

**Issue 4 (2010) May**

In this issue we are pleased to update you on the 44th CEPIS Council meeting which took place in Bucharest last month. This meeting demonstrated interesting progress on all strategy areas and we encourage Members to engage by joining the Green ICT and Research Task Forces which you will find in the Calls for Contributions section. We bring you information about the Oesterreichische Computer Gesellschaft (OCG) proposal for a European Citizen's Initiative on Privacy Protection. We also congratulate former CEPIS Honorary Secretary, Dudley Dolan on his election to Chair of the new European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) ICT Skills Workshop.

Learn more about how to stand for office in the upcoming CEPIS Executive Committee Elections that will take place in November of this year, and the world-renowned 17th World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT 2010) taking place at the end of May, at which CEPIS President, Vasile Baltac will be a guest speaker. We also are delighted to announce that the Montenegrin society, Društvo Informaticara Crne Gore (DICG) is now a full member of CEPIS, bringing the total number of CEPIS Member societies across Europe to 36.

Included you'll find a recent report by the European Commission on Europe's Innovation performance during 2009, and INSEAD publishes its findings about e-competences in Europe. Two Serbian Information Technology Association (JISA) events will be taking place in June, and Europe Media Trainings are organising an interesting week in July to learn more about EU funding processes.

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44th CEPIS Council

The 44th CEPIS Spring Council took place in Bucharest, Romania on 10th April 2010. All related documentation, presentations and draft minutes are now available in the Member's Area of the [CEPIS website](#).

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CEPIS Executive Committee Elections 2010

At the Council meeting in Bucharest, it was announced that the CEPIS Executive Committee Elections will take place in November this year at the next Council meeting in Brussels.

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✦ **44th CEPIS Council**

The 44th CEPIS Council took place on April 10th in Bucharest, Romania. It brought together 37 participants from 24 countries across greater Europe. During Council, progress on the objectives outlined in the CEPIS Strategy Paper 2010-2013 were presented and discussed. This Strategy was previously reviewed and approved at the November 2009 Council and Presidents meeting and will continue to be a living strategy which will be periodically reviewed and adjusted to ensure CEPIS maintains an effective and relevant strategic direction. It has received broad endorsement at the last two Council meetings and the President remains open to suggestions on the strategy.

The CEPIS Executive Committee members presented on key areas which included skills, professionalism, education, green ICT, women in ICT and research. Council also approved the membership of the Montenegrin Information Technology Society (DICG), we look forward to welcoming them to the 45th Council, which will be held in Brussels. Member initiatives were presented including a proposal to have a pan-European citizen's initiative on Privacy Protection. Presentations about the activities of the Legal & Security Issues SIN, and the start up of the Software Quality SIN also formed part of the Council agenda.

All Council documents and presentations, along with the draft minutes are available in the Member's Area of the [CEPIS website](#).



✦ **CEPIS Chairs CEN ICT Skills Workshop**

It is with great pleasure that we announce the election of former CEPIS Honorary Secretary, Dudley Dolan, as Chair of the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) Workshop on ICT Skills. Mr. Dolan has extensive experience in this field and we are confident that he will provide strong leadership in forging new agreements to support the long-term European e-skills agenda and will strengthen the workshop by building on the work already achieved.

Mr. Dolan has been member of the CEN/ISSS workshop since the beginning, and prior to this new position had been successful as Assistant Project Leader of the End-User ICT Skills Framework Project. CEPIS offers congratulations to Mr. Dolan on this new appointment.

[Click here for more information about CEN](#)



✦ **CEPIS Executive Committee Elections – Start your election campaign now!**

The CEPIS Executive Committee elections will take place at the next Council meeting in November this year in Brussels.

As a member-led organisation, active participation by Member Societies is a vital part of ensuring CEPIS maintains and grows its relevance within the European Informatics arena and with the European Institutions. Five positions are available and Member Societies are encouraged to consider putting forward suitable candidates for these

roles:

- President Elect (one year as President Elect, two years as President, one year as Past President)
- Honorary Secretary (two years)
- Honorary Treasurer (two years)
- Vice – President: 2x positions (two years)

[Click here for the Executive Committee Election Guide](#)



✦ **CEPIS welcomes new Member society from Montenegro!**

The Montenegrin society, Društvo Informatičara Crne Gore (DICG) was unanimously approved to become a full CEPIS Member society during the recent 44th CEPIS Council meeting in Bucharest. The total number of Member societies in CEPIS is now 36.

We extend a warm welcome to DICG and are confident in their abilities to promote and preserve CEPIS' strategies in Montenegro and beyond.



✦ **How did Europe score on Innovation performance in 2009?**

The 2009 European Innovation Scoreboard (EIS) has recently been published by the Maastricht Economic and Social Research and Training Centre on Innovation and Technology and the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. This scoreboard provides measurements and evidence on trends in innovation performance within Member States across Europe. The EIS 2009 is based on 29 innovation-related indicators, divided across three categories.

