

The Mailshot

Monthly communication of ISACA London Chapter

Chapter Administration

Following a decision announced earlier this year to split the Administration function from that of Publications, I am pleased to announce that Christine Lyon has been selected as the new Chapter Administrator.

Many congratulations to Christine and welcome on board. You should now contact Christine for all Chapter Administration matters as follows:

tel: 01707-665014.
 fax: to be notified
 email: admin@isaca-london.org

We will let you know on the Chapter website when the handover has been completed and Christine is ready to begin work. Please refer to the website before contacting Christine.

On behalf of the Board and the members, I would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Nancy for all the excellent work she has done in handling the Chapter's administration affairs in recent years. Of course Nancy will continue to handle Publications so we will not be losing her altogether.

IT Governance SIG Update

I have received the following



Christine Lyon

update from Roger Southgate

“We have held an inaugural meeting to appoint a SIG committee, and are pleased to report that the SIG has grown to 32 members. We have circulated two newsletters by email with some useful additional material attached.

Our first presentation, entitled 'What IT Governance is and What it Means' will be given by Keith Osborne, at 16:00 on Thursday 26th June, at ABN Amro, before the Chapter Meeting.

A programme of four presentations for next year and will be published shortly. We plan to create a London Chapter IT Governance SIG Website. The Website will include:

1. Copies of presentations made to our meetings and related documentation, and

2. A Message Board for people to ask and seek opinions from other members on IT Governance issues.

3. Articles on IT Governance and related topics will also be published in Datawatch

Please contact Roger Southgate (southgat@nildram.co.uk) for further information.”

ICAEW IT Faculty: Liaison

The London Chapter, and the other UK Chapters have been in consultations with the IT Faculty of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW) to explore areas where sharing activities could produce benefits for members of both organizations. .

Areas that we have identified so far are:

- ICAEW members to be invited to attend ISACA Special Interest Groups
- Reciprocal links on each organisation's website
- The North of England Chapter co-hosting an event with ICAEW

If you have any suggestions as to how to extend the scope of inter-organisational sharing, please share them with any Board member or

myself.

May Presentation

I think that you will find this month's presentation (following the AGM) by Stewart Dresner of ABN AMRO on Developments in Data Protection legislation and implications for systems will be as interesting and relevant as the season's offerings so far.

I look forward to meeting you at the AGM!

On behalf of the Board, I would like to apologise to all members who have experienced recent difficulties in contacting the Chapter Administrator. We have taken steps to address this and believe that the appointment of the new Chapter Administrator will alleviate the problem. I would also like to apologise for the late delivery of the recent Datawatch. This was largely due to the printing problems and I can assure you that steps are being taken to ensure this does not happen in the future.

May Membership Meeting

22 May 2003, 5.30pm
ABN Amro, 250 Bishopsgate
'Data Protection, what's coming up and implications for systems'.
Stewart Dresner

Stewart Dresner is the speaker at the Technical Briefing following the London Chapter AGM on 22 May. Stewart's biography is available on the Chapter website.

Stewart is uniquely qualified to speak on Data Protection and he

will cover two topics. Firstly, feedback on practical experience by users of the Information Commissioner's Data Protection Auditing Manual, Secondly, marketing via e-mails and websites - the DTI consultation on the EU e-Privacy and e-Communications Directive seeking to regulate this activity is on-going.

Stewart Dresner,
Chief Executive, Privacy Laws and Business

Stewart Dresner has written and researched extensively on data protection/privacy and freedom of information since 1976, when he initiated a research project on this subject at the UK Consumers' Association.

He started Privacy Laws & Business (PL&B) in 1987 by publishing the PL&B International Newsletter. The newsletter continues to monitor national and international data protection legislation, drafts, bills, judicial and administrative decisions and their impact on public and private sector organisations in over 50 countries. Since 1987, the company has become the leading independent international privacy and data protection information service, offering comprehensive consulting, data protection auditing, conferences, training, in-house presentations and recruitment. He started publishing the PL&B United Kingdom Newsletter in 2000.

Stewart was the first Chairman of the UK's Data Protection Forum. He has spoken at data protection/privacy law at

conferences in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Ireland, the Isle of Man, Israel, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, the UK and the USA and to groups, such as the International Association of Privacy Professionals, Privacy and American Business, the Institute of Chartered Accountants, The Records Management Society, and the Information Systems Audit and Control Association.

Membership Meetings 2003

22 May 2003

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

Stewart Dresner

ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopsgate

26 June 2003

Forensics

Ian Henderson

ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopsgate

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

