



DIGITAL MEMORY BOOK

1963–2023



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A Journey from the Past to the Present
Celebrating 60 Years

Message from the DPI Board

Year after year, DPI continues to offer exceptional learning and development opportunities for public sector employees. In fact, many digital professionals across the public sector view DPI's Professional Development Week (PDW) as the learning event of the year.

The secret to our 3-day program is that we carefully select the best speakers to deliver seminars focused on the latest trends and technologies, while also ensuring a balance of sessions dedicated to personal and career development. Couple that with our fantastic networking opportunities and you have a winning combination that our affiliates come back to enjoy year after year!

This year's PDW focuses on the core values of DPI by providing an opportunity for the digital community (and beyond) to: Learn, Network and Inspire! We are also excited to be celebrating our 60th Anniversary. This year's 3-day event is taking place at the Shaw Centre in Ottawa (and virtually) May 10 - 12, 2023.

DPI is run, managed and operated by public sector employees who give their own time to provide quality events to their colleagues which is why our mantra is "for the community by the community." As a not-for-profit organization, DPI relies heavily on the generous contributions of our amazing and diversified sponsors to continue delivering top-quality events and seminars to our over 6,000 affiliates – and we have been lucky to continue to do this for the past 60 years.

Last year, PDW was attended by over 4700 public sector employees, senior executives and industry leaders.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating our 60th Anniversary!

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DPI History

DPI is a volunteer not-for-profit Canadian federal organization. We promote the development of public sector professionals and the effective application of Digital in the Federal Government of Canada and other public sector jurisdictions.

When DPI was formed in 1963, it was known as the Data Processing Institute and was one of the five separate member institutes constituted by the Federal Institute of Management. The goal was to promote the effective application of data processing in service to all Canadians. As technology continued to evolve, so did DPI with a new name, logos and program adapted to the evolving needs of the Information Professional and now broader Digital Community.

With over 6000 affiliates DPI has evolved to represent its goal and has expanded its service offering through seminars, mentoring sessions, our annual conference (PDW), partnerships, social events, and networking.

Brief History

1963 the Data Processing Institute was formed.
Started with approximately 24 affiliates.

1968 – DPI holds its first conference
with 200 members.

Conference '74 was a joint conference between
DPI and Canadian Information Processing
Society (CIPS).

The first female DPI President was Linda Mayville
during **1982-1983**.

In **1997**, name changed to Association of Public Sector
information professionals and officially incorporated in
May of **1998**.

2005 - The name DPI is revived, standing for
Developing Professionalism in Informatics.

2008 was our 45th anniversary and the first year
the Digital Government Community Awards were
presented at the Gala Dinner.

2013 - 50th anniversary. 15th year at the Shaw
Centre. Keynotes included David Suzuki, Steve
Wozniak and many more).

2021 - now known as just DPI. Host first ever
virtual PDW with 3500+ delegates from
across Canada.

2023 - DPI's 60th anniversary! Now with
over 6,000 affiliates and offering hybrid
events throughout the year

