

The Mailshot

Monthly communication of ISACA London Chapter

CISA

The call for registration for the 2003 CISA Training has resulted in the registration of 20 candidates to date. Thanks to all of our members who promoted the training and passed knowledge on to their colleagues. Registration is still open, as it is for the CISA Review course. Please contact Nancy Watt if you are interested in either of these

E-Mail Addresses

When we are currently running with a return rate of about a third when we send anything out to those Chapter members who have notified us that they have e-mail addresses. We are trying to get as many things out to the membership as we can by e-mail. The savings compared to a hard copy mail shot are huge, and these savings are reflected in the level of Chapter membership fees.

To help us drive down costs as much as we can, can you please take a moment to verify that we have your e-mail details correctly registered? By now, most of you should have received your signon details and password for the new on line membership system. This will enable you to verify or change your e-mail address (and other personal details).

2003 Membership Fees

The 'purge' of non paying members takes place soon at our USA HQ. There is always a tiny minority of Chapter membership who are 'purged' from the membership register when they don't

mean to be. If you are one such, and you don't want your membership to lapse, please get your 2003 renewal papers off as soon as possible

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

We have had a good response to the call for the COBIT SIG, and the inaugural meeting will take place at ABN AMRO at 1630 on February 27th, ahead of the membership meeting. If you're interested, please get in touch with Roger Southgate (e-mail: southgat@nildram.co.uk) There are two other SIGs (IT Security Awareness and IT Project Auditing) still in the process of enrolment. If you are interested, then contact Cynthia Garibotto (e-mail: cynthia.l.garibotto@uk.pwcglobal.com)

Datawatch Articles

As always, our Publications area are keen to amass their bank of articles for Datawatch, our award winning Chapter Magazine. If you feel that you could write an article for publication (and earn some CPE hours in the process) then you are invited to submit your copy for review to either Nancy or Paul Fortmann (e-mail: paul.fortmann@btinternet.com).

2003/2004 Board

May does seem like a long time away right now. That's when we have our Chapter AGM and the members decide the 2003/4 Chapter Board. As you can imagine, there is a 'lead time' for obtaining applications from members

who would like to get involved in the 2003/4 Board, and that tends to begin about now. If you are interested, in serving on the 2003/4 Board, and would like to 'put something back' please contact any Board member.

Volunteers

We now have a vacancy on the Chapter Board for a Membership Director. We would like to hear from anyone who would like to serve in this capacity until the AGM in May, when the 2003/4 Board is convened. If you'd like to register to act as a volunteer in the event that the need should arise, then please contact either a Board member or myself

January Membership Meeting

27 February 2003, 5.30pm
ABN Amro, 250 Bishopsgate
"The Insider Threat"
Peter Woods, First Base

The February Chapter meeting will have a hard job to follow the massive attendance for Ray Butler's Spreadsheet presentation in January. However, the presenter and the subject on 27th February (Peter Woods on 'The Insider Threat' leads me to think that it will give it a very good run for its money. As ever, please don't forget to register with Nancy if you'll be attending. Ray is currently Corporate Risk Management Adviser with the Highways Agency.

Commercial organisations in the UK

appear to remain blind (or ostrich-like) to the threat of attacks from within. Despite numerous reports showing the prevalence of insider incidents, few, if any, firms take measures to secure their IT infrastructure internally. After years of conducting internal network security reviews for some of the largest UK firms, Peter Wood has developed a workshop to demonstrate the common exploits, the impact on the target organisation and how simple processes and best practice can negate most threats.

Outline:

- A typical UK corporate network
- How can I see every device on your network without a password?
- Why can I read your CV on your workstation hard disk?
- How can I be a domain administrator with no authorisation?
- Why is it I control every router in your network?
- How do I bypass your firewall entirely?
- How do I record every keystroke in your IT department?
- If I'm a network admin, why can I study everyone's payroll?
- Case studies - some real-world examples of insider incidents
- Publish the payroll in the staff restroom
- Rebuild the mail server three times a week
- I'm the indispensable firewall admin - you can't do with me ever
- Pro-active defence - how to protect yourself from the majority of insider threats
- Really understanding how your network works
- Configuring servers, workstations and routers without gigantic loopholes
- Monitoring where it matters

What You Will Learn:

- What your corporate network

really looks like

- What the real risks are to your organisation
- How to implement a realistic strategy to defend your organisation.



Peter has worked in the electronics and computer industries since 1969. He has extensive experience of international communications and networking, with hands-on experience of many large-scale systems. Peter's board-level responsibilities have included sales, marketing and technical roles, giving him a broad industry view. Founded in May 1989 as a vendor-independent consultancy, First Base Technologies now provides information security and audit services to clients such as Aon Group, B&Q, Bradford & Bingley, Lloyds TSB, the Natural History Museum, Skipton Building Society, Tesco and United News & Media. Peter has hands-on technical involvement in the firm on a daily basis, working in areas as diverse as network security reviews, firewall penetration testing and policy and procedures. Peter is a Fellow of the British Computer Society and member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the Information Systems Audit and Control Association and the Association of Computing Machinery. He is also a BCS Registered Security Consultant, a Microsoft Certified Product Specialist and a member of Mensa. Peter's innovative and entertaining style has led him to present to the boards of the largest international companies as well as at international conferences on many IT security-related topics.

Membership Meetings 2003

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
(preceded 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.



