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The London Chapter Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

AGM and New Board for 2004/2005

The Chapter's Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 27th May, followed by a very interesting presentation by Gabriel Lung on ERP Systems and Risk Management. Full details of the new Board is available on the website. David Thirlwall joins the Board and we say farewell and thanks to Karen Sharpe, Kamal Khan, Archie Watt and Paul Fortmann. I am sure all the members will join the Board in expressing a special thanks to Karen, Kamal and Archie for their many years of service to the London Chapter and the significant contribution they have made to the Chapter.

Board Planning Day

The Board held its annual planning day on Wednesday 2nd June. This was an opportunity for the group to discuss and agree plans for the next year, including the very important task of setting the membership subscription for 2005, and discuss key projects such as incorporation and planning for EuroCACS 2006, which is being hosted in London.

CISA and CISM exams

The 2004 exams were held on Saturday 12th June. Across the globe, record numbers took the exams, as did in London where 245 were registered to sit the CISA exam and 23 the CISM exam. Good luck to all those who took the exams.

Datawatch Online

The online publication is in the final stages of preparation and an email should be going out later this month providing access details. With past challenges now behind us, we plan to publish the online version quarterly. It should be noted that the expected saving of producing Datawatch is reflected in a reduction of \$20 in membership subscriptions for next year. A reminder that we are always looking for topical articles to publish, so please get in touch with the editorial team if you wish to contribute.

Events

The events calendar for 2004/05 is being finalised and details should be circulated to members during the next couple of months. In the meantime, we are very pleased to announce that we have been able to arrange a presentation at the 28th October event by two senior directors of Legal and General on their IT Governance implementation using the CobiT framework and toolset. The last event of the 2003/04 season will be preceded by the Governance SIG meeting at 4.00pm. Details are below.

New SIG – Expression of Interest Required

The Chapter has been approached by the Dynamic Development Method (DSDM) Consortium for help in enhancing the auditability of the consortium's development process. See below for details.

Volunteers

The Chapter has a busy 12 months ahead and we would therefore like to appeal to members who may wish to volunteer to help. Areas where assistance is required is supporting the ISACA stand at events such as CompSec (Oct.), planning for EuroCACS 2006 and administration of the website. Please get in touch with any Board member if you wish to get involved.

PROPOSED NEW SIG - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST REQUIRED

The Chapter has been approached by the Dynamic System Development Method (DSDM) Consortium for help in enhancing the auditability of the consortium's development process. The DSDM Consortium is a not for profit membership organisation which administers the DSDM Framework.

Dynamic System Development Method

DSDM is a Rapid Application Development (RAD) project delivery framework which focuses on the timely delivery of high quality solutions that quickly meet the businesses needs. This is done by using the various techniques in the framework and flexing requirements. It addresses the needs of all project participants from management to developers to users.

SIG Deliverable

The proposed deliverable will be a document that maps the DSDM framework against the relevant CobiT processes in order to ensure full auditability of DSDM, helping to ensure that the delivered systems not only come in on time and to budget, but are also well controlled when they enter production. This will require the SIG to examine the DSDM process from the point of view of overall security risks (confidentiality, integrity, availability and compliance) of the production system to ISO 17799 requirements, as well as the traditional project risks (time and budget).

The document will probably form the basis of an article for Datawatch.

Membership

It is anticipated that the SIG will comprise both London Chapter and DSDM Consortium members. Other UK Chapters may also become involved.

The SIG will be chaired by a London Chapter representative.

Meetings

Any face to face meetings that are required will be held in London, although it is anticipated that email will be extensively used as the main communication medium.

How to Respond to this Request

If you are interested in participating in this SIG, then please respond by email to the London Chapter SIG co-ordinator:

Roger Southgate, at southgat@nildram.co.uk by 14th July 2004.

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.

Monthly Meetings

It is important to register your attendance at these meetings. You can do this either via our website or email Christine direct.

MEMBERS' MEETING 24TH JUNE 2004
ABN AMRO, 250 BISHOPSGATE

IT GOVERNANCE SIG MEETING AT 4.00PM

'Tools to Implement Governance': Speaker: Dr. Derek Oliver.

This presentation will look at CobiT, ITIL and ISO 17799.

Pink Roccade have generously supplied us with copies of their booklet 'The ITIL Roadmap', which will be available for collection at the meeting.

We hope you have taken advantage of the resources flow across the IT Governance and CobiT discussion forums. We would like to draw your attention to two books that we are sure you will of interest. We will have a copy of each for perusal prior to , or after the SIG meeting.

'Strategies for Information Technology Governance' by Wim Van Grembergen. This is reviewed in the latest edition of Control.

'IT Governance – How Top Performers Manage IT Decision Rights for Superior Results'
by Peter Weill and Jeanne W. Ross.

The SIG meeting will precede the monthly Chapter meeting and **please register your attendance in the normal way with Christine.**

The IT Governance SIG Committee look forward to seeing you.

Roger Southgate – Chairman

Peter Andrews

Matthew Lord

MEMBERS' MEETING AT 5.30PM

'Real-Life Security Incidents' Speaker : David Ramirez, CISM

David is Technical Director at DVS Systems, which provides information security and audit services. He is CISM, CISSP and MCSE qualified and is an ISS Certified Engineer. As Technical Director, he developed the methodologies to provide remote security testing for more than 900 financial institutions world wide ensuring homogeneous results.

Real-Life Security Incidents:

After testing more that 900 financial institutions world wide, DVS has managed to create a clear map of security problems and incidents.

Examples such as: Bank servers used to exchange pirate music, Databases exposed to free browsing by intruders, central bank servers used by intruders for more that 2 years, the list just goes on. This presentation will show you real life security incidents that have affected major institutions world wide. (Details deleted to protect the innocent!).

FUTURE MEETINGS: There will be no meetings in July or August.

A full list of our new season of meetings will be circulated in the next couple of months.