President's Message

A quarter of the way through 2010 and we all seem to be busier than ever.

One reason is that there is clearly more focus now on managing risk than ever before. The release of ISACA's new Risk IT Framework and Practitioners Guide could hardly have been better timed. But the beauty of Risk IT is not really in the timing, it's in the content! This framework, in my humble opinion, is the best yet from ISACA. It is well structured, complete and easy to understand.

I had the pleasure of presenting Risk IT to the AISA Risk Special Interest Group in early February. To prepare for this, I spent much of January reading through the Framework and Guideline. I found it so easily absorbed it was actually a pleasure to pick it up and thumb through it. The figures are so simple yet informative, they almost tell the story on their own. I reckon we should all make this the "Year of Risk IT".

We kicked off our Professional Development program in February and were treated to a great session by Nick Ellsmore. Nick provided an alternative view of information security through analogies with dye-packs, heroin and winnowing wheat. Nick's session is posted on the Chapter web site, so have a read and post questions and comments on our Linked-In group.

You'll have noticed the Special General Meeting being held along with our March Professional Development Session. In the past few years, we have been forced to spend an enormous amount of money printing and mailing the AGM pack, because our By-Laws stipulate postal mail. This worked out fine when we had a few hundred members and not everyone had access to email, but times have changed and so should we. Please do cast your vote.

We have the AGM coming up in April. We'll be voting in a new Board, and I will be handing over the keys to our new President, so do come along. And on that note, I'll end my last President's Report.

Garry Barnes,
President, ISACA Sydney Chapter

New Board Members

Sadly we had to say farewell to two members of our Board early this year.

Daniel Rosa, who was our CISM Certification Director is now based in Singapore and Derek Matthews will fill the role, pending election at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

Sudarshan Mandyam, who was our CISA Certification Director is now in India, and Gurvinder Pal Singh will fill his role, also pending election at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

Both Daniel and Sudarshan were hard working and active Directors and they gave great support to the Board. They also provided valuable guidance to Derek and Gurvinder over the last few years, and I'm sure you'll see the same high quality service from Derek and Gurvinder.

You can read more about Gurvinder on page 8 and Derek on page 9. We'll publish more Board updates following the Board elections at the upcoming Annual General Meeting in April.

Sandra Blair and Mike Thompson at the Member Information Session held on 11 March 2010

Professional Development News

Annual General Meeting and
Professional Development Session
14 April 2010

The Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Chapter of ISACA will be held on Wednesday 14th April at Ernst and Young, Level 33, 680 George Street Sydney. The AGM will be followed by Keynote Briefing Session #3: A BRIEFING ON LOCAL AND GLOBAL DATA PRIVACY TRENDS AND ISSUES presented by Troy Braban, Senior Manager , Accenture

AGM Agenda:
Annual General Meeting of the members	5:30 – 6:00 pm
Introduction by Ernst & Young Representative	6:00 – 6.15pm
Keynote Presentation	6:15 – 7:15 pm
Networking and refreshments	7.15 – 8:00 pm

Cost: Members - free / Non-members - $20.00 *(includes GST)* **CPE:** 1 Hour

Refer to page 3 for a preview of the April Keynote Presentation

Keynote Presentation— May 2010

Ken Doughty of ING Australia will present a very topical session on Key Risk Indicators.
This session will be held on May 11 at the Telstra Auditorium from 12 to 2pm.

Our Sponsors

ISACA Sydney wishes to thank all our generous sponsors through 2010 who helped us present these and other ISACA Sydney events cost effectively to our members.

Our sponsors include:-

- Telstra Security Solutions
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Carmen Hawkins, Professional Development and Marketing Director, Sydney Chapter ISACA

Mark you diaries for the upcoming Oceania CACS Conference being held in Melbourne from 2nd to 4th August 2010
For more information visit http://www.oceaniacacs2010.org/

UPCOMING EVENTS
Keynote Presentation
April 2010

Undoubtedly Data Privacy and Protection is a very relevant topic to all organizations today. From cyber security threats to data breaches and attacks, these issues are on the news every week and there are many relevant questions and concerns about the topic. Last year, in an effort to determine how data privacy perceptions and practices around the globe inform and influence data protection practices, we joined forces with the Ponemon Institute to conduct a comprehensive study of the current state of data privacy and protection. The research involved two global surveys of more than 5,500 business leaders and 15,000 individuals across 19 countries. This is the first time we have seen country specific data for Australia - meaning we can provide a global business and consumer perspective and compare to local trends and findings.

Five key findings emerged from our research:
- Finding 01: There is a notable difference between organizations' intentions regarding data privacy and how they actually ensure compliance with it.
- Finding 02: A majority of organizations have lost sensitive personal information, and among these organizations, the biggest causes are internal and therefore something they potentially could control.
- Finding 03: Compliance complacency is prevalent throughout the world.
- Finding 04: Understanding the perspective on and approach to data privacy and protection of business partners is crucial.
- Finding 05: Organizations that exhibit a "culture of caring" with respect to data privacy and protection are far less likely to experience security breaches.

