is fundamental to the economic and social goals of the i2010 Strategy.

In an address to the EU political assembly, the Committee of the Regions emphasised the responsibility of local and regional authorities in promoting education and training courses that are geared to the needs of socially disadvantaged groups. "Our local and regional authorities and administrations must provide leadership on pilot projects on the ground, which help to create a more inclusive and open society for innovation and modern technology".

[Click here for more information.](#)



➤ **Polish Information Processing Society celebrates World Information Society Day**

Under the patronage of the UN, UNESCO and the ITU, the Polish Information Processing Society recently celebrated World Information Society Day in an effort to reach the broadest possible audience of Polish society with information on the benefits and the threats of developing the

information society.

Commissioner Reding opened the celebrations with an address to the Polish Parliament on e-inclusion. CEPIS President, Niko Schlamberger also attended and presented the PTI award to Mr. Grzegorz Schetyna, the Deputy Prime Minister of Poland. Other issues discussed in events throughout the country include the cultural, psychological and social aspects of developing the information society, the challenges of new media, e-learning, and e-knowledge.

[Click here for the full article and photos from the Polish Information Processing Society.](#)



➤ Europe to implement European Qualifications Framework

In April, the European Parliament and Council formally adopted the European Qualification Framework, which aims to facilitate mobility and lifelong learning. The EQF is a reference framework that acts as a translation device to make it possible to compare qualifications from around Europe.

Based on learning outcomes, the EQF applies to qualifications obtained in education levels as defined under the Bologna Process. Member States who have signed up to the Bologna process are expected to relate their national qualification systems to the EQF by 2010.

[Click here for more information.](#)



➤ European Commission launches e-Inclusion Awards

The European Commission has launched the first ever e-Inclusion Awards competition to celebrate the best and most imaginative use of ICT to reduce digital and social exclusion. The awards are open to organisations in the public, business and voluntary sector or civil society. Nominated projects for the e-inclusion awards can compete for one of the following categories:

- Ageing well
- Marginalised Young People
- Geographic Inclusion
- Cultural Diversity
- Digital Literacy
- e-Accessibility
- Inclusive Public Services

The awards present an opportunity for you to enhance the profile of your Member Society and to raise the visibility of your initiatives in the e-inclusion domain on a national and European level. At the e-Inclusion Conference in December 2007 the Austrian ECDL Barrierefrei Project was selected as a good practice initiative under the Digital Literacy and Competences category, while other ECDL Licensees were noted in a [booklet](#) presented at the conference.

The deadline for the submission of projects is 12:00 GMT, 12th of September 2008.

[Click here for information on the Awards.](#)



➤ **UPGRADE new edition now available**

This edition "IT Governance" reviews the fashionable concepts and principles arising from corporate governance issues, including the need to align IT departments' practices with business goals. Also included you'll find an article on aspect oriented programming and a paper from the CEPIS Legal and Security Special Interest Network.

[Click here to download this edition.](#)

A list of upcoming editions can be found below:

- 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'

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➤ **Global Information Technology report released**

The World Economic Forum has released the Global Information Technology Report 2007-2008. Published for the seventh consecutive year with record coverage of 127 economies worldwide, the report has become the world's most comprehensive and authoritative international assessment of the impact of ICT on the development process and the competitiveness of nations.

[Click here for more information.](#)



➤ **ENISA: Quarterly Review available**

The first ENISA Quarterly Review magazine of 2008 is now available. The focus is on Resilience of Communication Networks with articles on critical CIIP, open infrastructures, and wireless communications.

[Click here to view this edition.](#)

EVENTS



[eInclusion: Digital Literacy Workshop](#)

16th June, Barcelona, Spain

This workshop brings together policy-makers, experts and practitioners in the field of digital literacy in order to explore key issues and problems, share information and experiences and contribute to ongoing intellectual, policy and practice agendas. The following three themes of particular relevance to digital literacy have been selected to provide a platform for discussion: content and delivery, motivation and sustainability, and usability and accessibility.

