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In this issue we bring you an update on the European e-Skills 2009 conference, organised by the EC and EESC in partnership with CEPIS. With your last chance to register for the CEPIS Council and/or Presidents Strategy meeting fast approaching, we remind you do to so before October 5th.

We also bring you news of an EC interim report on eSkills demand in Europe. Make your opinion heard by participating in the EC consultation for training professionals in Universal Design or the consultation on web copyright solutions for Europe's digital library.

Learn about the BCS transformation programme that has just taken place, as well as the ICS success in the Formula 1 technology awards. Also included you'll find the European Institute for Innovation and Technology's new draft work programme, upcoming events and much more.

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**CEPIS Council & Presidents' event –
Registration deadline**

The registration deadline for the 43rd CEPIS Council and Presidents' strategy event is October 5th.

[Register for Council](#)
[Register for Presidents Event](#)

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European e-Skills 2009 Conference

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

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NEWS

➤ **CEPIS Council & Presidents' Event - November 19th – Last
Chance to Register**

Two CEPIS events will take place in Brussels on 19th November. The 43rd CEPIS Council will be held on the morning of the 19th from 9:00 to 13:00.

The CEPIS Presidents' event will take place that afternoon and 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 to discuss the CEPIS strategy for the coming years.

CEPIS member society delegates are welcome to attend both meetings. Separate registration is required for each meeting.

Members are requested to register by 5th October 2009 at the latest, CEPIS is unable to guarantee a room in hotel or the rate listed above for any late registrations.

[To register for Council please click here](#)

[To register for the Presidents Strategy event please click here](#)



✈ **European e-Skills 2009 Conference** **Friday 20th November, 2009**

The **European e-Skills 2009 Conference** is organised by the European Commission and the European Economic 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 the of 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, November 20th 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/>.



✈ **New CEPIS Website**

The CEPIS secretariat is pleased to announce that the revised CEPIS website has gone live. The revamped site presents a dynamic and interactive public face of CEPIS. It offers RSS feeds of news as well as press coverage on relevant topics. The homepage incorporates images that automatically change to enhance the dynamic look and feel of the site. The 'Members' area' is more easily accessible through a link in the menu bar that is available from any website page. The Members' Area also contains a discussion forum, in which member societies can post topics of interest for discussion.

The 'Activities' section enables the present and past work of CEPIS to be easily located and showcases the range of activities in which CEPIS is involved, with video links embedded for some initiatives. The 'News'

section presents the highlights of member news and general news with a convenient, colour-coded events calendar to display member events or other events of interest. We hope that this refreshed website will provide a positive impression for site visitors and members alike.



➤ **Interim Report: e-Skills Demand Developments and Challenges**

An interim report of a study on the e-skills requirements of companies recently published by Empirica, on behalf of the European Commission, indicates that few companies are experiencing any shortage in ICT professionals.

The study examines the demand for ICT professionals, ICT user skills and ebusiness skills and explores whether companies are currently experiencing shortages in the supply of professionals, the strategies they are using to have the right e-skills in place, and what they see as the main trends in this area.

While the full report will be published in November, the interim report indicates that a quantitative shortage in the supply of ICT practitioners is mainly a concern for ICT service providers but not for ICT user companies. Businesses are not reporting any major difficulties with end-user ICT skills, despite noting the increasing demands on employees.

[Click here for more information](#)



➤ **EC Adopts Guidelines for Public Funding of Broadband Networks**

The European Commission has recently adopted new guidelines on the application of EC Treaty state aid rules to the public funding of broadband networks. These guidelines intend to be a clear reference for national governments and relevant stakeholders to enhance broadband deployment and contain specific provisions about public investments for the development of Next Generation Access networks.

[Click here to read the guidelines](#)



➤ **Harmonised web copyright solution needed for Europe's Multilingual Digital Library – Public Consultation**

Europeana, Europe's multilingual digital library currently offers 4.6 million digitalised products – more than twice the number of the items available 9 months ago – and has an ambitious target of 10 million digital products by 2010.

However, this digitalisation process still faces complex challenges and problems due to the lack of a harmonised web copyright legal framework, which impedes a great majority of books available in national libraries of Member States from being included in the Europeana digital library. A public consultation has been recently launched by the EC, and will run until 15 November 2009, to address the challenge of increasing the availability of digitalised books and

products through the Internet for a growing number of citizens within the EU territory.

[Click here to access the Europeana's website](#)

[Click here for the public consultation](#)



➤ **Managing IT for Business Value - National University of Ireland**

The National University of Ireland Maynooth has recently launched a Professional Diploma in Managing IT for Business Value, which will be held from 13th till 15th October 2009, in Ireland.

The course aims to teach IT senior managers how to enhance and manage IT business value in their organisation and include relevant lectures, case studies and practical strategies on IT budget management, IT business value management, IT capability management and IT business running.

CIOs and senior IT managers who need to quantify and understand the business value of strategic IT investment, as well as CEOs and CFOs are invited to enrol. The closing date for registration is early October 2009. For further information please contact [Sarah Hetherington](#).

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



➤ **EIT Publishes First Draft of Triennial Work Programme**

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) has recently published a first draft of its Triennial Work Programme 2010-2012, in which it announces its commitment to promoting a more dynamic innovation landscape in Europe as a key factor to achieving sustainable growth in response to global and societal challenges.

The Work Programme identifies the need to foster closer cooperation among the key actors in research, education, entrepreneurship and business across the innovation chain, in order to create new technology, new products, new processes, new business models, new jobs and therefore stimulate EU economic growth and competitiveness.

[Click here to read the full draft of the Triennial Work Programme](#)



➤ **Public Consultation for Training Professionals in Universal Design**

A CEN Workshop agreement (CWA) has been recently drafted by international experts from industry, academia, government agencies and civil society to recommend a curriculum for training ICT professionals in Universal Design.

