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The London Chapter Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Incorporation update

Good news!! ISACA London Chapter was incorporated on 19 November 2004 and is now a Company Limited by Guarantee; company registration number 05291214. Thanks and congratulations to all those involved, especially Joe Wright, the Chapter's Secretary. Just to mention that we are still looking for an honorary auditor, so if anyone would like to take up this post, please get in touch with me.

2005 Membership Invoices

You should be receiving these shortly. Full details of the 2005 membership fees are available here www.isaca-london.org/chapter_dues_2005.htm. You are encouraged to pay your dues and report CPE hours as soon as possible. Note that London Chapter members have the choice to remit subscriptions by credit card to ISACA International or to send a sterling cheque (payable to ISACA London Chapter) to the Chapter Administrator. Payments by cheque in the UK attract an additional £5 handling charge.

From everyone's point of view, the first option is more efficient and also more cost effective, particularly with the current \$-£ exchange rate. I would therefore like to encourage as many members as possible to pay direct to the US. And while you are logged into isaca.org, please ensure that your email details are correct and up to date.

Marketing Plans

Each year, ISACA makes funds available for the purpose of encouraging and assisting ISACA chapters in promoting and marketing CISA and CISM certification programs, as well as for general membership marketing purposes. Chapters may obtain up to US \$750 for membership marketing, up to US \$750 to promote local CISA programs, and up to US \$750 to promote local CISM programs.

We are pleased to report that for 2004, the Chapter has recently received from Rolling Meadows matching funds of \$500 for Membership, \$500 for CISA and \$450 for CISM. The major marketing spend for 2004 was for the Chapter's impressive exhibition display stands, which have already been put to very good use. Thanks to Peter Andrews in his role as the Chapter's Marketing Director for spearheading the marketing efforts including putting together a comprehensive marketing plan for 2005, which was submitted to Rolling Meadows in November.

CISA and CISM

Flash news!! The CISA and CISM pins have finally arrived (for all those that achieved the certifications in 2003 and 2004) and will be handed out by the Chapter's Certification Co-ordinator, Mark Hughes, after John Mitchell's talk on IT Security Governance (more details below) at the meeting next week. We hope to see many of you at the meeting so please don't miss this opportunity to network with other ISACA members whilst enjoying some festive refreshments.

Season Greetings

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the festive and holiday season, and hope you have a happy, healthy and prosperous 2005.

Allan Boardman.

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. **It is important to register your attendance at our monthly meetings with Christine either via the London Chapter website or by emailing her direct.**

MEMBERS' MEETING 16th DECEMBER 2004 **ABN-AMRO, 250 BISHOPSGATE. 5.30PM**

There will be an IT Governance SIG meeting at 4.00pm

Nick Fellows will deliver an of an ISACA/ITGI presentation entitled:

"What is IT Governance and Why is it Important?"

This presentation was made available to Chapters in the late summer, and is intended to generate interactive discussions between participants. Please come along contribute to what we hope will be a lively discussion.

Overcoming the Obstacles to Effective Information Security Governance

Speaker: John Mitchell.

The implementation of effective IS governance requires a number of obstacles to be overcome at all levels in an organisation. Obtaining top management support may appear to be the only one that matters, but in reality the IS governance champion must be prepared to market the concept at all levels. After all, effective IS governance requires the day-to-day help of the entire organisation and not just the hopes and aspirations of senior management

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- Overcoming senior management objections
- Dealing with the Human Resources Department
- Obtaining middle management support
- Persuading the IT function and IS governance is good for them
- Overcoming staff objections that the process prevents them from doing their job

- Ensuring compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements

John will take his usual irreverent approach to this topic and people of a nervous disposition should not attend!

John Mitchell. PhD., CEng., CITP, MBA, FBCS, MBCS, CISA, FIIA, MIIA, QiCA, CFE

Managing Director, LHS Business Control.

John is currently Academic Relations and Research Director of the London Chapter. He has previously held the posts of President, Treasurer and External Relations Director. He is an international authority on IT Governance, the control of computer systems, the investigation of computer crime and the impact of regulatory and compliance issues on the delivery of IT services. He has presented papers on these subjects at many International conferences since 1985.

John is a Chartered Engineer, Chartered Information Technology Professional, a Certified Fraud Examiner, a Certified Systems Auditor, a Fellow of the Institute of Internal Auditors (UK) and a Fellow of the British Computer Society, where he is a past member of its governing Council. He is currently the editor of one journal dealing with IT control issues and is on the editorial panel of another journal.

John has been an expert witness in a number of high profile UK criminal cases and he has been featured in a major British computing publication as the *IT Detective*.

His doctorate in risk analysis techniques was awarded by City University, London. His MBA in financial control was awarded, with distinction, by Middlesex University.

After the Meeting, please join the Board for Festive refreshments.

FUTURE IT TECHNICAL MEETINGS at

ABN AMRO, 250 BISHOPSGATE at 5.30pm

- 27 JANUARY 2005:** 'IT Governance Framework.' **Speakers:** Legal & General Directors
- 24 FEBRUARY 2005:** 'Auditing Networks – Routers.' **Speaker:** Phil Pinder
- 17 MARCH 2005:** 'Identity Theft in the Corporate Environment.' **Speaker:** Peter Wood
- 21 APRIL 2005:** 'Aligning Risk Mitigation Initiatives with Strategic Management Concerns.'
Speaker: Bob Vyas
- 26 MAY 2005:** 'Auditing Third Parties.' **Speaker:** Chris Spackman
This meeting will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting at 5.00pm.
- 23 JUNE 2005:** 'Data Mining and Visualisation Techniques for Digital and Paper-based Data.'
Speaker: Chas. Jordan