



WITSA Chairman's Message

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to begin by wishing you a very joyous and prosperous New Year!

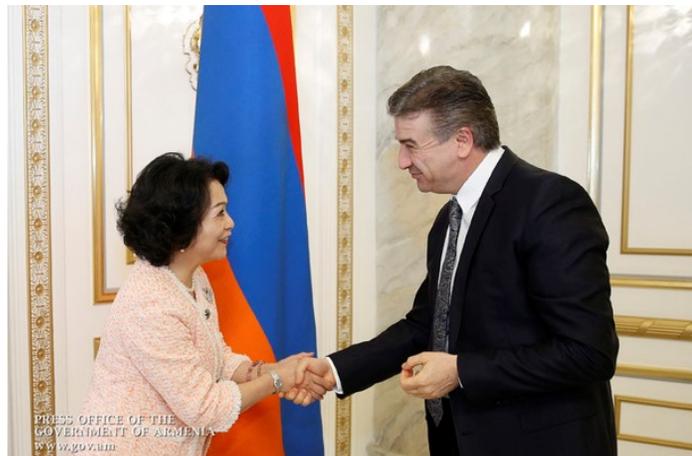
Since becoming the chairman of WITSA, I have a great deal of good news to share with you.

First and foremost, I am honored to serve in such a great organization. It is true that the WITSA network of members and stakeholders is one of a kind. The work being done to accomplish WITSA's vision of Fulfilling the Promise of the Digital Age by our members is truly inspiring.

Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to travel to many countries on behalf of WITSA. These countries include Japan, Nepal, Armenia, Brazil, Mexico, Vietnam, Malaysia, Switzerland, and the United States. Thanks to our WITSA members in these countries, I was able to meet senior government officials to include Prime Ministers and ICT Ministers as well as corporate executives and luminaries and university administrations and faculty and young students. I am especially appreciative of WITSA's long-time relationship with ASOCIO and its Asia Pacific members. WITSA partnered with ASOCIO to produce a world-class research report titled:

Reimagining the Digital Era-DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AGENDAS & INITIATIVES WITH THE ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIES. This report is available to all WITSA members and stakeholders.

As you know, ASSESPRO, Brasil hosted WCIT 2017 and CISA Taiwan hosted the 2017 World Congress on IT. I am very proud of these WITSA events and the outstanding staff and support they received. I wish to thank all of you who attended these outstanding congresses and sincerely hope everyone will come to Hyderabad for WCIT 2018.



Prime Minister of Republic of Armenia Mr. Karen Karapetyan _ WITSA Chairman Yvonne Chiu

As we move into a new year we are faced with many global challenges and opportunities. I look forward to another productive year. Thank you for your continued support. See you in Hyderabad!

Yvonne Chiu, Chairman





WITSA Secretary General's Message

The year 2018 marks WITSA's 40th Anniversary. Happy Anniversary to WITSA!

On behalf of WITSA's Secretariat and Board of Directors, I wish you and yours a very joyous New Year! I would like to begin by thanking you for your personal as well as organizational support of WITSA.

I am pleased to announce that WITSA finished the 2017 year with the best Balance Sheet in its history.

In an effort to enhance WITSA's communications with our members and stakeholders it is my pleasure to announce the launch of this monthly WITSA newsletter. We sincerely hope that you enjoy it.

Please send us your organization's announcements, news and other information you wish to be included in the newsletters.

As we look forward to the future, WITSA will continue to improve its global brand as the Voice of the ICT industry. WITSA will continue to produce Global Policy Position papers designed to facilitate the growth of our industry. Our World Congresses continue to be a great source of pride, not only for WITSA but our outstanding country hosts.

As you know, last September CISA hosted WITSA's 21st WCIT in Taipei, Taiwan with over 100 renowned speakers and over 3,000 delegates from around the world. Our upcoming WCIT in Hyderabad, India (February 19-21st) promises to be a spectacular event. Please do not miss this opportunity!

You are invited to participate in WITSA's newest program offering, Association Corner. This program offers association management advice and best practices.

Thanks to WITSA's Chairman, Yvonne Chiu, WITSA has opened an Asia/Pacific office in Taiwan. This office will support WITSA's activities in the region; focusing on upcoming WITSA World Congresses.

Once again best wishes and thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James H. Poissant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Dr. Jim Poissant
Secretary General
WITSA

WITSA's Global Public Policy Corner

[WITSA Calls for a Principled Approach to Privacy, Security and Data Protection](#)

The World Information Technology and Services today published a Statement of Policy on Privacy, Security and Data Protection, exploring a principled approach to balance fundamental information privacy rights with the equally important policy objectives of national security and data protection while maintaining the economic and social capability of digital information.

[WITSA Joins Global Industry Calling on Nations to Join the Information Technology Agreement](#)

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[New WITSA/ASOCIO Publication: Asia Pacific Economies Leading in Digital Revolution](#)

World Congress on IT

[WE GIVE YOU MORE REASONS TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL EDITION OF WCIT-NILF 2018!](#)

[The Giants are coming together at the special edition of WCIT-NILF 2018!](#)

[Hear Ravi Gururaj, Founder & CEO QikPod speak about #WCITIndia2018 #NASSCOM_ILF](#)

Member News

[SEPE BOD & 2017 WITSA Awards Greek Winners met with Greek President](#)

With the President of the Republic, Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos, representatives of the Hellenic Information Technology & Communications Association (SEPE) and the leaders of the Greek companies that excelled in this year's WITSA Global ICT Excellence Awards 2017 met at the Presidential Palace .

