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### CEPIS at the World Congress Forum on IT

On May 25-27, 2010, CEPIS presented at the World Congress on IT (WCIT), a bi-annual global event that gathers the foremost representatives of industry, government leaders, academics and IT associations from over 60 countries. The congress concluded with the adoption of the Declaration of Amsterdam.

CEPIS president, Professor Vasile Baltac attended the congress and delivered a keynote speech on IT professionalism & e-skills. He focused on key issues contributing to a more competitive and inclusive Europe, namely: the importance of IT professionalism and how it should be promoted, strengthening business-university cooperation and promoting e-inclusiveness by developing end-users' skills.

These statements were in line with the Declaration of Amsterdam which encompasses some values that are also particularly important for CEPIS such as: raising the level of IT professionalism, supporting e-inclusiveness, promoting green ICT and supporting women's engagement in ICT professions. The aim of the declaration is to direct the use of ICT to stimulate growth and address key societal challenges such as combating climate change, promoting global digital literacy and e-inclusion among others.

CEPIS welcomes the Declaration of Amsterdam and encourages its Members as well as other stakeholders to continue to work together to achieve a truly competitive and inclusive Europe.

### CEPIS Professionalism Characteristics and Benefits Survey

The concept of Professionalism has

been widely accepted as a key issue for CEPIS. Since 2007, the CEPIS Professionalism Taskforce has been engaged in a range of deliberations, consultations, and meetings to build the foundations for a coherent strategic approach to the topic. A new survey aims to outline the foundations of such an approach, by proposing a definition of Professionalism and elaborate the benefits of Professionalism.

**The survey offers an opportunity for all interested parties to comment on characteristics and benefits of Professionalism and to rank their importance.** This feedback is important to provide a validated position on the most important elements of Professionalism, based on the input of key European stakeholders.

Please follow this link to take the survey on-line: <<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P7XLF89>>.

Please return the completed version to Fiona Fanning <[fiona.fanning@cepis.org](mailto:fiona.fanning@cepis.org)>.

### The Digital Agenda for Europe has been released

The European Commission's 'A Digital Agenda for Europe' was published in May. The Agenda, once implemented, will greatly contribute to Europe's economic growth and to the new digital era for all European citizens.

Digital literacy, which has been strongly promoted by CEPIS, is also a key action in the Digital Agenda and is recognised as being a priority for future funding channels through the European Social Fund. This Agenda also calls on European national governments to develop long-term e-skills and digital literacy policies. Developing a European Framework for Profes-

sionalism by 2012 is also proposed along with promoting higher participation among young women in ICT related jobs and careers.

The principal goals of the Digital agenda will include the following:

- Create a Digital Single Market
- Boosting internet trust and security
- More investment in research and development
- Enhancing digital literacy skills and inclusion
- Apply information and communications technologies to address challenges like climate change and the ageing population

The main objective of the Digital Agenda is to guide Europe in the right direction to maximise the social and economic potential of ICT and create a successful and sustainable knowledge economy.

The Digital Agenda can be viewed at: <[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/digital-agenda/documents/digital-agenda-communication-en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/digital-agenda/documents/digital-agenda-communication-en.pdf)>.

### Software Quality SIN open to new members

The CEPIS Software Quality Special Interest Network (SQ SIN) has now been established. Its aim is to provide a network for experts from CEPIS member societies to work together to collect, analyse, coordinate and offer educational, professional and research expertise to relevant and interested European parties.

Recently the final experts who expressed interest in joining the SQ SIN have been accepted, and an infrastructure has been set-up for all participants via Google Groups. Google Groups will be the platform for communication and coordination of the SQ SIN

group and we encourage any CEPIS Members still interested in participating to please join the group.

If you are interested in participating please contact Fiona Fanning, <fiona.fanning@cepis.org>.

**CEPIS chairs 1st European Workshop on Computing and ICT Professionalism at CISTI 2010**

The CISTI 2010 conference was held in Santiago de Compostela from 16th-19th June. As part of this conference, CEPIS chaired the 1st European Workshop on Computing and ICT Professionalism (I EWCIP).

CEPIS was a co-organiser of the event, and Vice President Declan Brady also Chaired the ICT Professionalism session. The workshop aimed to be a meeting point for research and practitioner communities in Spain and Portugal as well as experts from the rest of Europe who are involved in professionalism initiatives in their respective countries.