EVOLUTION OF DPI'S LOGO

1996/1997



2005 to 2007



2004 and earlier



2023 New Logo



2008 to 2022



1998 Summit



40th anniversary



45th anniversary



60th anniversary



50th anniversary



2008 Summit



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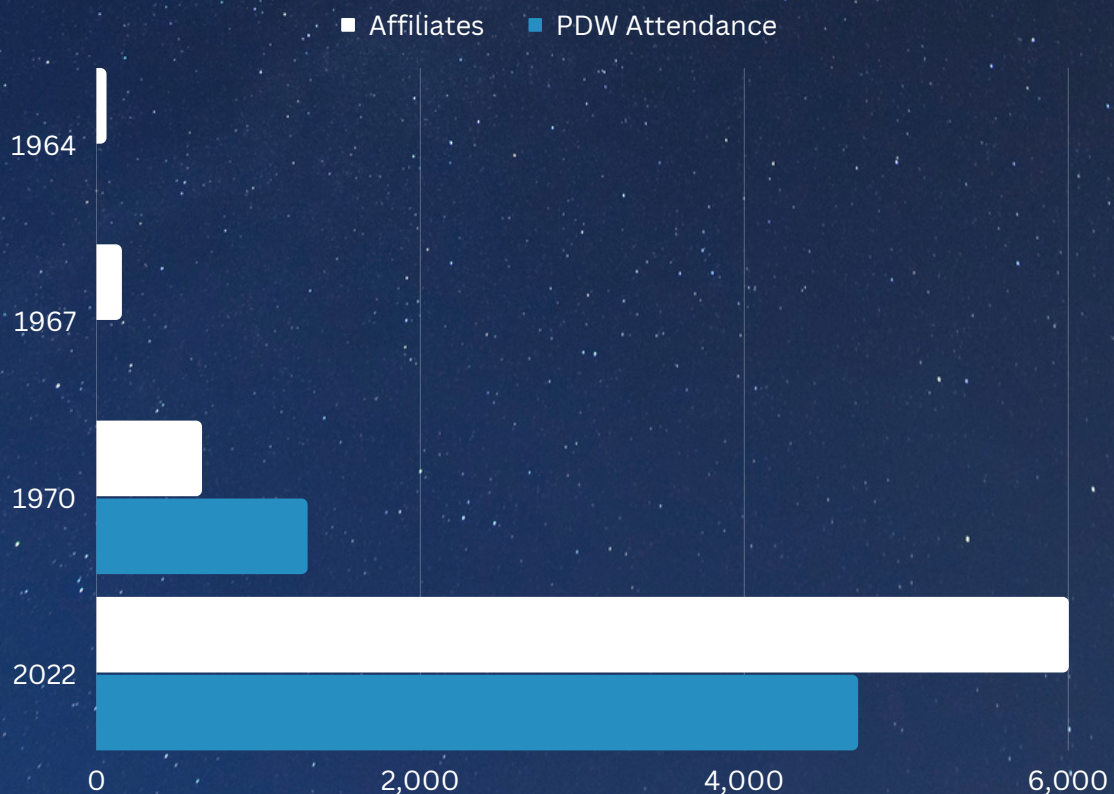
- The robot R2D2 from Star Wars came to a DPI's PDW to interact with delegates in the 1980s.
- Marc Garneau was the first among several astronauts that have provided keynote speeches at PDW.
- 1991: Linux was introduced. Being free and open-source meant that anyone could use and modify the code which encouraged collaboration and innovation amongst developers and users. PDW '91's theme was "Information Architectures: A Window Beyond the Year 2000". Bill Gates was the luncheon speaker presented "Information at your Fingertips".
- 1994 saw the establishment of a of a government wide CIO for the Government of Canada.
- In 2000, the Canadian government launched the Government On-Line (GOL) initiative, which aimed to provide citizens with online access to government services and information. The initiative included the creation of a single government web portal, the introduction of digital signatures, and the development of a secure authentication system. As always, DPI was in synch with the times and the PDW theme that year was "E-Government...Moving Forward".
- 1GB of storage in 1990 was \$10,000.
 - In 1994 it cost \$1,000
 - In 1997 it cost \$100
 - Today it costs \$0.014



Affiliation

Affiliation in the very early years of DPI was open to federal government personnel who were directly concerned with the use of data processing techniques, who were prepared to attend DPI meetings, participate in subgroups, write for DP Items, or otherwise take part in the work of the Institute. Affiliation had four groups: General, Associate, Life and Retired. In the early years DPI affiliates paid an annual membership fee of \$2.00 which increase over the year to \$15.00 in 1985 and by the year 2000 affiliation was free.

Today affiliation is open to all Public Sector employees (Indeterminate or Term) working on behalf of a federal, provincial, or municipal government, public sector agency, Crown corporation, educational institution or other public authority. There are two affiliation types: Regular and Lifetime.



PDW PAST THEMES

2000-2023

Year	Themes
2023 (60th)	Making the Impossible...Possible! DPI: 60 Years in the Making
2022	People-Driven, Data-Fuelled, Service-Oriented
2021	All Roads Lead to DPI
2020	CANCELLED
2019	Digital Crossroads - The End of IT?
2018	Collective Intelligence: Enabling Seamless Results
2017	Innovation Awakens – Collaboration, Partnership & Agility
2016	Open 24/7 - Today's World of IM/IT
2015	Design your Destiny, Live the Change
2014	The Future Starts Here
2013 (50th)	Innovation through Imagination!
2012	Pushing Limits – Inspire, Engage, Act
2011	Working together differently - collaboration, innovation, results!
2010	The Race is on! ... Changing the Game!
2009	Building a Knowledge Advantage
2008	Achieving New Heights -- A New Personal Best
2007	Charting New Frontiers
2006	Your IT Survivor Guide
2005	Innovation at the Speed of Light
2004	Enabled Government - Our Changing World
2003 (40th)	Respecting our Foundation...Building for the Future
2002	People the Cornerstone of IM & IT
2001	Government Online - Linking Our Land
2000	E-Government...Moving Forward