[Building a #Connectedsociety for the UK](#)

Our President, Jacqueline de Rojas, presents her vision for how we can build a #ConnectedSociety.

[U.S. Senate ForeignRelations approves Resolution Calling Attention to Ongoing Hostage Crisis inIran](#)

Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved [S.Res. 245](#), A resolution calling on the Government of Iran to release unjustly detained United States citizens and legal permanent resident aliens, and for other purposes, a Cruz-Leahy-Booker resolution that calls attention to the ongoing hostage crisis in Iran. Attached is a copy of the resolution.

[Inviting WITSA MemberDelegates to attend and participate at Bangladesh ICT EXPO 2017](#)

[Costa Rica: High note indigital economy but low in use and impact of ICT](#)

Costa Rica is one of the countries in the region better equipped to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the digital economy, but it obtains lower ratings in indicators such as the use of ICT by individuals, companies and governments , as well as economic and social impacts. social of these technologies.

[Ukraine & Big Data](#)

[CESSI, Argentina: Congratulations to all the new members of the board of directors](#)

[Malaysian companies do their nation proud at WCIT 2017](#)

[AITA Albania: "Finishing go-to-market plan](#)

[JISA, Japan: We display countdown timer at JISA's reception digital signage. Check it when you come JISA office.](#)

[PSC, USA: There is no shortcut. Read to learn. Experiment. #PSCBlockchain](#)

[ITAC & NASSCOM discussing ICT adoption, talent & start-up incubation in Mumbai](#)

[AESOFT, Ecuador: This 15 November #ALES2017 will bring together the most important leaders and industry experts services in order to promote competitiveness in Latin America](#)

[ICKosovo: Kosovo Entrepreneurial Ecosystem](#)

[INT@J Jordan: Industry and Government discusses ICT Plan](#)

[#PIKOM Deputy Chairman Ganesh Kumar Bangah is interviewed by Mikhail Raj, analyst and host of Biz Talk at Bernama News Channel. The prerecorded interview DFTZ, E-Commerce, Fintech, cybersecurity, Budget 2018 and much more.](#)

[ICKosovo: Breaking: Ministry of Innovation & Entrepreneurship will commit 9.5 Mil Euro in 2018 towards young innovators and #entrepreneurs of #Kosovo. Four new business incubators and innovation centres in #Prishtina, #Prizren, #Peja & #Mitrovica #GEW2017 @unleashingideas](#)

[The National President of @CANIETI, #mariodelacruz participates in the opening of the third national week of the #Ciberseguridad.](#)

[techUK: "We're All in It Together" - techUK Response to Internet Safety Green Paper](#)

[Chiletech: Inauguration water Lab @aguas_andinas @startupchile@imagine_cl](#)

Global News

[A global study finds several new categories of human jobs emerging, requiring skills and training that will take many companies by surprise](#)

The threat that automation will eliminate a broad swath of jobs across the world economy is now well established. As artificial intelligence (AI) systems become ever more sophisticated, another wave of job displacement will almost certainly occur.

[The real risk of automation: boredom](#) (World Economic Forum)

[A framework for improving cybersecurity discussions within organizations](#)

Clear and frequent communication is essential but often lacking in companies' cybersecurity programs. Here's how security professionals can create tighter bonds with some critical stakeholders (McKinsey & Company).

[EU-U.S. data transfer pact passes first annual review](#)

A year-old pact underpinning billions of dollars of transatlantic data transfers won a green light from the European Union after a first review to ensure Washington protects Europeans' data stored on U.S. servers.

[Commonwealth ICT Investment Forum 2017: partnerships to connect the next billion](#)

[i4j Book: Disrupting Unemployment](#)

The Future of work is the biggest challenge ahead of us. It will transform the whole economy in the next few years. What is the future of Paid Work? Employment? Education? Benefits? How will workplaces be organized? How will innovation create or destroy jobs?

[A Primer on Social Media Bots and their Malicious Use in U.S. Politics](#)

As the Internet careens into its mid-twenties it remains full of extraordinary promise for the people of the world. But we can no longer overlook very real challenges which have emerged.

[AfICTA: Congratulations to Africa ICT Personality Award Winner of the year Hon. Minister of Communications @HMAddebayoShittu @ngrcommtech #AfICTASummit2017](#)

[Trump Administration Tightens Scrutiny of Skilled Worker Visa Applicants](#)

The Trump administration is adding hurdles and increasing scrutiny in the employment-visa application process, making it harder for businesses to hire foreign workers, and companies and immigration attorneys are bracing for more changes soon. (Wall Street Journal)

Partner News

[UNCTAD Innovation: Entrepreneurs to discuss technology, innovation, how SDGs can be a valid business proposition, and which STI and public policies help/hinder their work](#)

The second Global Internet and Jurisdiction Conference of the Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network presents a unique opportunity to address one of the greatest global governance challenges of the 21st century: how national laws apply on the Internet.

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