

The Mailshot

Monthly communication of ISACA London Chapter

Urgent Message to all 2003 CISA Candidates

As you'll probably be aware, we have planned a series of one day CISA Training sessions through the first part of next year. We had to time them so that we could cover each of the CISA domains over the period from the beginning of the year to the CISA exam. This involved leaving a 'study gap' between each of the sessions.

Our dilemma is that to organise the training sessions we need to know how many candidates will attend before the first week in January. This has presented us with a problem however, because CISA won't come up on most candidates' radar until after the Xmas holidays. Experience has shown that there is a rush to register for CISA training and materials in January.

We have to make a 'go/no go' decision about the CISA Training Courses by the first week in January. Currently, we are five candidates short of the number required to reach a 'break even' figure. What we don't want to do is have to cancel the course, and then later find that we receive a later rush of candidates who want the training.

The message from all of the above is this 'if you are interested in the CISA Training sessions or if you know of anyone who is, can you

please encourage them to register by January 7th at the latest by contacting our Chapter Administrator, Nancy Watt.

Plans for the CISA Review course, which is a revision aid held later in the year before the CISA exam, are unaffected.

CISM

Most of the information about the CISM credential is now published on the ISACA International website (www.isaca.org). The examination is scheduled to be on the same day as CISA in 2003. If you need to know more, then please visit the site.

K-Net

One feature of the ISACA International website that is developing fast is 'K-Net', our Global Information Repository. The last time I visited it, I was impressed with the amount of discussion topics, links to other sites and publications, and the small but growing list of audit programmes.

We're all paying for this service, and it would be a pity if we found ourselves 're-inventing the wheel' when we're researching or formulating our audit programmes.

Like most knowledge repositories, K-Net depends on input from its

audience. Do you have an audit programme or have you done a piece of research that you feel you could share with your colleagues, both in the UK and around the world

Visit the facility! It could save you some time and a lot of effort.

Season's Greetings

Our December membership meeting on December 19th (details overleaf) presents an opportunity to enjoy a topical presentation, some festive refreshment and an opportunity to network with your colleagues.

I'll see you there! For those who won't be able to make it, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the holidays and hope that you have a happy, healthy and prosperous 2003!

December Membership Meeting

19 December 2002, 5.30pm
**"Internet Threats & Intrusion
Detection Systems"**
Dr Neil Barrett

Neil Barrett joined IRM plc as Technical Director in June 1999 and has appeared as a computer expert in a great variety of cases, ranging from paedophilia through murder to computer hacking; he



Dr Neil Barrett

provides expert advice to lawyers and to police forces throughout the UK. He has been appointed as a Visiting Fellow at Cranfield University and is the winner of the PPA 2001 Columnist of the Year for his IT Week contributions.

Information Risk Management plc (IRM) provides all forms of Information Security Services, including Penetration Testing, Computer Forensics, Incident Response and Consultancy. A market leader in computer security, IRM uses a 'scenario based' methodology that can be tailored to each client's needs, rather than the 'one size fits all' approach favored by many in the industry, and is independent of any security product vendor. IRM has a client list including many of the FTSE 100 as well as top companies from across the globe.

If you wish to attend the December Membership Meeting, please email Nancy on nancy@isaca.org.uk to reserve your place.

Membership Meetings 2002/2003

26 September 2002
Information Governance
(FSA, N2 & the IT Auditor)
Vernon Poole
KPMG, 20 Farringdon Street

24 October 2002
Implementing IT Governance
Paul Williams
KPMG, Salisbury Square

28 November 2002
Control Over Internal & External Outsourcing
Charles Mansour
ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopsgate

19 December 2002
Internet Threats & Intrusion Detection Systems
Dr Neil Barrett
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
Risk Management in 2003
Gareth Rowland
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 (preceeded by AGM)
Stewart Dresner
ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopsgate

26 June 2003
E-Risk Revisted
Speaker to be confirmed
ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopsgate

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.

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