The big questions: ICT, ethics, social responsibility, and corporate social responsibility

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working group on social accountability and ICT (WG9.2)   http://ifipwg92.org

Friday 10th February 2017 10 00 am - 17 00 pm
Saturday 11th February 2017 10 30 am - 15 00 pm

Event is self-paying.

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With many thanks to Professor Emilio D'Orazio, Director of *Politeia*, we are once again welcome at the *Politeia* headquarters at the University of Milan!

The two-day workshop will be organised so that Day 1 focuses on presentations whereas Day 2 concentrates more on planning for the work ahead.
By Friday 27th January 2017 at the latest kindly send a confirmation of your attendance to Diane WHITEHOUSE (working group chair) diane.whitehouse at thecastlegateconsultancy.com, with the title of your short presentation (whether PowerPoint-based or not) and a 100-word abstract of its content.
If you would like to attend without presenting, please flag that up too.

Overview

Business ethics, corporate social responsibility, and professional conduct: all are facing considerable challenges in today's so-called post-fact and post-truth environments. Yet a strong and committed moral framework is probably more needed than ever.

What do these challenges mean for ICT companies and other companies, authorities and organisations providing ICT-based services; computing-related professional associations; research and teaching institutions; and not-for-profit organisations and associations?

Do the classic solutions e.g., codes of conduct and behaviour; training and education; pressures from citizens' organisations in attempts to ensure social responsibility; and accreditation/certification continue to offer appropriate solutions? Are new models and new approaches needed?

Are their particular matters of concern for the **globe as a whole, the environment, and sustainability**?

This meeting will encourage:

- **Short presentations on topics of concern** to working group members, associates and friends - from a range of organisational settings; research projects; and national/regional contexts. Presenters can select any domain of technology of particular interest to them e.g., Internet of Things, big data, cloud computing or any field of organisational concern e.g., health, education, services, commerce. They might also choose as their topics the classic topics covered by this working group i.e., User and IT professional education and awareness; Social consequences of future technologies; Ethical, legal and regulatory issues; Privacy and confidentiality; Inclusion, access for all, and choice; Equality in system relationships.

And also, on a more targeted basis:

- **In-depth discussion about next steps**, in terms of the working group's events and activities; need for a new Chair of the working group as soon as possible!
- **Insights into next possible steps for IFIP's Human Choice and Computers conference (in 2018)** and where the work of working group 9.2 might fit in a track or theme.

Background on the co-organisers

IFIP's working group 9.2 on social accountability and computing has always sought to provide an international forum for assessing the social consequences of ubiquitous ICT and its applications and to promote the safe and socially beneficial development and use of ICT. As part of IFIP working group on social accountability and ICT, we are organising our next meeting at *Politeia* in Milan, Italy in mid-February 2017.

Politeia (the Centre for Research and Training in Politics and Ethics) was established in 1983 for the analysis of decision processes in complex societies with the goal of promoting a critical public culture, influenced by criteria of efficacy, efficiency and social justice.

Details of nearby hotels

There will be no specific workshop hotel. Please use these hotel details to book your own hotel room. At a walking distance from the University, there are several appropriate hotels:

- Best Western Hotel Ascot Hotel, Via Lentasio 3, Milano Centro, 20122 Milano, Italia
- Hotel Romana Residence, Corso di Porta Romana, 64, Milano, MI, 20122, Italia,
- Hotel Canada, Via Santa Sofia 16, Milano Centro, 20122 Milano, Italia
- Hotel Lloyd Hotel, Corso di Porta Romana 48, Milano Centro, 20122 Milano, Italia
- Hotel Zurigo, Corso Italia 11/a, 20122 Milano
- Hotel Brunelleschi, Via Flavio Baracchini 12, Milano, MI, 20123, Italia.