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The London Chapter Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Chapter Status

A reminder that a Special General Meeting of the ISACA London Chapter will be held on 27th November 2003 at ABN Amro, 250 Bishopsgate at 5.00pm. The meeting will consider the following motion: 'The ISACA London Chapter wishes to re-constitute itself as a Company limited by guarantee'. Notice of the meeting was given in the October mailshot.

2004 Membership Invoices

The 2004 membership invoices will soon be mailed to all current ISACA members. You are encouraged to pay your dues and report your CPE hours upon receipt. This year, all members have the opportunity to renew their membership and report their CPE hours online by logging on to www.isaca.org and accessing their "My ISACA" page. Please also use this to update your email address.

CISM Grandfathering

A reminder that the CISM grandfathering period is available only through to 31 December 2003. The number of information security professionals applying for CISM certification under the grandfathering provision continues to increase each day. In turn, the CISM designation continues to grow in stature, influence and size, as information security managers join their peers and colleagues who hold the CISM designation. Please encourage colleagues and experienced information security professionals that you work with to apply to become a CISM. For more information on the CISM exam and the grandfathering provision, please visit www.isaca.org/cism.

CISA

A brief reminder to those who passed the CISA exam in 2003, that you must register your experience with International to complete the certification process. For those taking the CISA and CISM exams in 2004, the London Chapter is offering four CISA Domain Training days and weekend CISA and CISM workshops in 2004. Details are available on the Chapter website.

2004 Exam Registration

Registration deadlines for the 2004 CISA and CISM exams are 4 February 2004 (early) and 31 March 2004 (final).

Future conferences

EuroCACS 2004 will be held from 21-24 March 2004 at Zurich Airport Hilton, Zurich, Switzerland. Early registration deadline is 14 January 2004. Please visit www.isaca.org for more details.

ISACA London Chapter will be exhibiting at the Cyber Security in Financial Services Conference at the ExCel Centre on 15 and 16th of December 2003. ISACA members qualify for a 20% discount. Details are available on the Chapter website.

A reminder that the Chapter will be holding a joint one-day conference with the IT faculty of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW) on Tuesday 27th April 2004. Details to follow.

Electronic Mailshot

We have taken the decision to cease the distribution of the monthly Mailshot on hard copy and will be moving over the next three months to distribution by e-mail. Any members who still require the Mailshot to be sent in hard copy please notify Christine. Please ensure that you have your current e-mail address registered on the Chapter records. We will give further details in future Mailshots.

CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

Contacting the Chapter

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 ansaphone, and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively you can email her. All her contact details are at the foot of the page.

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. **If you have not received the mailshot electronically, it means that your email address on our records is invalid. It also prevents you benefiting from offers such as free admittance to the recent SC Magazine Conference: a saving of £525.00. So please update.** It is now even easier to do this: Log on to 'my.isaca' at the top right-hand corner of the International website home page: www.isaca.org

MEMBERS' MEETING 27th November: 5.30pm (SGM at 5.00pm) **ABN AMRO, 250 BISHOPSGATE**

'SAP Security and Auditing Tools'. Speaker: Jason Viola

SAP R/3. For some companies it links the business together, and automates payments. It is powerful and complex, yet can rationalise administration. It can assist in the improvement of business processes, save money, and improve the internal control framework at the same time. however, what if... anyone with a corporate network login and a crib sheet could change all that in less than half an hour. According to some reputable firms of consultants, many companies are discovering just that.

The presentation will include a view of the following areas:

- What SAP R/3 is
- Overall architecture
- Some potential security exposures that need to be considered when auditing SAP
- Some management controls that could minimise the risk of security exposures
- SAP transactions and reports that could assist in discovering exposures in SAP basis
- An overview of commercial SAP audit tools

Jason Viola CISA, has over 13 years experience of Information Technology in the Financial Sector. He is currently working for the Group Audit function of West LB AG, and has previously worked for Royal Bank Of Scotland, NatWest and IBM.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Held at ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopsgate. 5.30pm

18th Dec 2003: 'Email and other messaging security'. Speaker: Allan Boardman.

22nd Jan 2004: 'Web application hacking and how to defend against it'. Speaker: Peter Wood.

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