The aim of Universal Design (UD) is to identify ICT products and solutions that can be used by all users regardless of their age, environment, skill level and which are also accessible to people with disabilities. For this reason, comments on the draft CWA are invited in

order to identify a specification of the UD curriculum which could take into account knowledge and skills needed by ICT professionals, as well as the conditions and context for a successful adoption of UD methods and solutions in future developments of ICT industry.

Comments should be submitted through the available [template](#) no later than 4th October 2009 to [Elizabeth O'Ferrall](#).

[Click here for more information](#)



✦ **Recommendations of the e-Inclusion i2010 e-Inclusion Subgroup on Future e-Inclusion Policy**

The final report of the meeting of the e-inclusion subgroup on future e-inclusion policy orientations has recently been published. The report represents a consensus of 26 delegates from 21 EU countries on future e-inclusion policy orientations.

The vision of the e-Inclusion subgroup is to enhance digital inclusion initiatives that focus on the use of ICTs to empower individuals and communities. A series of key actions to improve e-Inclusion have been identified: to improve ICT access and skills to stimulate greater use; to address the ageing trend by promoting ICT-enabled solutions and to enhance accessibility and personalisation for more equal and inclusive ICT markets.

The subgroup highlights the need for a better coordination and implementation of e-inclusion initiatives at central, regional and local level for greater impact. Finally, a stronger and more harmonized cooperation among stakeholders of the private and public sector, as well as of academia and NGOs is also particularly encouraged.

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

MEMBERS NEWS



✦ **The BCS Transformation Programme**

BCS has spent the last year researching and analysing how best it can contribute to the principles of its charter. This work culminated in the launch of a major transformation programme on 23 September. One of the many challenges was how to tackle the apparently orthogonal goals of increasing membership (now in excess of 70,000) across a wide spectrum of those using IT systems while at the same time gaining and keeping the respect of those professionals who design, develop and implement IT systems. Among a wide range of initiatives two stand out.

The new BCS will establish a wide range of new qualifications, products and services all supported by a [brand new website](#) offering simplified sign-up, subscription management, better industry-academia contact, state of the art knowledge-sharing and career development tools. The premier qualification is Chartered status CITP which will include a Certificate of Current Competence lasting for five years. Over 500 assessors have been recruited from the current CITP cohort and are being trained to ensure rigour in the process.

The BCS Academy of Computing set up in partnership with key

stakeholders such as CPHC (Council of Professors and Heads of Computing) will address how best to nurture continued ingenuity, inventiveness and innovation in computing, will endeavour to ensure the relevance of computing knowledge throughout the education, business and research sectors and engage with the public in order to facilitate informed debate about the roles computing should play in society at large.

Thanks to Bob McLaughlin, BCS for this contribution.



F1 in Schools – Technology Challenge won by Irish school

F1 in Schools, organised by the Irish Computer Society in partnership with Discover Science Engineering, is a unique technology challenge that enables second-level students to get their hands on the latest technology from the worlds of engineering and manufacturing.

This unique student challenge is the largest global educational initiative. The students use CAD/CAM software to design, build and test a model compressed air-powered balsa wood F1 car of the future and it takes place in over 30 countries around the world, with an estimated 14 million school children aware of this engineering challenge.

Saint David's Secondary School in Greystones, Ireland recently won the world championship for F1 in Schools, having previously won the Irish national competition.

[Click here to view the press release](#)

Thanks to Declan Brady, ICS, for this contribution.



3rd Regional ECDL Conference, Belgrade

The 3rd Regional ECDL conference, organised by SDI Slovenia, HIZ Croatia, and JISA is set to take place on Oct. 9th. This event is by invitation only.

[Click here for more information \(machine translated\)](#)



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, October 26th**. 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](#).

EVENTS



✦ Other events coming up:

- **12th – 13th October**
[3rd European Conference on Games Based Learning](#), Graz, Austria.
Supported by: eJournal of eLearning, goingtomeet.com, emapps, play think learn, Autodesk, ODELUCE.
 - **12th – 14th October 2009**
[International Multi-conference on Computer Science and Information Technology](#), Mr?gowo, Poland.
Organised by: PTI under the patronage of the Polish Minister of Science and Higher Education.
Supported by: Institute of Computer Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences (IPI PAN), IEEE, Systems Research Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences (IBS PAN), ATI.
 - **12th – 14th October**
[17th IFIP/IEEE International Conference On Very Large Scale Integration](#), Florianopolis, Brazil.
Sponsored by: IFIP, CEDA, SigDa.
 - **15th – 16th October**
[EduTech 2009](#), Florianopolis, Brazil.
Organised by: IFIP, VLSI.
 - **20th October**
[Heidelberg Innovation Forum](#), Heidelberg, Germany.
Sponsored by: HighTech Gruenderfonds.
Supported by: Wirtschaftsinformatik, inter alia
 - **21st - 23rd October**
[eChallenges e-2009 Conference and Exhibition](#), Istanbul, Turkey.
Supported by: the EC
Sponsored by TUBITAK and TuR&Bo ppp.
 - **29th – 30th October**
[The 8th European Conference on e-Learning](#), Bari, Italy.
Supported by: e-Journal of e-learning, elearningeuropa.info, ISWorld Publications, Emerald, ODELUCE, gurteen, European Council for Business Education, The Scottish online Journal of eLearning.
 - **9th – 12th November**
[The 4th International Conference for Internet Technology and Secured Transactions](#), London, UK.
Technically co-sponsored by: IEEE.
Supported by: sap, BT, Amazon, World Scientific, Infonomics Society, ICITST.
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