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On Tue, 18 Jul 95 17:12 CDT you said:
>Dear Dr. Gotterbarn,
> I am interested in the deliberations of the task force on "Software
Engineering as a Profession". In particular the sub-task force
>on Defining the Code of Ethics and Professional Standards. Has
    Ilene, the committee had a roaring start and went into limbo. I
    am working on getting it moving again. Do you have an internet address
    direct to iit. I know Vivian Weil and others there do.

this committee begun to communicate; if so, do you know how I can

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>get on the e-mail distribution list. > I am a faculty member at IIT and
>am one of the co-directors of a master's >program in software
engineering.
    If you have any information on your SE program, I would like to see it.
    Thanks.

> Thanks!
>Ilene Burnstein

From: Tracy Hall and Colin Myers <paseconf@westminster.ac.uk>
Subject: PASE96: Professional Awareness in Software Engineering

Professional Awareness in Software Engineering
PASE'96
First Westminster Conference
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Within the computing industry, the need for professionalism has never
been
greater. This conference has grown from the increasing concern that
software
engineers should be better equipped to meet the challenges of today's
working
practices and user assumptions. More than ever before, it is essential that
software engineers adopt a professional approach to deal with both
technical
advances and structural changes in the workplace.

Many of the practices in the software world are perceived to hark back to the
`Dark Ages' of computing, and software engineering generally has a poor
image
compared to other professions. However, the demands are often greater on
software engineers in that the changes they encounter are more frequent
and
more radical. Thus, every few years we see: technical 'silver bullets', for
example, object orientation; structural alterations, such as decentralization
and outsourcing; and perceptual shifts, including higher expectations
regarding deadlines, giving value-for-money and the role and control of
information within industry.

Therefore, the aim of this conference is to help determine those attributes
that help a software engineer succeed as a professional. That is, for
software
engineers to behave responsibly, in a technically competent manner and
according to a professional code of conduct, and so improve quality and
improve user confidence.