Results show that Denmark, Finland, Germany, Sweden and the UK are all 'Innovation leaders', whereas Bulgaria, Latvia and Romania are seen as the 'Catching-up countries'. Since 2008 Cyprus, Estonia and Slovenia have steadily improved and have now progressed into the 'Innovation followers' category. In general the latest statistics show that Europe is lagging behind the US in innovation performance but is ahead of other countries, even China despite their rapid improvements recently.

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✦ **Two new ENISA reports now available**

ENISA has recently published two new reports that are now available for download. The first report is about the analysis of risks associated with a future air travel scenario, enabled with Internet of Things (IoT)/Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology. The report called 'Flying 2.0 - Enabling automated air travel by identifying and addressing the challenges of IoT & RFID technology' is available for download [here](#).

A further report, 'Priorities for Research on Current and Emerging

Network Technologies' ([PROCENT](#)) has also been published. This report is on a study that was carried out under the umbrella of ENISA by a group of experts who have identified five areas that impact resilience and that will require research over the next three to five years.



✦ **INSEAD eLab Report: Europe needs more e-competent skills to achieve Knowledge Economy**

The findings from a report on building Europe's supply of e-competences have just been published. 'Strengthening e-Skills for Innovation in Europe' prepared by the INSEAD for the European Commission provides an overview on how leaders of government, industry and academia are working to build Europe's supply of e-competent professionals.

The report describes the looming e-skills gap in Europe, and explains the three types of skills that according to INSEAD eLab, are required to boost competitiveness. The skills area of social integration is the largest and requires digital literacy.

Universities and industry have made significant efforts in building e-curricula to produce e-competent professionals. The report describes each sector in detail using real-life examples, and also provides a list of guidelines and success factors that indicate the e-competence curriculum has achieved its goal. An action list is also recommended so that governments, academia, and firms can continue to build their e-competences, and therefore lead the way to eventually creating a European knowledge economy.

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✦ **CEPIS sends message of condolence to Poland**

It was with shock and sadness that news of President Kaczynski's death was announced during the 44th Council meeting in Bucharest recently. On behalf of CEPIS, President Baltac expresses our sympathies to the Polish Information Processing Society and the people of Poland for this loss.



✦ **CEPIS Newsletter Archive**

Missed an issue of the CEPIS Newsletter? All previous issues in 2009 and 2010 are now available in the Members Area of the CEPIS website.

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✈ European Citizen's Initiative for Protection of Privacy

At the 44th CEPIS Council in Bucharest, a proposal was presented by Gerald Futschek from Oesterreichisches Computer Gesellschaft (OCG) for a European Citizen's Initiative on privacy protection. The data retention Directive 2006/24/EC obliges telecommunications providers to store all communication data for at least six months, and this has given rise to concerns on interference with the fundamental rights of European citizens.

OCG proposes that the following actions are needed:

- Recheck all relevant legal measures with respect to the adherence to the specified clauses of the European Convention of Human Rights.
- Repeal the Directive on data retention 2006/24/EC and replace this directive with a guideline that conforms to fundamental rights.

One million proposal supporters from at least nine European countries are required and computer societies from across Europe can become involved in this initiative.

A workshop to discuss this proposal, and determine what alternatives could be proposed to [Directive 2006/24/EC](#) will take place in Brussels in June.

If any Member societies are interested in this topic and the planned workshop please contact [Fiona Fanning](#).



✈ DIDAMATICA 2010

DIDAMATICA 2010, organised by AICA, is a successful annual convention to provide an extensive and in-depth review of IT applications in education, and in teaching and learning processes. This national event took place in Rome from 21st-23rd April this year.

More than 400 participants from Italian universities, schools, institutions, private education companies and industries attended the three-day convention located in Rome's University "La Sapienza". The intensive event programme included:

- Four plenary sessions dedicated to specific e-learning areas and knowledge assessment.
- Three acknowledged researchers as guest speakers.
- Two workshops organized by the Italian Ministry of Education.
- Five workshops dedicated to experience and application (e-learning methods and best practices, simulations, evaluation and testing of acquired knowledge and so on).
- 14 parallel sessions where authors presented their approved papers.

This event also opened up the debate surrounding the recent restructuring of the secondary school curriculum giving IT an increased role within schools.

DIDAMATICA 2010 was organised by AICA in cooperation with the Italian Ministry of Education and the three technical universities of Rome: La Sapienza, Tor Vergata and Roma Tre.

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✦ 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, May 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 [Carol-Ann Kogelman](#)

CALLS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



✦ Call for Participation: CEPIS Green ICT Task Force

CEPIS Members are invited to participate in the important work of the Green ICT Task Force. The topic of Green ICT is essential for Europe and its environmental sustainability in the future by lowering greenhouse gas emissions, and improving energy efficiency. CEPIS Honorary Secretary, Byron Nicolaidis, presented a [paper](#) on Green ICT during the 44th Council meeting.

