

The London Chapter Newsletter

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Joint ISACA / ICAEW IT Faculty Conference: Tuesday 27th April.

Please arrange to attend this ground-breaking event, entitled 'In Control or Out of Business'. Full details of the content and the impressive list of leading edge speakers can be found on the ISACA London Chapter website. This event represents exceptional value for money, and I urge you all to avail yourselves of this opportunity to gain knowledge of up to the moment developments.

Bulk Payments of Annual ISACA Fees

I am sure that we have all been through the pain of having to pay our annual ISACA fees personally, then claim the cost back through the expenses process. It can be a tortuous process, especially where payments in dollars are concerned. Also there is an overhead in reviewing, processing and paying individual claims. Now firms having several ISACA members or CISAs on the payroll can avail themselves of a facility to pay all their staffs' annual fees directly to ISACA as a single payment.

If you think your organisation would benefit from such an arrangement, please raise the matter with your management and ask them to contact Christine for further details of the process. We will issue a reminder towards the end of the year at membership renewal time.

CISM Review Weekend Workshop (8th and 9th May)

We are committed to provide the best possible training to enable our members to pass the CISM examination this year. However, registration for the CISM Review Weekend Workshop planned for May has been disappointing. We know that there are a number of candidates for the CISM exam this year who may not be ISACA members. Perhaps you could bring details of the Review Weekend training course to the attention of any security management colleagues falling into this category, as it is exceptional value for money. Details of the course are attached with this Newsletter.

Board Membership 2004/5

As we draw closer to our AGM in May, it is an appropriate time to remind those of you who are interested in serving the Chapter Board to complete your nomination forms.

If you feel that you would like to do something to help, but think that the demands of Board membership will present too great a challenge, then you can still offer your services as a 'volunteer' to assist with specific tasks that arise from time to time. Particularly, as we approach the London EuroCACS Conference in 2006, there is likely to be much to do in preparation for this prestigious event. If you are interested in helping the London Chapter in any way, please e-mail me at: charles.mansour@ntlworld.com or contact Christine.

CISA Co-ordinator

Unfortunately our CISA Co-ordinator, Samar Pratt, has had to resign from the London Chapter Board due to pressure of work commitments. However, I am pleased to announce that our new co-ordinator is Mark Hughes. You can contact Mark at mark.hughes@bartstheLondon.nhs.uk

March Membership Meeting

I am sure that we have all some experience of having to audit outsourced IT activities, together with the occasional pitfalls. Tim Wright, our speaker at the March meeting on Thursday 25th March, will present on 'Auditing the Outsourcing of IT'. This is a very hot topic and likely to be exceptionally popular, so please contact Christine to reserve your place.

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.

Can we remind members who renew their membership locally through Christine to please send your completed Renewal Invoice forms to her so that she may process your renewal with the International office in the States. **This is especially important to register your CPE hours.**

MEMBERS' MEETING 25th March 5.30PM **ABN AMRO, 250 BISHOPSGATE**

'Auditing the Outsourcing of IT'

Speaker: Tim Wright , CISA

Tim has been active in information security and IT audit for 15 years, primarily in the financial services sector. He has a particular interest in the legal side of this field, including data protection, freedom of information, intellectual property and third-party contacts. He is currently a senior IT audit manager at Aviva plc.

This presentation will concentrate on how the auditor should be involved before anything is signed, from the preparation of the business case, to what to look for in the contract itself.

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

22nd April 2004: 'Security Built-in through a structured Management approach'. Speaker: John Smith

27th May 2004: 'How to audit an ERP System'. Speaker: Gabriel Lung

24th June 2004: 'Real Life Security Incidents'. Speaker: David Ramirez