PDW PAST THEMES

1972-1999

Year	Themes
1999	Enabling Services to Canadians...the new millennium
1998	Summit on the Hill (second joint conference with CIPS)
1997	Are you connected?
1996	Gateways To Success
1995	Making I.T. Happen
1994	The Office of the Next Century
1993 (30th)	Engineering the Next Generation
1992	Client Server Architecture: Delivering on Promises
1991	Information Architectures: A Window Beyond the Year 2000
1990	Progress Through Partnership
1989	Preparing for the 90's
1988	Evolving Partnerships with Users
1987	Computers and Communications: The Disappearing Boundary
1986	Productive Management Through Technology
1985	Management of Change
1984	Technology – Solution or Problem
1983 (20th)	Maximizing Resources in Times of Restraint
1982	Technology and Society
1981	The Technology Explosion – Are you ready?
1980	Data Processing's New Decade
1979	Data Processing, the End of the Mystique?
1978	Beyond Today
1977	You and the Micro – Mini – Maxi
1976	The Human Side of Computing
1975	What It's All About
1974	The impact of the computer and its uses, present and proposed, on our society (first joint conference with CIPS)
1973 (10th)	The Computer Industry in Canada – Are We Doing Enough?
1972	Improving the Breed: Tutorials for tomorrow

Past Keynote Speakers

Photo Gallery



Steve Wozniak



David Suzuki



Margaret Trudeau



Bill Gates



Clara Hughes



Marc Garneau



Arlene Dickinson



Rick Hillier



Liseanne Forand



Rick Hansen



Corinne Charette



Susan Aglukark



Rick Mercer

Anecdotes

PDW Keynote speaker, Laurie Skreslet

Did you know that Laurie Skreslet of Calgary was the first Canadian to stand on top of the world's highest mountain? He was also a Keynote Speaker at PDW.

Like Everest, he had an adventure getting to his Keynote address. His flight was scheduled to arrive in Ottawa in the morning before his lunch time Keynote. However, his flight to Toronto was delayed and he was arriving late for his connecting flight to Ottawa. He was not going to make it!

So, the DPI Program Chair at the time reached out the Airport Manager and explained the situation. There were over 1000 hungry delegates scheduled to enjoy the Keynote! What could be done?

Through an announcement on the plane, the Airport Manager had Laurie Skreslet exit his arriving flight before any other passengers. Our PDW Keynote speaker was then given a police escort between Toronto Airport terminals to catch the Ottawa flight that had been delayed slightly to allow him to board.

In Ottawa he was picked up by the Program Chair and driven to the conference where he delivered his keynote.

Laurie Skreslet's surprised first remark when he was picked up at the Ottawa Airport after this little adventure was, "Who are you guys?".

Keynote Speaker at PDW 2013, Steve Wozniak

PDW delegates had the great pleasure of hearing the co-founder of Apple Computers, Steve Wozniak as a Keynote Speaker. He stuck around and gave some signatures including some with a sharpie on the back of Apple products that people had with them.

When finished, he asked to be taken to the nearby Apple Store. When he entered, the staff were giving him a second look and one of them was heard to say, "That guy looks just like Steve Wozniak." One of the employees approached him to tell him that he looked like Steve Wozniak. Much to everyone's delight, he replied, "I am Steve Wozniak".

The Apple store team was thrilled to meet the Apple co-founder in the store! We were told that "Woz" took them all out for dinner and drinks that evening.

PAST PRESIDENTS

2021 - 2022 - Jennifer Conlin

2020 - 2021 - Stacey Ross

2019 - 2020 - Denis Skinner

2018 - 2019 - Liz McKeown

2017 - 2018 - Stephane Cousineau

2016 - 2017 - Laura Simpson

2015 - 2016 - Stephane Levesque

2014 - 2015 - Rachel Porteous

2013 - 2014 - Neil Monkman

2012 - 2013 - Chantal Hupé

2011 - 2012 - Spartacus Penev

2010 - 2011 - Jay Amdur

2009 - 2010 - Sue Kemp

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2007 - 2008 - Andy Ladouceur

2006 - 2007 - John Rath Wilson I.S.P.

