WITSA Chairman Yvonne Chiu Delivers Speech at Digital Economy Forum 2018

On May 7, 2018, in Athens, Greece, WITSA Chairman Yvonne Chiu delivered a speech at the 2018 Digital Economy Forum, hosted by the Federation of Hellenic Information Technology and Communications Enterprises (SEPE). The speech, which addresses benefits and challenges facing the digital age can be found here.
[WCIT 2019] Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan received WITSA Chairman and Secretary General and emphasized the importance to holding #WCIT2019 in Armenia

PM underscored that the Government of #Armenia will make every effort to organize and hold it at a high level. @pashinyannikol#WCITArmenia2019 @armenia

Member News

CAN ICT Conference 2018: “Sustainable Development Goals for Smart Society”

[June 17 - 18, 2018 | Hotel Himalaya, Kupondole, Lalitpur] Federation of Computer Association Nepal (CAN Federation) is going to organize the 18th edition of CAN ICT Conference 2018, from June 17 to 18 at Hotel Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal. Main objective of the conference is to bring all stakeholders to a single platform to discuss about philosophical as well as technical perspective of use of ICT to improve transparency,
accountability and effectiveness of public institution and increasing effective participation of people in the decision making. The main objective of the conference is to aware stakeholders and create plan of action about the use of ICT for making smart society with the aim to reach Sustainable Development Goals.

PSC: More signs pointing to AI's growth in the U.S. federal market
Professional Services Council (PSC): More Signs Pointing to AI's Growth in U.S. The Federal Market. Read this month’s column by PSC CEO David Berteau. Last week's White House summit on artificial intelligence (AI) is an encouraging sign of American government and industry working collaboratively to advance this transformative technology. America's defense leadership also grasps the critical importance of harnessing the power of AI for national security.

AIIA: NSW iAwards Gala Dinner
Join us at the NSW iAwards Gala Dinner as we announce the 2018 NSW iAwards winners and merit recipients and celebrate 25 years of the iAwards.

ITAN: INDO-AFRICA ICT EXPO 2018
The recently concluded INDO-AFRICA ICT EXPO 2018, A collaboration between India PPP and Nigeria PPP held in Nigeria at the Eko Hotel & Suites, Lagos 22nd &23rd of May, 2018.
**CESSI: Federal meeting of the Argentine software industry**

We are happy to have achieved between Cessi ArgenTIna and the entire network of entities, poles and clusters of the country a shared federal vision for the next 12 years to employ 500,000 people in the software industry and lending our exports and market by 2030, and thus achieve a substantive contribution to the knowledge economy and to all productive sectors enabling Argentina with greater social progress and inclusion.

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**techUK's Cyber Campaign Week**

May 17 sees the launch of 'Cyber in the Digital Economy'; techUK's flagship cyber security conference. To coincide with #techUKCyberDE, this week we are celebrating how cyber security underpins the digital economy through our 'Cyber Campaign Week' - a series of blogs, articles and opinion pieces that highlight the importance of cyber security to our digital economy.

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**Camtic Develops Specialized ICT sales program**

To improve efficiency in sales, the Chamber of Information and Communication Technologies of Costa Rica (CAMTIC), together with the international consulting firm FranklinCovey, developed a sales program focused on the digital sector. The specialized consultative sales program for the digital sector consists of three modules, which can be registered independently.
**SGTech Community Comes Together at Meet-the-Members Networking Evening**
On 14 May, over 100 SGTech members gathered together for an evening of networking at SGTech's bi-annual Meet-the-Members event, held at The Meeting Point @ Launchpad, One North.

**P@SHA signs MOU for IT Tower with TDAP**
The MOU was signed by Secretary General P@SHA Shehryar Hydri & Secretary TDAP Inamullah Khan. The 4 year expansion will not only develop a high rise IT Tower with 20+ floors but will also have 9 massive expo halls & inbuilt auditoriums.
AGEXPORT holds private public dialogue to advance the process of generating employment opportunities in Guatemala

**ExpoChiletec Digital Transformation 2018: Artificial Intelligence and Big Data**

June 12, 2018: ExpoChiletec, an event organized by Chilettec with the support of CORFO, seeks to deepen the concepts of Artificial Intelligence and Big Data, through international experts: Martin Hilbert, Professor at the University of California Davis and Fabio Scopeta, Director of Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence at Microsoft Latin America, in addition to these powerful experts, we will show success stories of companies.
UN Broadband Commission brings solutions for connectivity for all
The Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development 2018 Spring Meeting held in Kigali, Rwanda, brought together 34 leaders from government, industry, international organizations and academia, to address that very question.

