



**New Year, empty diary?** In the first CICSbuzz of 2014 we'll help you to plan the first half of your year and fill in some gaps in your calendar. We have a wide variety of CICS events coming up that are not to be missed, so book your spot now!

### Warm up with some free webcasts this January



**CICS Just Keeps on Delivering: CICS Feature Packs to Enhance Your CICS Environment** (16 Jan) Join Fraser Bohm, CICS Architect, to hear about four new fully supported, no-charge CICS Feature Packs covering mobile, batch modernisation, PHP scripting and SAML security support. These augment the main CICS runtime to help you embrace new technologies and optimize existing workloads. Don't miss out... [register](#) for the call today.



**Big Data: Past, Present and Future - an analyst's perspective** (21 Jan) Mainframe customers depend on CICS for transactional integrity of business critical data, which is fast becoming a primary resource for today's business analytics and decision making. Hear Carl Olofson, IDC analyst, share his broad knowledge and experience of the mainframe, outlining how the mainframe platform is used to deliver in the world of big data. [Register](#) now!

### Save your seat at these upcoming conferences



**zEnterprise Technology Summits** - Washington, Costa Mesa, Chicago, Toronto, Columbus, San Francisco (21 Jan, 4 & 12 Feb, 20 Mar, 3 & 8 Apr) Learn about CICS and other System z products from real-world scenarios, live demonstrations and in-depth presentations, and explore the benefits of the zEnterprise portfolio, learn best practices and discuss common concerns. You can [register for free](#) now (there are separate links for the [Columbus](#) and [San Francisco](#) events).



**Pulse 2014** - Las Vegas (23-26 Feb) Don't miss it! CICS is going to be a part of Pulse 2014, IBM's Premier Cloud Conference, where you can explore the latest developments in cloud, security, asset management and asset infrastructure. [Register](#) now!



**SHARE 2014** - Anaheim (9-14 Mar) Attend SHARE for some of the best in enterprise IT education, networking and innovation. The CICS team will be running [over 20 sessions](#), providing you with the latest updates from CICS. Be quick! The special [early bird registration](#) rate finishes on 24 January 2014.



**Impact 2014** - Las Vegas (27 Apr - 1 May) Gain competitive advantage and reach new markets by becoming a mobile enterprise. Join the CICS team at IBM Impact to discover the latest changes and opportunities in the world of mobile. Hurry! Discounted [early bird registration](#) ends on 21 February 2014.



### IBM System z Technical University - Budapest (12-16 May)

Expand your knowledge and expertise on CICS and other System z products by attending the System z Technical University! A great variety of technical and business sessions is guaranteed. [Register](#) your interest now.



### Innovate 2014 - Orlando (1-5 Jun)

Save the date for Innovate 2014, the IBM Technical Summit. Join the summit to learn about the latest developments in Smarter Product Development, Agile, Mobile, Cloud, Social Business, DevOps, Big Data and more! Registration opens soon, so save the date and keep your eyes peeled.



### GSE Nordic - Copenhagen (10-12 June)

The GSE Nordics conference offers you a full view of the enterprise IT landscape. You'll be able to broaden your knowledge about CICS, DB2, IMS and the Mainframe Infrastructure Group. You can [register](#) online now.

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