

# The Mailshot

## Monthly communication of ISACA London Chapter

### Welcome Back

Well, that was the summer!. I hope we're all back from holidays refreshed and ready to face the challenges that look likely to confront the profession in the coming months. Your Chapter Board have a challenging agenda in the forthcoming season, and you can rest assured that your interests as a Chapter member are our highest priority.

### It Couldn't Happen To Me... Or Could It?

In my experience, a small minority of CISAs are not as fastidious as they might be in the way they keep records and maintain evidence in support of their CPE hours. Where this is the case, the attitude regarding a CPE hours audit appears to be 'it won't happen to me'.

I have been informed by Rolling Meadows that as part of an international audit of CPE hours, two London Chapter CISAs have been selected to have their CPE hours verified.

I have no doubt that the two members selected will be easily to easily substantiate their hours and will be in possession of the appropriate supporting evidence.

However, I think that if a tiny minority of London Chapter CISAs have allowed standards to drop, then this should be treated as a 'wake up' call.

I would like to encourage all CISAs to review their CPE hour

claims for last year and the current year to ensure that they are documented and supported by the appropriate evidence. The message that we are receiving from HQ is clear - certification will be revoked in the event that CPE hours cannot be substantiated by the permitted forms of evidence.

The CISA qualification is hard won, and I think it would be a shame to put it in jeopardy by failing a CPE hours audit

### Plea for Help

We have received a plea for help from a lady member who has recently transferred to the London area from Nigeria. She has already taken the CISA exam and feels that her lack on 'on the ground' IT audit experience let her down. Before she takes the exam this year, she would like to get some 'hands on' experience of working with IT auditors. Is there anyone out there who would be able to accommodate her need? If so, contact me (cmanso@globalnet.co.uk) and I'll put you in touch.

### Articles for Datawatch

We like to keep our 'bank' of articles for publication in Datawatch well stocked. Do you feel that you could contribute an IT audit or security experience that you feel would benefit others in the form of an article? Can you approach anyone to get an article? If so, feel free to submit copy to Nancy (nancy@isaca.org.uk) - and don't

forget, you can earn CPE hours in this way).

### Get it off Your Chest

Likewise if there are any matters that you feel need airing, you can always write to Datawatch to promote debate or you can use the 'membership' area of the Chapter Website for the same purpose. Sorry, there are no CPE hours for correspondence.

### Events Programme

The Events programme for the 2002/3 season is now finalised, and has been circulated to members and available to view on the Chapter website. I and the other Board members look forward to seeing you at our sessions throughout the season. Congratulations to Nick Fellows and the Chapter Events Committee for their efforts. If there are any topics you would like to see covered in future monthly presentations please contact Nick Fellows

(nick.fellows@barclays.co.uk).

### September Membership Meeting

**26 September 2002**

*Information Governance  
(FSA, N2 & the IT Auditor)*

**Vernon Poole**

KPMG, 20 Farringdon Street

This session will show how the Information Governance framework



**Vernon Poole**

has developed and how the IT Governance Institute is now working on ways to best convince organisations to adopt best practice & the role the IT auditors need to play

Vernon's recent work has been dedicated to developing proven methodologies in the field of information security management based on ISO 17799 as Vernon is one of the designers of the standard from 1989. He is a founder member of the BS7799 User Group and a



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**24 October 2002**

*Implementing IT Governance*

**Paul Williams**

KPMG, Salisbury Square

**28 November 2002**

*Risk Management in 2003*

**Gareth Rowland**

ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopsgate

**19 December 2002**

*Internet Threats & Intrusion  
Detection Systems*

**Kenneth de Speigeleier**

ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopsgate

**23 January 2003**

*Spreadsheet Fraud*

**Ray Butler**

Venue to be Confirmed

**27 February 2003**

*Information Security*

**Speaker to be confirmed**

ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopsgate

**27 March 2003**

*Control Over Internal &  
External Outsourcing*

**Charles Mansour**

ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopsgate

**24 April 2003**

*CRSA & the IT Auditor*

**John Mitchell**

ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopsgate

**22 May 2003**

*Data Protection - What's coming  
up & implications for systems  
(preceded by AGM)*

**Stewart Dresner**

ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopsgate

**26 June 2003**

*E-Risk Revisted*

**Speaker to be confirmed**

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If you wish to attend any of the above meetings, please email Nancy to reserve your place. Please note that the meetings are free to members but a fee of £20 will be charged for non-members.

recognised adviser to senior management on the importance of 'Information Assurance'. This work has lead Vernon to becoming the UK representative on the newly formed global IT Governance Institute.

The venue for the September Membership Meeting will be at the KPMG Offices at 20 Farringdon Street, EC4A 4PP (see '4' on map).

Please note that places are limited for this session, should you wish to attend, please email Nancy to reserve your place. There will be a £20 fee to non-members.