

Press release - New officers in IFIP

IFIP, the International Federation for Information Processing, announces that on 26 September 2010, mr Leon Strous (right) from the Netherlands, took over from professor Basie von Solms (left) from South Africa as the new President of IFIP for the period from September 2010 to September 2013. The change of presidency took place at the end of the General Assembly meeting in Brisbane, Australia, following the very successful IFIP World Computer Congress (WCC) 2010.



Among a number of other changes in officers at the General Assembly, IFIP specifically wants to mention the change in Honorary Secretary. After eleven years of hard work in this task by dr Roger Johnson from the UK, this role is now taken over by professor Maria Raffai from Hungary. IFIP thanks all the outgoing officers for their contributions.

Upon his installation the new president expressed his gratitude for the trust that IFIP has put in him for his term as president and he is looking forward to an active relationship with all the member societies and their representatives, the technical committees and their working groups and all other volunteers involved in IFIP.

IFIP in its jubilee year is looking back at a history of 50 years but is certainly also looking forward to the future. Changes that have been started some years ago will be continued in order to adequately react to changes in the world. For some views of the new President, addressing the five strategic goals of IFIP, see

- ITU interview: <http://www.itu.int/net/newsroom/wtdc/2010/videos/index.aspx>
- The next ten years: <http://www.ifip.org/images/stories/ifip/public/Archive/50thanni/c01-strous-the%20next%20decade.pdf>
- See also the [transcript of the tele-interview of mr Strous with Stephen Ibaraki](#) in September 2009.

About the new president

Mr Strous is an IT Auditor employed by De Nederlandsche Bank, which is the Dutch central bank. He has been a Vice-President of IFIP from 2007 – 2009 and the President-elect from 2009 – 2010. From 2001 – 2007 he has been the chair of IFIP's Technical Committee 11 covering the aspect of Information Security. He is the national representative in IFIP for the Dutch Computer Society (NGI).

About IFIP

The International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) is a non-governmental, non-profit umbrella organization for national and regional societies working in the field of information processing. It represents societies from 55 countries and geographic regions who together have a membership of more than 700.000 individuals. IFIP organises about 100 conferences annually and links more than 5.000 scientists and professionals from academia,

government and industry in 13 Technical Committees and about 100 Working Groups. See www.ifip.org

The new composition of the Executive Committee and also a full overview of all member societies and technical committees and working groups can be found on

- http://www.ifip.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=17&Itemid=39
- http://www.ifip.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=15&Itemid=36
- http://www.ifip.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=38