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The London Chapter Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Madrid Chapter

Many ISACA members work in the centre of Madrid. After the tragic events there in March, our Past President, John Mitchell, wrote to the Madrid Chapter President on your behalf to express the condolences of the London Chapter. In the event, happily no Chapter members were injured.

Many of our members across the world are concentrated in financial areas in large city centres, which, together with the means of public transport to and from those areas, seem to have emerged as a target for a potential terrorist attack. I guess that all we can do to counter the threat is to be extra vigilant on our travels to and from work and in the course of travelling abroad.

Item writers

On a lighter note, did you know that the CISA Examination Board is looking for members to write questions (item writers) for the CISA and CISM examinations? If your question (and answer) is selected, you are paid \$50 for a CISA question and \$100 for a CISM question. So why not have a go! To access the application form, go to the ISACA website and navigate as follows from the 'high level' menu on the left hand side on the page:

For CISA questions: Assurance/CISA Certification/Exam Item Writer Program

For CISM questions: Security/CISM Certification/Exam Item Writer Program

Forthcoming Events

If you have not already planned to attend our joint conference with the ICEAW on Tuesday 27th April, then there should probably be time to book when you receive this Newsletter. Registration details are on the website.

Please remind your colleagues who intend to take the CISM exam about the CISM Review Weekend Workshop on 8th and 9th May. We also have a course on 'Implementing CobiT for IT Governance' on 5th and 6th May. Details are attached. Please register with Christine for either of these course.

Audit Programmes

Have you recently completed an audit assignment and think that your audit programme or an ICQ you have developed (suitably de-personalised and stripped of Company specific information) would be of benefit to your colleagues? If so, you are invited to contribute to the ever growing list of audit programmes on the ISACA website. I have had a look and we now have 22 high quality audit programmes and ICQs.

We can grow this figure if we adopt a co-operative attitude to our audit plans. We certainly want to avoid 're-inventing the wheel', which must now be the case when the number of common operating systems and applications in use across enterprises is taken into consideration.

If you wish to send an audit programme or ICQ for inclusion on the list, then please email it to:

Education@isaca.org

CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

Contacting the Chapter

Christine will usually be available between 08.30 - 12.30 each weekday to take telephone calls and answer emails. 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.

MEMBERS' MEETING 22nd APRIL 5.30PM **ABN AMRO, 250 BISHOPSGATE**

'Security Built-in through a structured Management approach'.

Speaker: John Smith

Prior to moving into IT, John had a successful career as a research chemist before becoming a director in a leading company in the Middle East. Thus, John has over 30 years experience in Project Management, in science and industry managing research, in construction and civil engineering projects, as well as IT. He is now an IT and management consultant, concentrating on 'structured methods'. John has addressed International Conferences and has written a number of articles published in professional journals.

John's technical expertise includes: Systems Analysis (including SSADM); RAD and Agile Development (DSDM); Project Management (ITIL); IS Security Management; Help Desk (HDI); Interpersonal Skills; Training Skills; Time Management; Contingency and Disaster Recovery. He is also an External Examiner for the Information Systems Examination Board, DSDM Consortium and NCC.

This promises to be an entertaining and thought provoking session, especially for the security practitioners among the membership. Please register with Christine if you would like to attend.

AGM Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the ISACA London Chapter will be held on Thursday 27th May at ABN Amro, 250 Bishopsgate at 5.00pm. Please register with Christine if you wish to attend the AGM and the presentation following the AGM.

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

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

This meeting will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting of the London Chapter at 5.00pm

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