2005 - 2006 - Rocky Kreis

2004 - 2005 - Guy Belleperche, I.S.P.

2003 - 2004 - Bob Charleau

2002 - 2003 - Dave Holdham

2001 - 2002 - Major Donna Wood (Retired)

2000 - 2001 - Carol Sabourin

1999 - 2000 - Maurice Chenier

1998 - 1999 - Peter Bruce

1997 - 1998 - Pierrette Régimbald

1996 - 1997 - Doug Redden

1995 - 1996 - Lynn Ogilvie

1994 - 1995 - Jill Velenosi

1993 - 1994 - Francois Audet

1992 - 1993 - Bob Burwash

1991 - 1992 - Gail Eagan

1990 - 1991 - Grant Wescott

1989 - 1990 - Doug Barkley

1988 - 1989 - David Stitt

1987 - 1988 - Al Hurd

1986 - 1987 - Paul Hession

1985 - 1986 - Terry Sing

1984 - 1985 - Bonnie MacKenzie

1983 - 1984 - Linda Mayville

1982 - 1983 - Peter Homulos

1981 - 1982 - Chris Eyers

1980 - 1981 - Bob Skitmore

1979 - 1980 - Ross W. Rutherford

1978 - 1979 - D.A. (Dave) Bowman

1977 - 1978 - T.J. (Jim) Bimson

1976 - 1977 - E.G. Sabourin

1975 - 1976 - B.A. McKinnon

1974 - 1975 - H.J. Lagasse

1973 - 1974 - George Kirkpatrick

1972 - 1973 - Col. F.C. Woodruff

1971 - 1972 - Mr. J.M. Eades

FELLOWS



The award of Fellow of DPI recognizes those individuals who have significantly contributed to the advancement of Digital in the public sector through service to DPI. This can be defined as supporting DPI in any manner such as, but not limited to: advocating for DPI, providing continuous and significant sponsorship in support of DPI's activities, participating as a member of committees, etc.)

FELLOWS

2022 - Michel Brazeau

2022 - Donna Karlin

2021 - Marc Brouillard

2021 - Pauline Martin

2020 - Kim Devooght

2019 - Barry Doucette

2019 - Lyne Sincennes

2018 - Peter Green

2018 - Marj Akerley

2017 - John Rath-Wilson

2016 - Terry Ansari

2015 - Mostafa Zommo

2014 - Dave Perley

2014 - Greg Lane

2013 - Robert Charleau

2013 - Filippo Gagliardi

2012 - Corinne Charette

2010 - Nikolas Florakas

2009 - Rita Moritz

2008 - Nancy Desormeau

2007 - Dave Holdham

2006 - Maurice Chénier

2005 - Ed Fine

2004 - Peter Bruce

2003 - Paul Hession

2002 - Michael Turner

2001 - John Riddle

2000 - Linda Lizotte-McPherson

1999 - Jill Velenosi

1998 - Nancy Dorigo

1998 - Doug Redden

1997 - Brenda Karachun

1996 - Grant Westcott

1994 - Peter Homulos

1990 - C. Buckley

1988 - C. Eyres

1986 - Bonnie MacKenzie

1984 - J. Lochnan

1983 - T.J. (Jim) Bimson

1983 - O. Mackay

1981 - A.E. Winsor

1979 - T. Sabourin

1978 - B.A. McKinnon

1978 - Vladimir Pajor

1977 - R.J. Rathwell

1977 - H.J. Lagasse

1975 - George Kirkpatrick

LIFETIME AFFILIATES



The designation of Lifetime Affiliate gives public recognition of outstanding commitment to those who have significantly contributed to the advancement of DPI through service to the DPI, promotional initiatives or program delivery.

Lifetime Affiliates of DPI recognizes those volunteers who stand out, who are always there, ready and willing to help wherever and whenever needed.

