



ICCP congratulates the constituent and affiliate societies on their achieving 30 years of continuous support of all professionals in the global information arena

ICCP will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary in San Antonio, Feb 21-23, 2003 and invites all professionals, members past, present and potential to join us to celebrate this event. We hope to recognize some outstanding ICCP members during this event.

During 2001/2002, the ICCP Board made a commitment to improve and the following is a report to the members about the significant activities undertaken and completed:

Test bank and software:

Almost all examinations are now in excellent shape and the test bank is an asset valued at over US\$6.5 million. A test banking software application has been written, by John Whitehouse Jr. CCP, which is of great interest to universities, colleges and testing bodies. We will commence sales of this product in 2003.

Examinations:

Two new examinations have been developed, tested, reviewed and deployed: Object Oriented Analysis and Design and Visual Basic. Java (2003) and Internet Technologies (2003) are well underway. Three new examinations are being developed in partnership with DAMA: Data Management, Database Administration, and Data Warehousing.

Sales and Marketing:

A thirty percent increase in examination sales were delivered in 2001 and aggressive sales targets were set for 2002.

In 2002, the ICCP developed and implemented a new proctoring system in concert with the AITP, CIPS and other affiliate and constituent societies.

We continue to deliver examination review courses and tests at Comdex shows, AITP conferences, DAMA conferences and CIPS conferences. If your society would like us to partner with you on your national conference, please let us know.

Our marketing in specialized print media is effective, though highly selective.

A list of holders' companies has been prepared and is absolutely of the highest quality you could hope to achieve, in any global organization.

The number of universities and colleges using the ICCP tests as outcome assessment of program quality has increased.

Value Statement:

A new document on the value of working with and hiring CCPs was developed and is available for download for all holders to use in their value assessment and marketing of themselves to potential employers.

Immigration and Professionalism:

The ICCP works closely with the Federal Government, and lawyers to ensure that new immigrants admitted into the USA have professional credentials in I.T. especially if they are 01-visa applicants.

The US State Department now uses the ICCP examinations to credential, and promote I.T. professionals in their ranks working in many different countries.

The ICCP examinations are listed on the Dantes websites as financially supported tests and we get continual requests for information from the military. US armed forces veterans can now get financial support for taking ICCP examinations.

Students and adults wishing to earn degrees can do so by taking our examinations and earning college credits.

Infrastructure and Resources:

The ICCP's textbook: Examination Review Outline has been completely updated, including all the textbook references and is now being re-titled as "ICCP's Complete Guide to Professional Computing".

A new computer and paper based test delivery system has been implemented, while saving the ICCP significant dollars in service costs from its previous test delivery service.

The computers, telephones, internet links, and network at ICCP headquarters has been upgraded and new VPN links are being established to allow a more professional approach to business and virtual teams.

The ICCP website has gone through a total overhaul. The new website is now 95% complete. A holders'-only database is being ported to a secure Internet server and holders will be able to find other holders. A holders' discussion database is being considered for relevant issues.

A new FAQ site on certification issues is being developed and will be implemented later this year.

Volunteers:

The ICCP has seen an increased activity of its board members, and revitalized the ICCP board committees. Each board meeting is particularly active and results in observable outcomes with a significant "actions list".

The Certification Council in particular has done outstanding work in the last two years and has increased its ranks with highly qualified individuals.

For more information please visit: www.iccp.org

The ICCP would like to thank the constituent societies for having the foresight to establish the ICCP and the AITP in particular which gave us our first examination, and we will do our best to meet the needs of all our constituent societies.

In 1973, the ICCP was initiated on the base of (AITP) DPMA's CDP (Certified Data Processor) program, after which the ICCP developed the CCP (Certified Computer Programmer). In 1985, ASM amalgamated their CSP (Certified Systems Professional) with the ICCP, at which time the ICCP developed the Recertification Program for all active members. In 1986, the ACP (Associate Computing Professional) was developed to assist student members, new college graduates and new entrants in the field of Information Technology, achieve professional certification. In fighting against the tide of spaghetti certifications in the 1990's, the ICCP consolidated into a single designator, CCP (Certified Computing Professional), while protecting the rights of CDP, CCP (former), and CSP holders.

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