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In this issue you'll find notification of the special CEPIS 20th anniversary issue of UPGRADE published ahead of the Council and President's events later this month. Also we have news of the new European Directory for Women and Technology recently launched by the EC, a report on the development of National Qualification Frameworks in Europe, encouraging news from ICANN on Internet governance, and upcoming measures from the EU to improve cross border online shopping.

In addition you'll find a call from EQANIE for auditors to help with accreditation visits, and an update from BCS on several initiatives that they have recently launched.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Conrad Hotel in Brussels for the 43rd CEPIS Council and President's event on 19th November.

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European e-Skills 2009 Conference: Fostering ICT Professionalism

The European e-Skills 2009 Conference: Fostering ICT Professionalism, organised by the EC and the European Economic Social Committee in partnership with CEPIS will take place on 20th November.

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43rd CEPIS Council & President's Event

The draft agendas are now available for both the 43rd CEPIS Council and CEPIS President's event which will take place in Brussels on the 19th November.

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NEWS

CEPIS 20th Anniversary Issue of UPGRADE now available!

The special CEPIS 20th anniversary issue of UPGRADE is now available. It features the following sections:

- A monograph entitled **'20 Years of CEPIS: Informatics in Europe today and tomorrow'** which, in honour of the 20th anniversary of CEPIS, gathers contributions from throughout greater Europe to highlight both the unity and the diversity of the IT profession through regional perspectives and thematic areas such as skills, professionalism and the current state of the ICT industry.

  The guest editors of this monograph are Hon. Prof. Bob

McLaughlin (Queen's University Belfast, British Computer Society), Fiona Fanning (CEPIS Policy and Communications Executive) and Prof. Nello Scarabottolo (University of Milan, CEPIS Honorary Treasurer).

The UPENET (UPGRADE European NETwork) section features an article from the Cypriot journal Pliroforiki which synthesises the available literature and the recent trends in contemporary Computer-Supported Cooperative Learning scholarship, and an article from the Spanish journal Novática which analyses the new WCAG 2.0 Accessibility Guidelines published by the World Wide Web Consortium in December 2008.

The CEPIS NEWS section presents a position paper from the ECDL Foundation outlining why ICT infrastructure should be complemented by parallel investment in skills development.

The monograph of this issue will also be published in Spanish by Novática, issue 201 (September-October 2009).

Click her to view the special CEPIS 20th anniversary issue

✈ **Launch of European Directory for Women and Technology**

The European Commission and the European Centre for Women and Technology (ECWT) recently launched a new **online directory** that brings together all information on activities and jobs in the EU regarding women and ICT. Over 1000 stakeholders have already been invited to join this extensive resource directory.

As an active member of the ECWT, CEPIS was represented at the launch by Vice President Malgorzata Kalinowska-Iszkowska. The Directory combines the following three areas: technology, community building, and business and provides an overview of what is happening in the field across Europe as well as a platform to establish web-based collaboration in the field of women in ICT.

The directory is intended to significantly increase the scope for women to progress in the field of ICT both at a professional and educational level.

Click here to view the Directory for Women and ICT in Europe.

✈ **EQANIE – Auditors Requested**

EQANIE, the European Quality Assurance Network for Informatics Education (EQANIE), - follow-up to EURO-Inf project is seeking auditors to carry out EQANIE accreditation visits. Interested parties are invited to fill out the CV form below and email them to the **EQANIE secretariat**. Candidates should hold a leading position in academia or in industry/professional practice in one of the disciplines of informatics. Proficiency in the English language is also required, in addition to other languages. Experience in accreditation of informatics degree programmes will be considered an advantage.

Click here for the CV Form

Report: NQF progress in Europe

CEDEFOP, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, has recently published a report on the development and implementation of National Qualification Frameworks (NQF) across Europe. The report provides individual analyses of each country and includes information on lessons learned.

Click here to view the report

Global Breakthrough for Internet Governance, US-Owned ICANN Goes International

ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) has recently announced reforms that answer the European Commission's calls for more open and accountable global governance.
The proposed changes include a complete reform of ICANN on a global scale. Specific issues to be addressed include:

- The Internet is a global phenomenon and needs to be represented in the same way by such an important organisation as ICANN.
- Evaluation of ICANN will be performed periodically by panels from different governments and public authorities on a global scale, in relation to ICANN's external responsibilities.

The reform of ICANN is perceived in the EU as evidence that the US acknowledges and supports the Commission's continuing mission in improving global internet governance.

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European e-Skills 2009 Conference: Fostering ICT Professionalism

Friday 20th November, 2009

The European e-Skills 2009 Conference: Fostering ICT Professionalism is organised by the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee in partnership with CEPIS and other leading stakeholders. It will bring together experts from governments, academia, ICT industry, ICT professional bodies and other stakeholders.

The conference will address:

- The crucial importance of ICT Professionalism for the EU economy and society;
- The progress of the implementation of the e-skills strategy and projects;
- The road ahead for a coordinated strategy to foster ICT professionalism, e-skills and innovation for economic recovery.

The event will take place on Friday, 20th November 2009 at the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels. Participation at the conference is free of charge but by invitation only.

If you would like to participate, please complete the pre-registration form on **http://www.eskills-pro.eu/**.