LIFETIME AFFILIATES

2022 - Liz McKeown

2022 - Danielle Lavictoire

2021 - Joy Moskovic

2020 - Rachel Porteous

2020 - Lillianne Limoges

2019 - Laura Simpson

2018 - Josie Sullivan

2018 - Danny Low

2017 - Dan Sylvestre-Morin

2017 - Spartacus Penev

2016 - Barbara Soyka

2016 - Neil Monkman

2015 - Jay Amdur

2015 - Chantal Hupé

2014 - Sue Kemp

2014 - Janet MacQueen

2014 - Erik Fredette

2013 - Andy Ladouceur

2013 - Christine Brunke

2012 - Paul Hession

2012 - John Rath-Wilson

2011 - Maurice Chénier

2010 - Guy Belleperche

2009 - Bill Skinner

2008 - Robert Charleau

2008 - Kathy Dalley-Hunter

2008 - Jean Marcil

2007 - Elaine Torontow

2007 - Alan Torontow

2006 - Donna Wood

2006 - Theresa Jamone

2005 - Mike O'Grady

2005 - Paul Migneault

2004 - Gary Callaghan

2004 - Susan Hall

2004 - Bob Burwash

2003 - Michael Turner

2002 - Barry Warren

2002 - Garry Bambrick

2002 - Peter Bruce

2002 - Gary Cavanagh

2001 - Dolores Quigley

1998 - Doug Redden

1997 - Al Hurd

1996 - Richard Manicom

1991 - J. Thérien

1985 - R. Blasius

1975 - H. Herbert

1975 - G. Anderson

1975 - H. Balls



2014



2017

PAST PDW

Photo Gallery



2022



2022



2018



2013



2018



2017



2015

SEMINARS



Mark, Schwartz, 2020



Breakfast Seminar-
October 23, 2019



Breakfast Seminar-
December 11, 2019



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Event - 2016

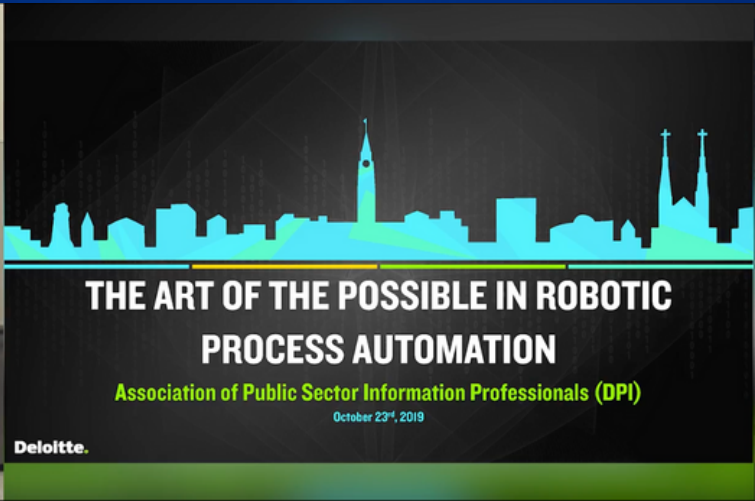


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Testimonials

For me, PDW is a must-have on my learning plan each year. Whether participating in person or virtually, the variety and quality of the content and sessions offered is always relevant to my work as a public sector IT professional and manager. The speakers are knowledgeable, the event is extremely well run, and the learning, networking and mentorship opportunities are fantastic!

Denis - SSC

DPI has provided me with a highly-organized and innovative way to connect with people right across the GC to build my network, discover new opportunities and learn. I always look forward to attending their events and would encourage other government employees to take advantage too.

Lauren - EDC

I have been attending DPI since entering government in 2000. Coming from private industry and finding such a great learning and developmental venue that was free, was, and is invaluable to me. PDW is the best 'bang-for-the-buck' any employer could invest in; nowhere else will public servants get the kind of first class insight into future driven IT ideas and leadership that is delivered by DPI at PDW.

Heather - ESDC

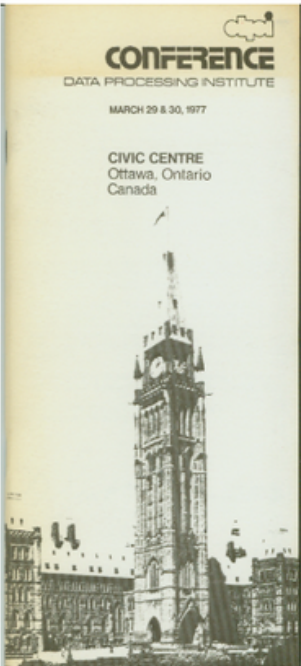
Professional Development Week at DPI is one of the pre-eminent networking events of the year. The collection of speakers and vendors are one of the highlights of the year. Kudo's to DPI for being able to pivot during Covid to keep hosting this important event.

