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# *The London Chapter Newsletter*

## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

### **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](http://www.isaca.org) and accessing their "My ISACA" page at the top right-hand corner of the home page.

**Please also use this to update your email address. It is critically important that we have your correct e-mail address. If you have not received this Newsletter electronically, it means that your email address on the ISACA International records is incorrect.**

### **CISA Training**

Due to the time we need to arrange our January and February CISA Domain training courses, we need to 'close the rolls' early in the New Year. As most CISA exam candidates do not enrol until mid or late January, there is usually a dearth of training applicants at this time of year and we are faced with the prospect of cancelling the early sessions ahead of a late rush of applicants. Therefore, the Board has decided that, instead of holding the four one-day training courses starting in January, we will hold two separate one-day sessions in March and two in April. Please encourage any CISA candidates you know to book early with Christine for this training. The details are attached with this Newsletter and are on our website.

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

### **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](http://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.

Planning is now under way for 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 for this key-note event will follow in the New Year.

### **Chapter 2004/2005 Board**

Now is the time when our thoughts turn to the composition of the 2004/2005 Chapter Board, which is elected at our AGM in May. We are very keen to infuse the Board with 'new blood' and we are seeking new Board members the represent the younger sector of the Chapter membership. I actively encourage anyone to have a go. Please do not feel intimidated about not being able to do the job, as there is a wealth of experience to support you. If you need any more information, please speak to any Board member at the Chapter meeting, or contact me direct.

### **DataWatch Articles**

We need a good supply of articles from the membership to keep our article bank well stocked. Please consider seriously whether you can help your colleagues by sharing your experiences or providing fresh insights into anything you think might be of interest. There's help available if you don't feel too confident. Have a go!

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## **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.

### **IT Governance Implementation Training**

Following the successful course held in October on 'Implementing CobiT for IT Governance', we are planning a further course in May 2004. We expect that IT Governance will increase in importance as a 'hot topic' for control professionals in 2004. Watch this space for details.

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## **MEMBERS' MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> December: 5.30pm** **ABN AMRO, 250 BISHOPSGATE**

**'Email and other messaging security'. Speaker: Allan Boardman**

Allan is a Chartered Accountant, a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP). He has worked in Information Risk Management and IT Audit in a number of organisations in London and currently works in Information Security for an American Investment Bank.

Allan has spoken at various conferences in the U.K. and abroad and is a regular contributor to Datawatch. He is Vice-President of the London Chapter and serves on the Publications Committee. He is the webmaster for the London Chapter [www.isaca-london.org](http://www.isaca-london.org) and webmaster for the British Computer Society's Information Risk Management and Audit Group [www.bcs-irma.org](http://www.bcs-irma.org)

**Email** is without doubt one of the most widely used and critical computer applications in the workplace today. Ensuring security, integrity and control over their email systems is of vital importance to ensure effective and efficient communications both within organisations and with clients, vendors and other external parties.

This session will discuss the main threats and vulnerabilities associated with using email systems, and explore some of the technical and business solutions that may be deployed to counter and manage email related risks. It will highlight some key areas that should be covered in email policies, standards and best practice guidelines, and debate the impact of recent legislation and regulatory focus in the US and Europe over the use of email. The session will also examine security and control implications of some of the other messaging systems starting to emerge in the corporate workplace, such as instant messaging and text messaging.

This is a matter of great topical interest and we recommend you book early. After the meeting we will be serving Festive refreshments during our 'networking' session.

**The President and Chapter Board would like to extend to you their very best wishes for a happy Festive Season and a successful and prosperous 2004.**

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

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2004 IT Governance SIG**

This successful SIG will meet **at 4.00pm**, followed by our January Chapter meeting at 5.30pm:

'Web application hacking and how to defend against it'. Speaker: Peter Wood.

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