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IFPUG presents the following news of interest to our members:
Unconference September 16
STARWEST Conference Oct 2 - 7, Anaheim CA;
CSP Exam Nov 18, Sao Paulo, Brazil



IFPUG September meeting and great unconference

**Please save the date in your Calendar: Friday, September 16, 2016 at
The Hyatt Place Hotel, Baltimore/BWI Airport.**

This event won't be a typical conference but an [unconference](#); we invite members, who will be able to attend, and would like to facilitate a 'Birds of a Feather' session or sit on an 'Expert Panel', to e-mail cec@ifpug.org.

You can [register here](#).

Would you please tell us if you are thinking of attending, and what you would like to see discussed? [Take the survey here](#).

The IFPUG Board is looking forward to meeting you to discuss how IFPUG can help you with your measurement challenges.

As a measurement practitioner/project manager, you already know the value of solid metrics in the fast-paced, demanding, and agile IT world. With increased competition and a rebounding economy, companies are screaming for reliable, consistent, flexible and simple-to-use metrics - but often don't know how IFPUG FP and SP (SNAP points) can help.

Do you feel challenged to keep up with the demand for better data and better metrics? If your answer is yes, the unConference is for you!

It's a 1-day, interactive, facilitated session where we'll collaborate as measurement practitioners and talk about things that matter with metrics today. The unConference is designed using agile concepts (high quality, iterative,... adaptive, flexible,) with facilitator-guided sessions on topics of YOUR choice, (the topics and agenda are "scrummed" by attendees at the beginning of the day.

It's a coming together of like-minded metrics people, to share and discuss burning issues important to YOU... topics could range from making SNAP work for your company to convincing management about metrics. They could cover better estimating or how to make SNAP and FPA work together - it's whatever you make it. Innovation and new ideas are hallmarks of an unConference, and, we need you!
Will you join us on Sept 16?

News & more info (updated during next weeks) on the [Events page](#) of the IFPUG website.

See you in Baltimore!

STARWEST October 2-7, 2016 Anaheim, CA



Now is the ideal time to reserve your seat for [STARWEST](#). The conference helps you learn both classical testing practices and new methodologies to grow your skills, supercharge your knowledge, and re-energize your view of your profession. Enjoy an exclusive discount and save up to \$200 off when you use code SWCM. Plus, if you register before August 5, you can take advantage of Super Early Bird pricing and save up to an additional \$400! [Learn more](#).

[Explore the STARWEST program](#) to see what the premier conference in the software testing industry has in store. Start making plans to join us October 2-7 in Anaheim, CA at the Disneyland Hotel. Join the world-renowned keynote speakers -- Selena Delesie, Casey Rosenthal, Lee Copeland, Mary Thorn, and Jared Richardson.

Build your week of learning and benefit from comprehensive tutorials, exceptional concurrent sessions, inspiring keynotes, networking activities, the STARWEST Test Lab, pre-conference training certification classes, the Expo, Women Who Test bonus session, and much more.

CSP Exam Scheduled for Sao Paulo, Brazil, November 18, 2016

November 18, 2016 @ 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM and 12:30 - 2:30 PM

SNAP is the Software Non-functional Assessment Process. **CSP** is the Certified Snap Practitioner certification.

Do you want to be certified to measure the non-functional side of software - the other side of the User Story? Well, you can get certified to do so by taking and passing the upcoming [SNAP CSP exam](#) that will be held at 9:30 AM in Sao Paulo, Brazil on November 18,2016. An additional exam is scheduled for 12:30 - 2:30 PM.

This event is organized by the Brazilian Function Point Users Group, BFPUG.

Interest in this new IFPUG certification is growing rapidly. 98 measurement professionals have already achieved it. To see who they are, [go here](#), and, at the bottom of the screen, specify CSP as a search criteria.

To be the next one, [Go here](#) to register for the exam. Scroll down to the bottom of the page, and click on the link for the time you want. On the next screen, click on the **[Register for this Event]** button. You will be asked to log in; after doing so, proceed through the next set of screens to complete the registration.

We hope to see you there!

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