

**Issue 7 (2009) August**

This issue brings you news of an opportunity to have your say on how the EU should modernise its ICT standardisation policy and a recent report on the outcomes of the e-Inclusion policy consultation. We also provide advance notification of the date of the Autumn CEPIS Council and Presidents' event (for Presidents of Member Societies) which takes place on November 19th as part of the CEPIS 20th Anniversary Celebrations.

Also included you'll find an overview of the Central and Eastern Europe IT Outsourcing Review, which focuses on the value of 'near-shoring' in the region, that was recently conducted by the Central and Eastern European Outsourcing Association.

In addition there are details of upcoming events and opportunities to take part in various calls for contributions.

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**CEPIS Council & Presidents' Event Nov. 19th – Mark the date in your Calendar!**

The **43rd CEPIS Council** will take place on November 19th in Brussels from 9:00 - 13:00. In the afternoon as part of the CEPIS 20th Anniversary celebration we will hold a **Presidents' meeting**, to which the President of each member society will be invited. Block the date in your calendar now – invitations to follow shortly.

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**NEWS****➤ CEPIS Council & Presidents' Event - November 19th**

Two CEPIS events will take place in Brussels on November 19th. The **43rd CEPIS Council will be held on the morning of the 19th from 9:00 to 13:00** and the **CEPIS Presidents' Meeting will take place that afternoon from 14.00 to 17.30**. These events will bring together the Presidents of CEPIS member societies as well as Past Presidents and invited guests who will reflect on CEPIS achievements over the past 20

years and provide an opportunity to discuss CEPIS strategy for the coming years.

Invitations to both the Council and the Presidents' event will be sent out shortly.



#### ✦ **Central and Eastern Europe IT Outsourcing Review 2008**

The research 'Central and Eastern Europe IT Outsourcing Review 2008' provides evidence of the rapid development of the IT outsourcing services market in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). The CEE region is becoming a significant player in the global outsourcing market as near-shoring is becoming more attractive than off-shoring to India or China. Customer's requirements and demands are becoming increasingly more sophisticated resulting in a shift from simple cost savings as a motivation, to appreciating the experience of outsourcing services providers and the efficiency of cooperation between client and provider teams. The advantages offered by the CEE countries, such as cultural compatibility with Europe and North America combined with relevant technical and business experience are of great value for clients.

One of the main objectives of the research conducted by the Central and Eastern European Outsourcing Association (CEEEOA) is to provide a holistic view on the potential of the CEE region as a global cluster for the provision of near-shore IT outsourcing for the Western European countries and for offshore IT outsourcing for the North American market.

[Please click here for more information](#)



#### ✦ **Public consultation on Modernising ICT Standardisation in the EU**

The European Commission has recently published the White Paper 'Modernising ICT Standardisation in the EU – The way forward' in which it acknowledges the need for reforms to modernise the EU ICT standardisation policy and to fully exploit the potential of standard setting.

A public consultation has been announced to invite comments from all interested parties on possible actions to implement these changes. Respondents are invited to answer as many questions as possible. Only one questionnaire per organisation can be submitted. The consultation closes on 15th September 2009.

[Click here for the online questionnaire](#)

[Click here for the White Paper](#)



#### ✦ **Publication of UPGRADE 2/2009: Graphic Information Systems**

The latest issue of UPGRADE is now available. This issue features an editorial article entitled 'Social Networks - Problems of Security and Data Privacy Statement' which consists of a position paper from CEPIS LSI SIN on Social Networks.

The monograph entitled 'Geographic Information Systems' (GIS) presents the so-called '(Geo)Information Society' in which GIS makes an invaluable contribution to knowledge of the environment and the consequences of people's interactions, giving rise to a significant improvement in decision-making.

UPENET (UPGRADE European NETWORK) includes an article from the Slovenian journal **Informatica** which identifies how advances in information technologies in the last two decades have helped to improve stock market efficiency. There is also an article from the British magazine **ITNOW** which provides explanatory descriptions of cutting-edge concepts of High Performance Computing.

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➤ **EC publishes report on the public consultation on European e-Inclusion Policy**

The European Commission has recently published a report on a public consultation launched on 4th March 2009 through the platform '[Your voice](#)'.

The consultation, which closed in April 2009, gathered opinions on the role of e-Inclusion in the next EU strategy on the Information Society which will follow the i2010 initiative. It also gathered opinions on possible supporting activities, programmes and partnerships with relevant stakeholders.

Results of the consultation show an overall positive view of European e-Inclusion policy. The key outcomes stress that digital competences and under educated people should be perceived as priorities for e-inclusion activities, while national and regional authorities and providers of public services are the most capable of introducing positive developments.

[Click here to read the report.](#)

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## MEMBERS NEWS



➤ **ATI Conference on Innovation and Quality of Software**

ATI is holding the XI edition of the conference on 'Innovation and Quality of Software' on September 3rd, 2009 in Madrid, Spain.

[Click here for further information and registration.](#)



➤ **8th European Conference on Digital Archiving  
April 28th-30th, 2010**

Schweizer Informatik Gesellschaft (SI) will host the 8th European Conference on Digital Archiving in Geneva from 28th to 30th April 2010. The conference has been organised by the Swiss Federal Archives together with the European Regional Branch and Professional Associations Section of the International Council on Archives (ICA).