Erik - ESDC

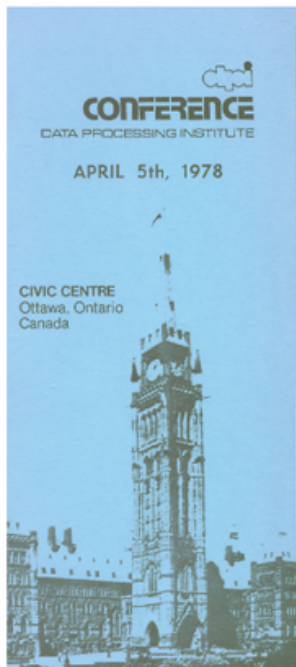
I have been attending PDW for many years as both an attendee and volunteer. In my view, it is the IM/IT event of the year in Ottawa. I appreciate the diverse lineup of keynote speakers and topics from seminars. There is always something new to learn to be applied to your career and life.

Lisa - CRA

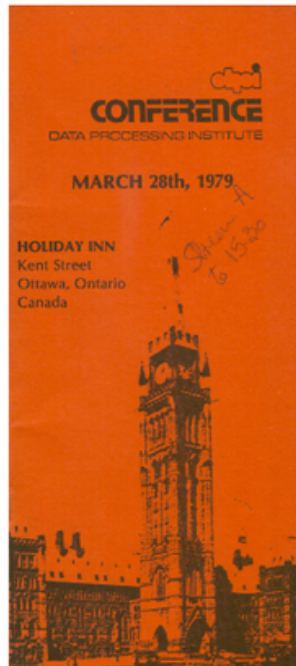
CONFERENCE GUIDES 1977-1981



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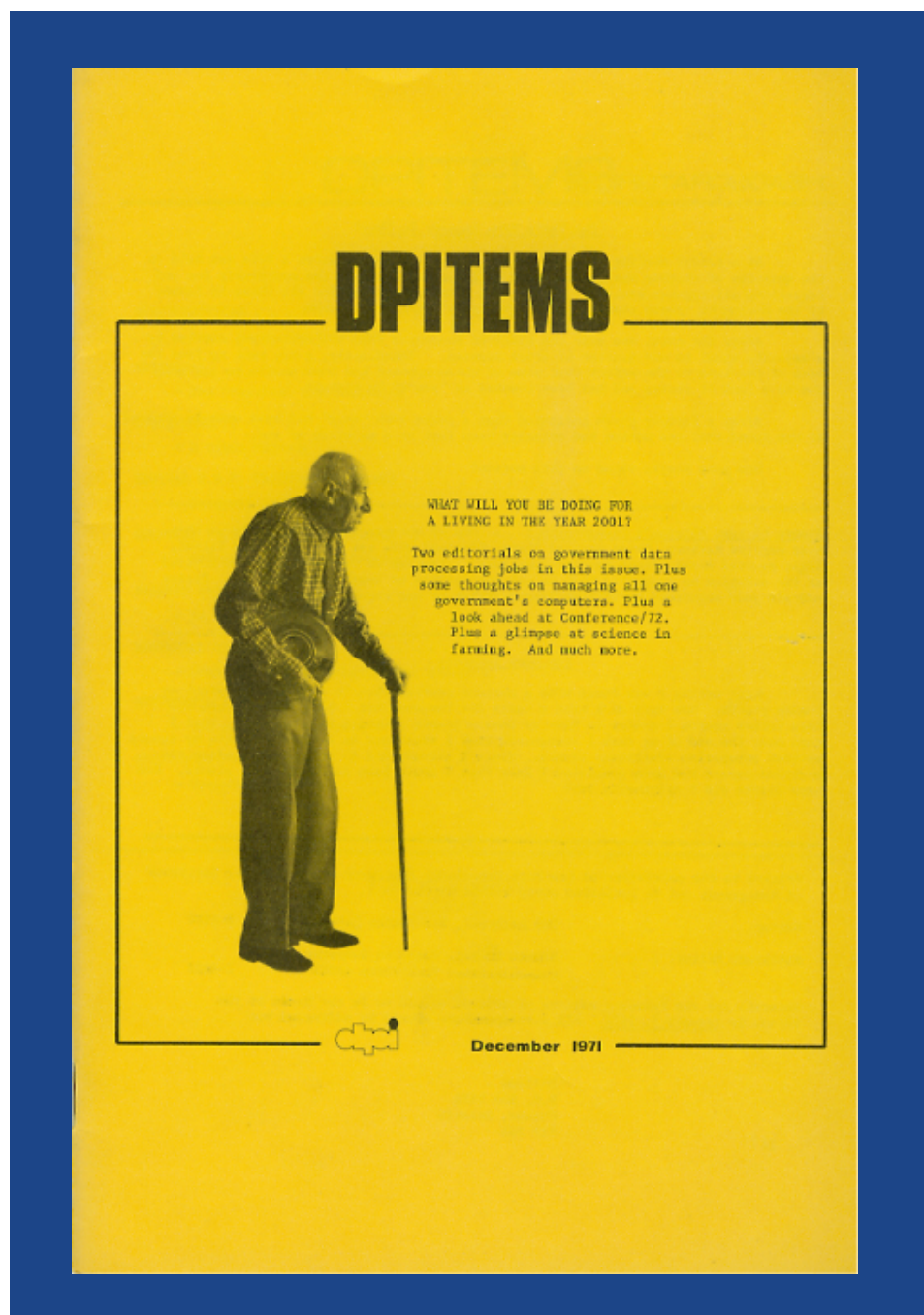
1981

