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The London Chapter Mailshot

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Chapter Status

Notice is hereby given of a Special General Meeting of the ISACA London Chapter to be held on 27th November 2003 at ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopsgate at 5.00pm. The meeting will consider the following motion:

'The ISACA London Chapter wishes to re-constitute itself as a Company limited by guarantee'.

At the moment the Chapter has the legal status of a 'club'. This means that, in the extremely unlikely event of any person making a claim against the Chapter which could not be met by Chapter funds, the individual members become liable for the excess. The Chapter Board have decided that the best way to limit any loss to the Chapter and eliminate calls on the members' own funds, would be to change the legal status of the Chapter to a 'company limited by guarantee'.

Joint Conference next April

We have agreed to hold a joint one-day conference with our colleagues at the IT faculty of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW) on **Tuesday 7th April 2004**. The venue will be the Chartered Accountants Hall, off Moorgate. The event is at the early planning stages as I write, but we envisage that there will be two streams: one for management and one for audit/technical issues. The general theme will be: 'Hot Topics for 2004'. The content looks very good and the day will offer excellent value for money. Further details will be in forthcoming Mailshots and on the website. Plan now to attend.

Electronic Mailshot

We have taken the decision to cease the distribution of the monthly Mailshot on hard copy and will be moving over the next three months to distribution by e-mail. Any members who still require the Mailshot to be sent in hard copy please notify Christine. Please ensure that you have your current e-mail address registered on the Chapter records. We will give further details in future Mailshots.

CISM

For those of you in information security management, a reminder about the CISM grandfathering provision. Information security professionals who have eight or more years of information security experience with five or more years experience of managing an information security program may be eligible to earn the CISM certification without taking the CISM exam. The grandfathering provision end on **31st December 2003**. For more information or to download an application form, please visit the ISACA website at: www.isaca.org/cism or contact the certification department by e-mail at: certification@isaca.org. telephone: +1.847.253.1545 ext. 471 or 474; or fax: +1.847.253.1443

CISA

A brief reminder to those who passed the CISA exam in 2003, that you must register your experience with International to complete the certification process. For those taking the CISA and CISM exams in 2004, the London Chapter is offering four CISA Domain Training days and weekend CISA and CISM workshops in 2004. Details are attached to this mailshot.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

The IT Governance SIG met on 25th September and the event was very well attended. The next meeting will be on 22nd January. Cynthia Garibotto is forming a 'Project Auditing' SIG. For information, please contact Cynthia at: cynthia.l.garibotto@uk.pwcglobal.com

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Your Contact Details

Another reminder! We often receive undelivered e-mails because the addresses are no longer valid. Please would you regularly update your contact details on the International website. **If you have not received the mailshot electronically, it means that your email address on our records is invalid. Please update.** It is now even easier to do this through the London Chapter website:

A new link on the home page (www.isaca-london.org) takes you directly to my.isaca.org where you can update your details. Look at the bottom of the column headed 'contacts' for the link.

MEMBERS' MEETING 30th OCTOBER: 5.30pm **ABN AMRO, 250 BISHOPSGATE**

IT Risk Management – A Case Study : Speaker: Dr. John Mitchell

Internet service provision is one of the cornerstones of the modern business environment and non-availability of the service is often a critical risk to the enterprise. John will initially discuss the general concepts of risk management in the context business and IT objectives. The key linkage between a particular outcome and its root cause and will be analysed. He will then use these principles to provide an in-depth analysis of their application to the availability of internet based service provision. The principles will be illustrated by a case study based on a real world situation. The outcome should be of interest to anyone who has an interest in risk management and the provision of web based services. As usual, John will not be constrained by current ideology, political correctness or the weather.

John Mitchell is Managing Director of LHS Business Control, a consultancy founded by him in 1989 to specialise in corporate governance issues. He has been instrumental in introducing IT Governance to UK companies and he is a recognised authority on corporate governance and risk management.

He has been a member of the London Chapter of ISACA since 1986 and is a past President. He is a Certified Information Systems Auditor, a Chartered Engineer, a Certified Fraud Examiner, 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 and past Chair of its Information Risk Management and Audit specialist group. He is currently the editor of one journal dealing with control issues and is on the editorial panel of another. He has been featured in a major British computing publication as the *IT Detective*. John has 30 years practical systems and control experience and an international reputation for advising organisations on their control strategy and associated methodologies. He gained his doctorate in risk analysis techniques for audit planning.

Please note that we have changed the date of the event to 30th October in order to offer members from other Chapters attending the COMPSEC Conference an opportunity to attend a London Chapter event. Please book your place early with Christine, as this will be a popular event.

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

27th Nov 2003: 'SAP Security and Auditing Tools'. Speaker: Jason Viola.

18th Dec 2003: 'Email and other messaging security'. Speaker: Allan Boardman.

22nd Jan 2004: 'Web application hacking and how to defend against it'. Speaker: Peter Wood.

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