Digital archiving has been a key issue for archivists for more than two decades. It has long been apparent that the rapid advances in information and communications technology are not only changing methods of archiving, but also call into question fundamental principles of archiving. In recent years, major investments have been made in research, resulting not only in new applications but also in extensive literature on the theory of archiving. A constant exchange of knowledge and experiences is needed more than ever, so that all European archives can successfully devise sustainable solutions for the future. This is the central theme of the Geneva Conference.

The conference will present a rich program for cross-professional exchange and discussion with plenary lectures, discussion forums and workshops. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet well known guest speakers, experienced professionals as well as promising young colleagues.

[Member Societies can also participate in this conference through sponsorship, click here for more information.](#)

[Please click here for more details on the conference.](#)



#### ✦ News from CEPIS Member Societies

This section is dedicated to news submitted by CEPIS Member Societies. It provides a means for Members to publicise important news and information and to share best practices. As the newsletter is distributed to 36 informatics societies across greater Europe it can serve as a valuable method to share and publicise the activities of your Society.

Members are invited to submit their contributions for the next newsletter by **Monday, August 24th**. Articles can be sent in a word /text document format and should be approximately 200 words in length.

**Members should note that commercial submissions, advertisements or articles unrelated to CEPIS member societies will not be published.**

Please send your contributions to [Fiona Fanning](#).

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## CALLS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



### ENISA seeks Permanent Stakeholders' Group members

A new call for Expression of Interest for membership of ENISA's Permanent Stakeholders' Group (PSG) has been announced. The PSG advises the Executive Director in, for example, the drawing up of a proposal for the Agency's work programme, and all issues related thereto.

Applicants should have proven abilities in the field relevant to the mandate of the PSG, as well as the ability to cover a wide range of expertise in ICT industry.

The mandate of the group will run from February 2010 until July 2012. Travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed. The closing date for applications is 30th October 2009.

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#### **Call for contributions for ENISA Quarterly Review**

ENISA has recently launched a call for contributions for the next edition of the ENISA Quarterly Review (EQR) covering the 3rd Quarter of 2009.

The call is open to contributions in all areas of Network and Information Security (NIS), including technical and policy development in NIS, reports from conferences, events or workshops about NIS, international developments in NIS, trends for emerging and future technologies and best practices.

Articles should be submitted by 31st August. Selected authors will have to submit final versions of articles by the 30th September.

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## **EVENTS**



#### **e-Challenges e-2009 Conference & Exhibition 21st-23rd October 2009, Istanbul, Turkey**

The e-Challenges e-2009 Conference & Exhibition will take place in Istanbul, Turkey, on 21st-23rd October 2009. The conference is co-sponsored by IEEE and is the 19th in a series of annual technology research conferences supported by the European Commission on applied ICT.

Delegates from leading commercial, government and research organisations are invited to share knowledge and experience through over 70 thematic sessions focusing on Networked Enterprise, eGovernment, eDemocracy, Collaborative Working Environments, Living Labs, eHealth, Intelligent Content, Technology Enhanced Learning, eInfrastructures and Security, Identity Management.

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#### **Other events coming up:**

- **20th - 21st August**  
[3rd IFIP Working Conference on Computer Aided Innovation](#), Harbin, China.  
Hosted by: Hebei University of Technology and The Department of Science and Technology of Heilongjiang Provincial Government.
- **24th - 28th August**  
[12th IFIP Conference on Human-Computer Interaction](#),

Uppsala, Sweden. Organised by IFIP. Sponsored by Microsoft Research, ANTRON, IBM research, Vinnova, Municipality of Uppsala, IT-arkitekterna, Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research

- **24th - 28th August**  
[The 7th joint meeting of the European Software Engineering Conference \(ESEC\) and the ACM SIGSOFT Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering \(FSE\)](#), Amsterdam, The Netherlands.  
Sponsored by: Sigsoft, ACM, Jacquard Software Engineering, NOW, INRIA, SIG, IBM Research, Google, NGI.
- **31st August - 2nd September**  
[Inclusion between past and future - AT from adapted equipment to inclusive environment](#), Florence, Italy. Organised by: AAATE, e-Inclusion Lab Florence.
- **31st August - 4th September**  
[17th IEEE International Requirements Engineering Conference](#), Atlanta, USA.  
Sponsored by: ABB, IBM, Cisco, Springer, International Requirements, AtlantaSpin, International Science Foundation.
- **2nd - 4th September**  
[International Conference on Semantic Systems](#), Graz, Austria.  
Organised by: Semantic Web Company, NewMediaLab, Corporate Semantic Web.
- **3rd - 5th September**  
[8th International Conference on Entertainment Computing](#), Paris, France. Sponsored by: CNAM, IFIP, ENJMIN, CNC, Cap Digital, ORANGE, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Université La Rochelle.
- **7th - 11th September**  
[TNT Conference: Trends in Nanotechnology](#), Barcelona, Spain.  
Sponsored by: Spanish Institute for Foreign Trade, Spainbusiness, NSERC CRSNG NanoIP/PIC.
- **10th - 11th September**  
[4th European Conference on Entrepreneurship and Innovation](#), Antwerp, Belgium.  
Organised by: Academic Conference International.
- **16th - 18th September**  
[International Conference on Quality Engineering in Software Technology](#), Nuremberg, Germany. Organised by: GI, Fraunhofer, Bayern Innovativ, Indian Testing Board.

