

The Mailshot

Monthly communication of ISACA London Chapter

Cobit Online

You will note from the message from ISACA HQ that COBIT Online is about ready for launching. An opportunity was notified to members to have a 'sneak preview' from September 16th Sept 19th. I hope that you availed yourself of the opportunity to see the benefits it can bring.

I would encourage you to consider the benefits that CobIT Online will bring to your organisations, and to promote its use both as an Audit and and IT Governance tool.

Several members of the London Chapter Board have been very active in reviewing COBIT Online, a task involving a considerable (unpaid) number of man-days of effort. It's largely due to these individual commitments (both in the London Chapter and internationally) that we're able to get such quality products onto the market place at such a competitive cost.

CISA Training

I know that intending CISA candidates don't start to focus on CISA training until they can see the exam in June looming up on the horizon (usually January / February). However, I would recommend that you now consider your CISA training needs and register for the CISA training that's on offer starting early next year.

The reason that I'm asking you to look at this aspect now is that there is an organisational 'lead time' to get the first parts of the training set up. We generally need to know numbers before Xmas to enable us to organise the training early the following year. What we don't want to do is to have to cancel the training then find out too late that a demand existed. Please consider this top class training as a priority and register early. Please contact Christine as early as possible to register.

CobIT Implementation Course

This course is scheduled for October 29th and 30th Demand is expected to be heavy, so please don't forget to register with Christine.

Information Security Managers and CISM

The CISM certification programme will be of special interest to those of our members who work in information security management. We will shortly be sending out information on the CISM certification program to those of you who work in information security. CISM is unique and complimentary to existing security credentials. CISM differs from other credentials by virtue of its experience requirements and focus exclusively on the job performed by the information security manager. Only

CISM targets the information security manager - the individual who has progressed beyond the practitioner focus, whose emphasis is no longer on technical or specialist skill, and who has moved on to the management of an enterprise's information security. If this sounds like you or someone in your organisation, why not find out what CISM can mean for you or your organisation? Although certification may not be mandatory at this time, a growing number of organisations are recommending employees become certified. So why not be ahead of the curve in the global marketplace?

Starting from the Chapter Meeting on September 25th, we will be making available CISM packs at the back of the room for members to pass on to their colleagues in their firms who are responsible for Information Security management. Please take the opportunity to spread the word about the CISM qualification to your colleagues. If you can't make the meeting, then please request a pack from Christine

September Membership Meeting

25 September 2003, 5.30pm

COBIT Online

Gary Hardy

ABN Amro, 250 Bishopsgate

In the light of the imminent launch of CobiT Online it has been decided to make a late change to the published programme. Gary Hardy, a member

of the CobiT Steering Committee, will demonstrate the functionality of Cobit Online to the Chapter meeting on 25th September at 17:30. He will also show Cobit QuickStart, the new CobiT Implementation Guide for IT Governance and explain the content of the new Implementation training course.

At 16:00 at the same venue, and on the same day, Roger Southgate, will make a presentation "Making a Start with CobiT" to the IT Governance SIG, which will be open to all members and guests. This charts how he first examined, explored and used CobiT. It is a no frills basic introduction to using some of the components of CobiT with the minimum investment of time and resources. Roger Southgate CISA, FCCA, MBA, is currently chairman of the Chapter IT Governance Special Interest Group and former IT Director, with over 18 years Investment Banking experience.

Please book for both in the normal way via Christine. The venue will be ABN AMRO at 250 Bishopsgate. Please let Christine know in advance if you plan to attend. Tel: 01707 665014 and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, email admin@isaca-london.org.

Chapter Administration

Christine will usually be available between 08.30 - 12.30 each weekday to take telephone calls. If she is not available just leave a message on the answerphone. Tel: 01707 665014 and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, email admin@isaca-london.org.

CISA/CISM

Just to remind members that the CISA and CISM examinations are administered entirely by ISACA International in the States. The 2004 registration details should be available on the International website in early September. (www.isaca.org). If you have a query or wish to register for the 2004 examinations please contact the International office at certification@isaca.org.

The London Chapter will be offering four CISA Domain Training days and a Weekend Workshop in 2004. Details are attached to this mailshot. To book your place for the training, please contact Christine.

Your Contact Details

Another reminder! We often receive undelivered e-mails because the addresses are no longer valid. Please would you regularly update your contact details on the International website. This is especially necessary for your e-mail address, as this will be an important method of communication with you in the future. It is now even easier to do this through the London Chapter website: A new link on the home page (www.isaca-london.org) takes you directly to my.isaca.org where you can update your details. Look at the bottom of the column headed 'contacts' for the link.

London Chapter Membership Meetings 2003/2004

30 Oct 2003
IT Risk Management - A Case Study

John Mitchell

27 Nov 2003
To be confirmed
Jason Viola

18 Dec 2003
Email and other messaging security
Allan Boardman

22 Jan 2004
Web application hacking and how to defend against it
Peter Wood

26 Feb 2004
'Human Rights Act', privacy in the context of email auditing
Neil Barrett

Places are limited. Please book ahead to secure your seat. Use Online Registration (www.isaca-london.org) or contact Christine to reserve your place.

There is no charge for members but a charge of £20.00 will be payable for non-members