

AITP/Microsoft Partnership - Culminis

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Culminis (latin for culmination) is the name of the organization that represents the AITP/Microsoft partnership wherein organizations similar to AITP (IT Professional Groups and Organizations) have united creating a single organization whose sole purpose is to facilitate opportunities for it's member organizations from Culminis partner organizations and sponsors.

An entire list of services is still being developed including inviting new national and international member organizations. The organizations website is <http://www.culminis.com> and there is also a monthly newsletter. Microsoft is our chartered sponsoring organization and other organizations are being actively recruited. Culminis has a full-time dedicated staff headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina and is focused on technology, educations and events for IT professionals internationally.

AITP has already benefited from this partnership and being a member organization of Culminis:

- AITP National Collegiate Conference sponsorships from Microsoft for 2003 & 2004
- Partial sponsorship of the 2003 AITP annual conference in St. Louis
- Office 2003 educational sessions and product giveaways
- Copies of Microsoft Server 2003 and books as giveaways
- Microsoft speakers for chapter and regional meetings
- Opportunities to exhibit and showcase AITP at conferences and trade shows
- Attendee discounts to for Microsoft's TechEd event
- Regional Microsoft Longhorn Server feedback sessions

Culminis member organizations include:

Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP)	myITforum
Boston User Groups (BUG)	Orange County NT User Group (OCNTUG)
Carolina IT Professionals Group (CITPG)	Professional Association for SQL Server (PASS)
Hellenic Club Pocket PC (Greece)	Rocky Mountain Windows Technology User Group (RMWTUG)
Huntsville NT Users Group (HUNTUG)	San Francisco NT Users Group (SFNTUG)
Network Professional Association (NPA)	SQL Server Worldwide User's Group (SSWUG)
Network Systems Administrators Guild (SAGE)	Vancouver Technology User Group (VANTUG)
NY Enterprise Windows Users Group	West Michigan NT Users Group (WMNTUG)
New York LAN Association (NYLANA)	

Details of specific opportunities for AITP members, chapters and regions will be publicized, posted and/or distributed as they become available and plans are in the works for our members to access Culminis educational materials and events let alone make speaker requests soon.

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