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2003年是香港充滿挑戰的一年。一方面，經濟低迷，另一方面，三月份「非典型肺炎」病毒襲港，整個社會都不幸被波及。互聯網專業人員協會在此困難時刻，運用我們本身的資源和網絡，為打擊「非典」盡一分力，與此同時，本會能繼續茁壯成長及發展，實感欣慰。

本會去年新增會員逾一百名。iProA現有會員共五百三十二位，其中有選舉權的會員佔112位。 從2004年開始，iProA有四年以上資訊科技經驗的選舉會員，在立法會功能組別選舉中的資訊科技界有選舉資格。

去年，本會由十八人的理事會領導，並透過由四十二位義務會員組成的執行委員會及其轄下十八個小組委員會和興趣小組，以及三名全職職員推行工作。

2003 年度工作報告

本會在 2003 年度會務的一些主要工作如下：

- 在香港對抗『非典型肺炎』期間，本會發起『擦亮香港大行動』，主辦『資訊科技與健康論壇』，及參與『網絡關懷行動』
- 本會會員在立法會資訊科技功能組別選舉中獲選舉資格
- 透過推行『網絡無障礙行動』，及與22個國家發動『數碼無隔膜國際聯盟』，在建立數碼資訊社會和縮窄數碼隔膜方面創新領域
- 積極參與聯合國『國際信息社會世界高峰會』及『世界信息峰會大獎』
- 成功舉辦『聯大互聯網科技博覽2003』，以提高新一代互聯網人員的專業水平
- 積極為政府與各社區團體擔任諮詢委員及為資訊科技政策提供意見
- 舉行共28個免費『提升個人能力工作坊』以增加會員的個人競爭能力及
- 為向大眾推廣資訊及通訊科技，本會特意於27 間公共圖書館舉辦了共28 個互聯網講座

前瞻

本會關注及正視消除數碼隔膜，我們致力透過積極和直接的行動縮減數碼隔膜。我們相信，資訊及通訊科技 (Information and Communication Technologies, ICT) 可以為人類提供機會，以解決問題、加強商業發展、縮減貧富懸殊，以及為我們的下一代建設更美好的世界。我們體會到ICT專業人士與非技術人士之間的數碼隔膜，及非技術僱主與技術僱員之間、ICT 服務供應者與使用者之間、ICT 業界與其他行業之間等的隔膜，本會為ICT專業人士與政府、非IT業界、社會組織、公司間的溝通及聯繫扮演重要角色，並為彌補這些隔膜和障礙提供資源和支持，促進彼此之間的有效溝通和合作。

我們鼓勵ICT專業人員闖出封閉的技術世界，多些投入社會，去學習、了解和溝通，去應用、感受和關心人類與我們的社會。過去一年，我們以行動實踐了對社會的承諾，積極達成我們的使命。

身為這個充滿動力與活力的群體的一分子，見證本會在過去四年內的快速發展，並有機會與一群富責任感和勇於承擔的專業人士一同義務工作，我深感榮幸。

我在此謹感謝協會所有理事會成員、執委會成員、各小組委員會成員和職員，在過去一年來對協會所作的努力和貢獻。亦衷心感謝支持我們的會員、義工、合作夥伴及朋友。我深信，本會將一如以往，積極凝聚商界公司、公共機構和個人的力量，攜手建立一個真正的數碼共融社會。

The year 2003 was a year of challenges for Hong Kong. It was a time of economic downturn, and the community was shaken by the outbreak of SARS in March. We are pleased to report that iProA was able to mobilized its own as well as its network of resources to contribute to the fight against SARS, while the Association has continued to grow and develop with success despite the adversity.

More than 100 new members have joined iProA over the past year. iProA now represents 532 professionals, including 112 voting members. Starting from 2004, voting members of iProA with 4 years of IT experience are eligible voters of the IT Functional Constituency of Legco.

In the past year, iProA was operating under the leadership of 18-Members of Council and through operate through the 18 working committees and special interest groups (SIGs) of our Executive Committee, which consists of 42 volunteer members, consisting of 42 volunteer Executive Committee Members and 3 full time staff members.

2003 Major Events

Major achievements of the Association in the year 2003 include:

*   Contributed to the fight against SARS through initiation of the "BrightenHK Campaign", organized the 'IT in Health Forum', and participated in the 'Net Care Campaign'
*   Successfully applied for the eligibility of our members as voters of the IT Constituency in the Legislative Council elections
*   Contributed to the building of a digitally inclusive information society and bridging digital divide through constructive direct actions through the Web Care Campaign, and founded the 'Global Alliance for Bridging the Digital Divide' (GABDD) with participation from 22 countries
*   Participated in the United Nations' World Summit of the Information Society (WSIS) and World Summit Award (WSA)
*   Raised the standard of excellence of the new generation Internet professionals by successfully launched the Intervarsity Internet Technologies Exposition and Conference 2003 (IiTEC 2003)
*   Actively participated in governmental and community advisory bodies and contributed in the shaping of ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) related policies in Hong Kong
*   Enhanced personal competitiveness of members by successfully organized 28 free 'Self-Enhancement Workshops' and
*   Promoted ICT usage and knowledge to the general public via organization of 28 IT Talks in 27 public libraries

Moving Forward

iProA recognizes the digital divide in society and we strive to bridge it through constructive and direct actions. We believe ICT offers opportunities to people, to solve problems, to enhance business performance, to narrow the poverty gap, and to build a better world for our next generation. We recognize that there is digital divide between ICT professionals and non-technical people, non-technical employers and technical employees, ICT service providers and users, as well as the ICT industry and other industries.

iProA is playing a significant role in proactively forming allies between ICT professionals with government, non IT sectors, social organizations, and companies, to deliver resources in support to the community and break down of obstacles to effective communication. We encourage ICT professionals to reach out from their close technical world to learn, understand and communicate, to practice, to feel, and to care for mankind and our world. We have demonstrated our commitment to serve the community and to progressively work towards achieving our mission in the past year.

I am very proud and honoured to be part of this energetic and dynamic organization, to witness its rapid development during the last 4 years, and to having the opportunity to work with a team of highly accountable and responsible volunteer professionals.

I would like to take this opportunity to express again my thanks to all members of the Council, Executive Committee, various committees and SIGs as well as staff of iProA for their hard work and contribution to the Association over the past year. Thanks also go to all our members, volunteers, partners, and friends who have supported iProA. I am confident that iProA will continue to offer an active, strong, cohesive and sustainable platform, supporting business corporations, public organizations, and individuals to collaborate in the building of a truly digital inclusive information society.