



# ITACS

## Information Technology and Communications Services

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### Technology News

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**Dr. Christine Cermak**, CIO, and **Ms. Val Moulé**, IT Portfolio manager, attended a conference titled "Creating Sustainable IT Funding Models," held in San Francisco from August 17-19. Attended by representatives from several public and private universities nationwide, the conference focused on the many challenges, both in creating funding models to better account for and analyze IT assets, and in ensuring that resources are efficiently targeted toward institutional goals. Some topics included Cost-Benefit Equations; IT Strategic Planning & Implementation; Funding Capital Programs; Repair, Maintenance and Replacement Costs; and Return on Investment vs. Value of Investment. Benefits were not only gained by listening to the presentations, but also through networking and discussions with other participants, regarding their organization's resource management and challenges.

The newly-created **New Technology & Innovation Center (NTIC)**, led by **Mr. Joe LoPiccolo**, will serve four major functions: investigation, evaluation, education and implementation. NTIC will focus strictly on technological innovation, ensuring, as noted in the IT Strategic Plan, that NPS will be responsive to the changing IT needs of faculty, staff and students. View the business plan at the link: <http://itacssp/ntic/Shared%20Documents/Business%20Plan/business%20plan.doc>.

The MOVES Open House was held August 17-19. **Dr. Amela Sadagic** and **Dr. Christine Cermak** did a presentation on Internet2.

The New Technology and Innovation Center sponsored its first event on August 26<sup>th</sup>, at Xerox Corporation, in San Jose. The agenda included the future of the NPS-Xerox partnership, and a demonstration of the DocColor 250 and WorkCentre Pro 55 multifunction workstations, and presentations on Xerox's single document management system and its software, DocuShare.

ITACS personnel assisted lecturer **Mr. Brian Steckler** (GSOIS) and his crew in preparing for their trip to hurricane-ravaged areas in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama, where they will assist in disaster relief efforts by setting up wireless networks.

**Dr. Christine Cermak**, ITACS managers and staff attended a two-day workshop on August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, which focused on presentation skills. The briefing, presented by **Mr. Peter Roselli** of Invisible Elephant, was organized and sponsored by **Mr. Tom Hazard** of the Office of Continuous Learning.

The **Information Assurance Awareness Training** is an annual requirement mandated by the DoD. Results of each command's participation are reported to Congress annually. Initial review shows NPS with a participation rate of 88% for FY2005.

On August 3rd, the all-hands training for ITACS personnel featured the Instructional Technology plan, presented by **Mr. Tracy Hammond**.

#### **New Sites from ITACS Webmasters**

Submarine Flag Officer's Conference website at: <https://www.nps.navy.mil/SUBFOC/news.htm>

The new Volunteerism Page on the Intranet, which lists volunteer opportunities, both on and off campus. ITACS is working with the Public Affairs Office and Student Services to help determine the community links that will be listed. See the link at: <http://intranetdev/Volunteer.htm>

Web-Enabled Training and Tracking of Participants, an application designed by ITACS webmasters, first used for the 2005 Information Assurance Awareness Training.

<https://www.nps.navy.mil/ITACS/TrainingApp/index.htm>