DPITEMS

DECEMBER 1971

“What will you be doing for a living in the year 2001?”

DPItems was edited by Bob Rathwell from 1971 to 1976.



DPITEMS

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING FOR
A LIVING IN THE YEAR 2001?

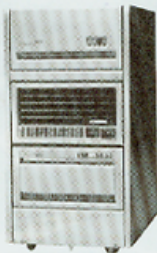
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processing jobs in this issue. Plus
some thoughts on managing all one
government's computers. Plus a
look ahead at Conference/72.
Plus a glimpse at science in
farming. And much more.



December 1971

TECHNOLOGY

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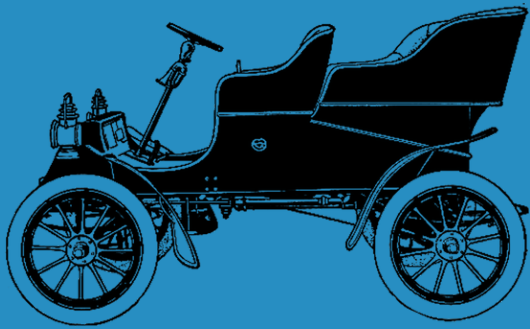
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TECHNOLOGY

THEN

VS

NOW



1908 - Ford Model T is the first consumer automobile



2017 - Ford GT supercar with 600 horsepower.



1981 - Osborne 1 is the first portable laptop built by Adam Osborne.



2016 - Compact ultra laptops are now lightweight and have touchscreens.



1973 - First mobile phone (aka "The Brick") came to market.




Smartphones are now small, light, thin, and can be carried everywhere.

PDW POSTERS

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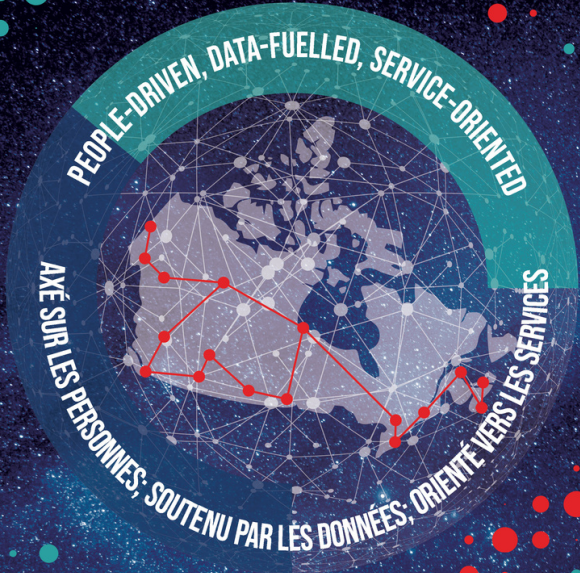


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**• ARE YOU CONNECTED?
ÊTES-VOUS AU COURANT?**

AI GENERATED POEM

(based on advancements of technology
starting in the 1960s to today)

Source: ChatGPT

In the 60s computers began to spread, With bulky machines
that filled a room and often had, A punch card system for
inputting data, But the first steps in the digital era had been
made.