The proposed aims of the Task Force include:

- To raise Green ICT issues to both the European Commission and European Institutions and to participate in all relevant initiatives and events;
- To increase the actions of Member societies in their countries in order to promote the ideas of Green ICT;
- To ensure that ICT professionals have the required knowledge to handle Green ICT issues and are capable to design solutions and operate systems in accordance with Green ICT rules;
- To mobilize the ICT product end-users to change their habits and to ensure that they purchase and use more environmentally friendly ICT devices that are compatible with Green criteria;
- Award enterprises or organisations that adopt and apply Green ICT measures;
- Promote the good practice of Green ICT by adopting a Green ICT certification or a Green ICT mark/sign.

Currently eight out of 36 CEPIS Member societies are represented on the Green ICT Task Force.

If you are interested in becoming a Green ICT Task Force member, please contact [Fiona Fanning](#).



✦ **Call for Participation: CEPIS Research Task Force**

The CEPIS Research Task Force is in the process of formation and members are invited to express an interest in joining. As presented by Vice President Malgorzata Kalinowska-Iszkowska at the 44th CEPIS Council the suggested work programme for the Research Task Force may include:

- A review of common research issues across Europe;
- Creating a list of issues and concerns affecting the area of Research to focus action on;
- Preparing reports expressing CEPIS' views on Research;
- Investigating how legal regulations may impact on ICT Research e.g. patent law, copyright levies, and intellectual property rights.

In order to achieve the above objectives along with other topics relevant to Member societies, CEPIS would like to call upon the vast wealth of knowledge and experience that all CEPIS members possess, to create a strong and committed task force.

Expressions of interest to become a representative on this new Research Task Force should be submitted by emailing [Carol-Ann Kogelman](#).

EVENTS



✦ **JISA Events taking place in June 2010**

The 9th South East Europe Forum of Information Communication Technologies ([SEFICT](#)) will take place in Hotel Excelsior, Dubrovnik in Croatia on 16th June. Presentations will be given on the following topics: healthcare, education, industry, banking, SME's, services, production, and government.

In addition, registration is still open to attend the [15th JISA Congress](#) which will take place on 13th-19th June, in Herceg Novi, Montenegro.

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✦ **IVI Summer Session Open Day 2010**

The Innovation Value Institute (IVI) will be hosting their annual summer session open day on June 2nd in the National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

This one-day event, 'Winning with IT enabled Business Innovation' will consist of engaging presentations by many speakers from around the world in the areas of:

- IT Business Alignment and Value Delivery.
- The Innovation Opportunity: How IT organisations can rise to meet the challenges of the 21st century.
- Addressing the skills gap: Training the next generation of IT managers.

Closing date for registration for this event is May 21st.

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FP7 European Summer Academy

This summer Europe Media Trainings is organising a week of intense training with experts in the field of EU funding projects.

This is a paid course that proposes to address types of funding as well as life-cycle of an FP7 project. Early-bird rates apply until 28th May. The Academy will take place for one week from 5th-9th July in Balatonfüred, Hungary.

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Other events taking place soon:

- **10th-14th May**
[WSIS Forum 2010](#), Geneva, Switzerland.
Organised by: ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP
- **20th May**
[Policy Development at ICANN Webinar](#), Online.
Organised by: ICANN
- **20th-21st May**
[Regions for Economic Change-Building Sustainable Growth](#), Brussels, Belgium.
Organised by: European Commission
- **25th-27th May**
[17th World Congress on Information Technology](#), Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
Supported by: European Commission, Spanish Presidency of the EU
- **31st May – 2nd June**
[IFIP CMS 2010](#), Linz, Austria.
Organised by: IFIP TC6, TC11; Upper Austrian Univ. of Applied Sciences; K. U. Leuven
- **1st-2nd June**
[2nd Annual Internet of Things Europe 2010](#), Brussels, Belgium.
Organised by: Forum Europe

- **1st-4th June**
[IRF Symposium 2010](#), Vienna, Austria. Endorsed by: BCS, Information Retrieval Specialist Group, PIUG, WON
- **2nd June**
[High Speed Internet for All](#), Brussels, Belgium. Organised by: European Competitive Telecommunications Association
- **2nd June**
[IVI: Summer Session Open Day 2010](#), Maynooth, Ireland. Organised by: Innovation Value Institute
- **2nd-3rd June**
[1st European Summit on Future Internet](#), Luxembourg Kirchberg, Luxembourg. Organised by: SNT, Chamber of Commerce Luxembourg, LuxInnovation, Luxembourg for ICT
- **2nd-4th June**
[EFMI STC 2010](#), Reykjavik, Iceland. Organised by EFMI, Icelandic Society for Information Processing, Fokus
- **7th-9th June**
[ISR Robotic 2010](#), Munich, Germany. Sponsored by: ITG-VDE
- **7th-10th June**
[EUSAR 2010](#), Aachen, Germany. Sponsored by: ITG-VDE

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 [Carol-Ann Kogelman](#).

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