Living in Times of Digital Uncertainty: Are Control and Trust Compatible?
We live in times of uncertainty, where it is often difficult to know who manages our data, for what purpose and to what end. ISOC’s 2017 Global Internet Report highlights people’s hopes for the future of the Internet, but also growing fears regarding uncontrolled expansion of the Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI), the growing role of Internet platforms in our lives, and the risks of being victims of hacks or cyberattacks.

2018 Internet Trends Report
As of 2018, half the world population, or about 3.6 billion people, will be on the internet. That’s thanks in large part to cheaper Android phones and Wifi becoming more available, though individual services will have a tougher time adding new users as the web hits saturation.
Despite societal calls for greater inclusion in the workplace and the proliferation of assistive technologies, 80 percent of Americans with disabilities remain left out of today's workforce. In response to this staggering employment crisis, SourceAmerica and the National Council of SourceAmerica Employers launched the Social Enterprises of the Future initiative to address barriers to employment, impact meaningful change and expand work opportunities in collaboration with people with disabilities.

**Top 10 Actions to Drive Workplace Gender Equality**

A new McKinsey Global Institute research—The Power of Parity: Asia Pacific—finds that if Australia were to match the progress that faster-improving economies are now making on these issues, it could add nearly $300 billion a year to its GDP, or 12 per cent, by 2025.

**Why Ghana’s Clam Farmers Are Digging GPS**

A growing number of research groups and international aid organizations are rolling out software aimed at making it easier for anyone with a tablet or smartphone to accurately map community-held land and record basic information about its proprietors.
What Brings Us Together: The OECD Forum and International Co-operation

[Paris, May 29 - May 30] Asking the question “What Brings Us Together”, OECD Forum 2018 will examine the challenges of international co-operation: why does it matter more now than ever? Some may see multilateralism in a distant and self-serving light. The OECD Forum will explore the changes needed to overhaul a system developed in the 20th century, in order to adapt to the challenges and opportunities of a 21st century, digitalised world.

OECD Report: The Triple Challenge: Inequality, insecurity and immobility in a globalized world

Globalization has driven worldwide change over the past four decades: change that has benefited many but disrupted and disadvantaged others. Tim Costello, former chair of the C20 during Australia’s presidency of the G20, explores the global context of this contradiction and considers how policy makers can respond to help realize every citizen’s aspirations.


Emerging technologies have potential to bring considerable economic benefits but entail disruptive adjustments and require ambitious policies for the future world of work.

Partner News

New ITU Pilot Project for SMEs

As you may have seen from our new April 2018 WITSA News, WITSA has undertaken a close relationship with the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) through a new Memorandum of Understanding. We also recently published an article in ITU News entitled “How to foster digital transformation to support small and medium sized enterprises”.

As engaging with SMEs has become a top priority for the ITU this year, culminating at the ITU Telecom World in Durban, September 10-13, we wanted to alert you to their new SME pilot project, which aims to foster global SME success and leverage the expertise of SMEs, especially from emerging markets, to contribute to the work of the ITU. Every year at ITU Telecom World, ITU helps to scale the success of SMEs by giving them a platform for visibility and networking opportunities. The goal is to increase SME participation in select ITU Study Groups and to strengthen the technical knowledge of SMEs, with special attention to those from developing countries, and to offer tangible benefits for participating SMEs.

We kindly request your help by informing your members of this opportunity. More information about the pilot is available here. If your SME members would like to get involved in the work of Study Groups in the new ITU Pilot Project, they can email ITU directly as follows:

For ITU-T study groups: ITU-Tmembership@itu.int
**Why is the 2018 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference Important?**

[Dubai, Oct. 29-Nov. 16, 2018] The International Telecommunication Union’s (ITU) Plenipotentiary conference (Plenipot or PP-18) is the main decision-making body of the ITU from an administrative, budgetary, and operational perspective. It is an international treaty conference where government delegations represented by Member States negotiate two of the ITU’s primary basic treaty instruments of the: the Constitution and the Convention (CS/CV). The Plenipot proceedings provide overall strategic and financial guidance to the ITU for the following four years, and they discuss key Resolutions that have policy and substantive interest and impact for all stakeholders. The discussion at the Plenipot will focus on key substantive matters of interest to ISOC’s community:

- Cybersecurity
- IOT
- Access issues
- Internet Governance

For more information on Plenipotentiary, see also ISOC’s detailed [Background Paper on Plenipotentiary 2018](#).

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