In the 70s, the microchip was born, Allowing computers to
shrink in size and be worn, In watches and calculators, and
even in cars, The beginnings of the modern age were not far.

In the 80s, personal computers came to the scene, With the
Apple Macintosh and IBM PC, a new age was keen, To begin,
with graphical user interfaces and the mouse, Computing was
becoming more accessible to the average house.

In the 90s, the internet took off, Connecting people across the
globe, no matter where they were tossed, Email, websites,
and online shopping all began, As the world became more
digitally connected than ever before.

In the 2000s, smartphones and tablets took hold, Making
computing even more portable and easy to unfold, Apps and
mobile browsing made computers even more of a need, As
the digital age continued to evolve at an incredible speed.

In the 2010s, artificial intelligence and machine learning came
to light, Allowing computers to process and analyze data with
incredible might, Virtual assistants, self-driving cars, and
more, Showed just how far computer technology had come
to the fore.

And now in the 2020s, we stand on the brink, Of even more
advancements in computing, we can only think, Where will
technology take us next, only time will tell, But one thing is
certain, the future looks bright and digital as well.

60th Anniversary Messages

Happy 60th Anniversary DPI! Volunteering with DPI was extremely rewarding for me. I served as a Departmental Rep at ESDC for many years, followed by a seat on the Board of Directors, which then led to the honour of me receiving a Lifetime Membership Award. Involvement in DPI from 2001 - 2016 brought me personal growth, increased knowledge, and the invaluable opportunity to network with people I would not have otherwise had access to. The many friendships forged over the years were invaluable in providing a sense of belonging and bringing richness to my professional career.

Chris Brunke, 2013 Lifetime Award Winner

DPI is a great association which has been very successful in bringing together the IM-IT community. The best memory I have were during PDW weeks at the gala events where I was on stage as the Master of Ceremony. Not only these Galas were amazing events where we could connect with the network and I had fun bringing a bit of sense of humor on stage, but this was such an outstanding opportunity to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of the outstanding IM-IT community. Most importantly It was a real pleasure to work with the DPI board members that are always so dedicated and engaged towards offering all sort of exciting events including the best conference there is in town. Wishing DPI a Happy 60th Anniversary !! Congratulations and wishing DPI many other years of success !!

Stephane Cousineau, 2018 DPI President

Heartiest congratulations to an organization that I fondly remember for professional leadership, learning, collaboration and friendship! Happy 60th anniversary DPI!"

Reita Moritz, - 2009 Fellow Award Winner

My best memory was my year as Vice-President, 2012-2013 when DPI celebrated its 50th Anniversary. To be Conference Chair for DPI's 50th was truly an honour and one that I will always remember.

DPI is an amazing organization and one that benefits all of its members. One of DPI's best qualities is how it welcomes everyone, regardless of what area of the public sector they represent. As a municipal public servant I experienced this first hand. The contacts that I made from my involvement in DPI helped me in my career but more importantly the people that I met made me a far better person than I would have ever been otherwise. For this I thank everyone at DPI.

The statement "best PDW ever" is made by every conference chair, however it is only true for the 50th, it was truly the best one ever. All the others are tied for 2nd place!!

Best wishes on this DPI's 60th Anniversary and here's to starting to plan for the 70th!!

Neil Monkman, 2013 DPI President

Looking towards the future

As we reflect on the past 60 years of DPI, we can see an evolution that has been driven by the strength of our community. From our early days as a small group of passionate professionals, we have grown into a national network of individuals and organizations committed to advancing the field of digital.

Over the years, we have faced many challenges and overcome numerous obstacles. We have adapted to new technologies, changing political landscapes, and shifting priorities. We can be proud of all that we have accomplished together. We have recently endured pandemic challenges, both personally and professionally. We have shifted our delivery model to reach new areas of our community, and we continue to branch out in new directions to connect with other IM/IT and digital leaders to help shape DPI.

As we look towards the future, we know that there will be new challenges to face, and new opportunities to seize. We will continue to leverage the strength of our community to drive innovation, promote collaboration, and advance our shared goals. We will embrace new technologies and approaches, and seek out new partners and perspectives to help us achieve our mission.

We will remain committed to the principles of inclusion, diversity, and equity, recognizing that the strength of DPI lies in the diversity of our perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds. As we embark on the next 60 years, we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead, and confident in our ability to continue to provide meaningful and relevant learning events as well as opportunities to network, share best practices, and grow across the community.

DPI Board of Directors