Julian Seymour will be speaking at this event on behalf of ECDL Foundation.

[Click here for more information and registration information](#)

[Pre-registration for European e-Skills Conference 9-10th October, Thessaloniki, Greece](#)

Implementing a long-term e-Skills agenda in Europe is of great importance within the renewed Lisbon Strategy. This conference brings together experts from government, industry, social partners and academia amongst others to discuss best practices, flagship projects and report on the progress of the five major action lines outlined in the EC Communication '[e-Skills for the 21st Century: Fostering Competitiveness, Growth and Jobs](#)'.

Pre-registration for the European e-Skills Conference is now open. Anyone interested in attending is required to pre-register and will receive notification of their invitation status by 1st of August.

[Click here to pre-register](#)
[For more information click here](#)

[Cyber Criminality Workshop: Realities and Solutions 19th-20th June 2008, Remich, Luxembourg](#)

Cyber Space has become part of our daily lives bringing with it not only great potential but also some risk. Organised by the Chamber of Private Employees of Luxembourg and the National conservatory of Arts and Crafts, this workshop will examine cyber criminality and its importance for economic activity in society today.

Experts from many different geographical and professional backgrounds will provide cutting-edge information on the benefits and risks of cyberspace and on the security of web-based communication in general. This workshop is ideal for managers, IT professionals, politicians, academics and civil servants.

[Click here for more information and the registration form](#) (available only in French).

Other events taking place soon:

- **10th June**
[Being open about standards?](#) Brussels, Belgium. Organised by Open Forum Europe.
- **11th-14th June**
[4th International Conf. On Distributed Computing in Sensor Systems](#), Santorini Island, Greece. Sponsored by: IEEE Computer Society TCPP, IEEE Computer Society TCDP.
- **16th June**
[e-Inclusion: Digital Literacy, Barcelona, Spain](#). Sponsored by: European Commission. Julian Seymour will be speaking at this event.
- **19th-20th June**
[Key Competencies: Skills for life 2008](#), London, UK. Organised by: ELfEL, National Institute for Adult Continuing Education.
- **23rd-25th June**
[14th International Conference on Concurrent Enterprising](#), Lisbon, Portugal. Organised by ESoNET, FCt and UNINOVA.
- **23-24th June**
[8th IFIP Intl. Conf. on Information Technology for Balanced Automation Systems](#), Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Sponsored by IFIP.
- **7th-10th September**
[20th IFIP World Computer Congress](#), Milan, Italy
Organised by: IFIP & AICA.

CALLS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



➤ [SECL 2008 Call for Papers](#)

The International Workshop on Ubiquitous ICT for Sustainable Education and Cultural Literacy scheduled to take place on the 6th and 7th of October 2008 in Finland, has launched a call for papers.

The topics of interest include eLearning, multi-cultural dialogue, globalisation and digitisation, Global University System, media literacy and eSkills. The closing date for submission of papers is 1st August 2008.

[For more information please click here.](#)



➤ [OpenOffice.org calls for proposals](#)

The OpenOffice.org Community invites potential speakers to submit proposals for papers for the OpenOffice.org annual international conference, [OOoCon 2008](#), to be held in Beijing, China from 5th-7th November. Submissions are welcomed in a wide range of areas including: The source and how to work with it, The roadmap beyond 3.0, Tools for development, Integration and localisation, QA, UI, and

development processes. The closing date for submissions is 20th June.

[Click here for more information.](#)

The logo for the Interactive Computer-Aided Learning conference, consisting of the letters 'ICL' in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

➤ **ICL 2008 calls for papers**

The Interactive Computer-Aided Learning conference 2008 has opened the call for papers for the following special sessions: [Computer-based Knowledge & Skill Assessment and Feedback in Learning Settings](#); [ePortfolio](#) and [Educational Mashups](#).

The closing date for submissions is 30th June. [Click here for more information.](#)

YOUR SUGGESTIONS



➤ **Your Suggestions**

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