



# ITACS

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### DoDNet

**RDML Patrick Dunne** signed the Memorandum of Agreement on 2 January to officially establish the Monterey Peninsula Department of Defense Network (DoDNet). Other signatories were **Robert Brandiewie** of DMDC, **CDR Gary Kreeger**, Acting Commander of FNMOC, **COL Michael R. Simone**, Commandant of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, and **Dr. Simon Chang**, Superintendent of Marine Meteorology, NRL. **Fred Cohn**, Deputy City Manager and CIO of Monterey represented the City of Monterey, which furnished the fiber optic strands that serve as the DoDNet infrastructure. **Dr. Christine Cermak**, NPS's CIO, also attended. DoDNet is a communication infrastructure that links the DoD properties in the Monterey area. The project was a joint effort by **NPS, FNMOC, NRL, DMDC** and **DLI** to increase their operational efficiency and reduce the costs of communication. ITACS' **Hank Hankins** and **Bill Hogan** were instrumental in design of the network.

### IT Task Force

**Dr. Doug Brinkley** shared the report of the **E-mail Protocol Committee** at the IT Task Force meeting on 25 January. The Committee's recommendations for revisions to current e-mail policies were endorsed by the full IT Task Force, and referred to ITACS:

1. Add more network storage to facilitate multi-tiered quotas for mailboxes (up to **1GB** for current full time faculty);
2. Store attachments outside the users' mailbox;
3. Implement a VPN to give users remote access to their H: drive and to their archived mail.

### Digitization Committee

The **NPS Digitization Committee**, which was chartered to evaluate ways to improve productivity and eliminate paper waste on campus, briefed the **Faculty Council Executive Board** on 24 January. **Dr. Maxine Reneker, Stan Bush, Thomas Housel, Stephen Hurst, Chris Eagle, Gary Kramlich, Don Lincoln, Joe LoPiccolo, and Roger Lord** serve on the Committee. Recommendations included both short

and long term remedies, starting with use of collaborative tools and electronic distribution of informational materials, and ranging to fee-for-service copiers and free scan-to-e-mail. **Baseline metrics** are now being gathered to gauge current paper use, and a **customer survey** will be used to gather information on users' preferences for thesis and coursework.

### CHIPS

The latest issue of **CHIPS**, the DoN CIO's quarterly journal, has articles about NPS, written by **Dr. Peter Denning, Dr. Don Brutzman, Dr. Christine Cermak, Barbara Honegger, and John Sanders**. See <http://www.chips.navy.mil/>

### Wikipedia

Wikipedia, the free Web encyclopedia, has been online for four years and contains more than 450,000 articles, all written and open to revision by its more than 150,000 users. It is an interesting online resource. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)

### Learning Resource Centers/Labs

355 computers in campus labs and LRCs were updated in December in readiness for the new quarter. Faculty input is essential for defining the standard "image" used in labs. Software purchases are based on academic requirements and budget constraints. ITACS maintains a current software list detailing number of licenses, license expiration date, location of server license (if applicable), installation type, and installation location. Teaching faculty should send their requirements to their department's lab point of contact 2 months prior to the start of each quarter.

### Lab Policy Enforced

Beginning January 3, ITACS began strict enforcement of the existing "**no food or drink**" policy in the labs. Enforcement has provided an opportunity for students to interact with ITACS lab managers and to discuss other lab-related problems. Lab managers have encouraged discussion, and have provided feedback to the TAC and other groups in ITACS to further improve our customer service.