60% of Cross-Border Online Shopping Orders Refused

In response to a recent study which indicates that 60% of cross-border online shopping orders are refused, the European Commission has published a Communication outlining new measures to improve the online cross-border shopping experience for the consumer.

Currently, the complex regulatory environment between the various Member States prevents the consumer from benefiting from a truly single digital European market. The Communication 'Cross-Border Business to Consumer e-Commerce in the EU' sets out a strategy for a simple, single set of rights for EU consumers, to boost consumer confidence through cross-border enforcement and also simplify cross-border rules and regulations for retailers.

Speaking on this subject EU Commissioner for Information Society and Media, Viviane Reding stressed that "Achieving a Digital Single Market is a top priority for Europe. We won't have a real Digital Economy until we remove all barriers to online transactions, also for end-consumers".

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CEPIS Council & Presidents' Event - 19th November

The agendas for the forthcoming 43rd CEPIS Council Meeting and the CEPIS Presidents' Meeting as part of the 20th Anniversary Celebration are now available in the Members Area of the CEPIS website (and below).

Please note the starting times of each event:

- The 43rd CEPIS Council Meeting will commence at 09.00,
- The CEPIS Presidents' Meeting will commence at 14.30,
- The CEPIS 20th Anniversary Dinner will take place at 20.00.

If you have not already registered, please do so using the links below. However, please note that, since the registration date has passed, we cannot guarantee accommodation at the Conrad Hotel.

Please click here to register for the CEPIS Council in the morning of 19th November

Please click here to register for the Presidents' Event in the afternoon of 19th November

Click here for the CEPIS Council Draft Agenda

Click here for the Presidents' event Draft Agenda

For any queries relating to your registration or the event please contact **Carol-Ann Kogelman**

CEPIS Newsletter Archive

Missed an issue of the CEPIS Newsletter? All previous issues in 2009 are now available in the Members Area of the CEPIS website.

Click Here to view the Archive.

MEMBER NEWS

New Initiatives from the New BCS

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, has revealed a series of new initiatives to enhance its value to its members, the IT profession, the academic community and the general public.

The new initiatives include:

- A new corporate identity, which adds the attribution 'The Chartered Institute for IT'
- A strategy for international expansion
- A more rigorous assessment for chartered status for IT professionals
- A new Academy of Computing
- A new BCS web site

David Clarke, Chief Executive Officer, BCS, Chartered Institute for IT said: 'Our goal is to transform the value we offer our members and other key communities. Over the next 12 months, we will introduce a wide range of new qualifications, products and services designed to do this.'

The Institute also unveiled a new strategy which will focus on five key objectives:

1. Bridging the gap between Education, practice and research
2. Giving IT practitioners the professional development and career support they deserve
3. Informing public policy on how IT can contribute to society.
4. Ensuring everyone benefits from IT
5. Championing the global IT profession

David continued: 'As a natural leader of the IT profession and a charity with a remit to encourage public understanding and inform public policy, we can make a real difference against these objectives.'

Thanks to Lynda Feeley, **BCS** for this contribution.

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, November 23rd. 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**.

CALLS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Call for Contributions: DISKOBOLOS Awards

JISA has recently launched a call for applications for this year's DISKOBOLOS Awards.

The call is open to applications in several different categories representing the use of ICT in business. These categories are Production, Design, Management, Social Services, Finance, Health, Education, Services, Web, Conferences, Broadcasting Programs, Publishing and Foreign Partners.

The closing date for applications is 21st November and should include a short description as well as the award category to which the application is submitted. Shortlisted candidates will be announced on 9th December.

The Awards Ceremony will take place on 22nd December in the Hotel Continental, Belgrade.

Click here for more information

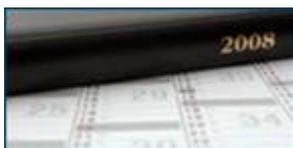### Call for contributions for ENISA Quarterly Review

ENISA has recently launched a call for contributions for the next edition of the ENISA Quarterly Review (EQR) covering the 4th 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 20th November. Selected authors will be asked to submit final versions of articles by the 20th December.

Click here for more information

EVENTS

Other events coming up:

- **18th November**
  Educating a New Generation of ICT Standards Professionals Conference, Brussels, Belgium.
  Sponsored by: European Commission, Enterprise & Industry.
- **20th November**
  International Round Table Conference, Brussels, Belgium**.** Organised by: European Society of Engineers and Industrialists, European Society for Engineering Education,

Council of Associations of long cycle Engineers of a University or a Higher School of Engineers of the European Union.

- **20th November**
  European E-Skills Conference: Fostering ICT Professionalism, Brussels, Belgium.
  Organised by: European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Council of European Professional Informatics Societies (CEPIS).

- **26th – 27th November**
  Final Conference GOODUEP project: Universities and Enterprises, Valencia, Spain. Supported by: Education & Culture DG: Lifelong Learning.

- **27th -28th November**
  IT STAR Workshop on Skills, Education, Certification: the Multi-stakeholder Partnership, Rome, Italy. Hosted by: AICA.

YOUR SUGGESTIONS

✈ **Your Suggestions & Contributions**

We welcome your suggestions on items for the newsletter or any additions or amendments to the website.

Member contributions to the newsletter are also always warmly received.

We also encourage you to distribute the CEPIS Newsletter further within your society.

Please send your thoughts, comments or requests to **Fiona Fanning.**