Presenter: Troy Braban is a Senior Manager in Accenture's Technology Consulting - Security practice in Melbourne. Troy leads Accenture's Data Protection & Privacy line of business within the Security Practice in South East Asia, Australia and Korea (SEAAK).

ISACA is a proud supporter of AusCERT2010.

AusCERT2010 IT Security Conference, theme: *Nothing Without Security*

Join us at **AusCERT2010,** the Asia Pacific Information Technology Security Conference - an international conference focusing on IT security; for CFOs, CIOs, CTOs and technical staff from government agencies, universities and industry. Learn about the latest IT security issues from a business and technical perspective.

This will be the ninth AusCERT conference and will take place from **Sunday 16 to Wednesday 19 May 2010** followed by two days of workshops. The venue will be RACV Royal Pines on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. Visit http://conference.auscert.org.au/conf2010/

ISACA members receive a special discount equal to the four plus level. This is equal to a 27% discount off the single delegate price. Do put the initials 10ISACA in the last text box when registering.

ISACA Launches CRISC
New Certification for Risk Professionals

ISACA recently announced the development of a new risk and control-related certification. The Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISCÔ, pronounced "see-risk") designation is for IT and business professionals who identify and manage risks through the development, implementation and maintenance of information systems (IS) controls. These professionals help enterprises accomplish business objectives such as effective and efficient operations, reliable financial reporting, and compliance with regulatory requirements.

The need for this new certification was identified and reported on as part of ISACA's strategy. A Board appointed task force was created in July 2009 to develop this new certification. Extensive research was conducted globally that resulted in the validation of a need for a certification for IT and business professionals

What will be the requirements to earn the CRISC designation?
Earning the CRISC designation will require a combination of experience and expertise. Candidates will be required to prove and demonstrate a minimum of three years of experience related to:

    Risk identification, assessment and evaluation
    Risk response
    Risk monitoring
    IS control design and implementation
    IS control monitoring and maintenance

In addition, candidates will be required to pass the CRISC exam and commit to a code of ethical conduct and a program of professional continuing education.

The task force is currently developing a CRISC job practice that will consist of subject matter areas (domains) and related task and knowledge statements that will serve as the basis for certification and exam development. The job practice is planned for completion in March 2010.

Will there a grandfathering program?
Yes, just as was the case with other ISACA certification programs the CRISC certification will include a period in which highly experienced professionals can apply for CRISC certification without taking the CRISC exam. The grandfathering program is scheduled to start on 1 April 2010 and finish in March 2011. Program details will be announced after the completion of the job practice.

When will the first CRISC exam be offered?
The first CRISC exam will be offered in December 2011. The exact timing will be determined based on the development of an adequate exam item pool for testing. Item writers will be solicited shortly after the completion of the job practice to write items for the new exam.

How will CRISC compare to other ISACA certifications?
CRISC is intended to complement ISACA's three existing certifications.

  CRISC is for IT and business professionals who are engaged at an operational level to mitigate risk while CGEIT is for IT and business professionals who have a significant management, advisory or assurance role relating to the governance of IT, including risk management;

  CRISC is for IT and business professionals who design, implement and maintain IS controls while CISA is designed for IT professionals who perform independent reviews of control design and operational effectiveness;

  CRISC is for IT professionals whose roles encompass security, operational and compliance considerations, while CISM is for individuals who manage, design, oversee and/or assess an enterprise's information security, including the identification and management of information security risks.

The Sydney Chapter of ISACA will keep you up-to-date as more news come to hand. In the meantime check the webpage at www.isaca.org/crisc

Sydney University - Business Information Systems Association

Do you ever reminisce about the halcyon days of university? So much potential, so many options.

Do you ever wish that you could go back and give yourself some much needed advice?

The Business Information Systems Association's mentoring program tries to do just that by linking experienced professionals with promising, committed students who are looking to follow in their footsteps.

Why not get involved and help to shape a bright career? BISA is a student organisation based out of Sydney University designed to help those with an interest in Business Information Systems. In 2010 it is launching its inaugural mentoring program and is looking for professionals who want to develop career skills, pass on acquired knowledge and facilitate involvement with academia. The program involves three hours a semester of one-on-one meetings and, although BISA provides a suggested framework, its input is limited. BISA hopes that involvement will enable the development of a network of like-minded professionals.

Registration has been extended for ISACA members to March 24. A Mentor Introduction evening is being held on March 24 from 6.30pm-7.30pm at a City venue.

Visit the BISA website at www.bisa.org.au for more information.

Andrew Knevitt
President
BISA

Did You Know…

There are now more than 350 ISACA and third-party books available online to members **free-of-charge** from the ISACA eLibrary.

For details, please visit *www.isaca.org/elibrary*. ■

Certification News

CGEIT News

Sydney Chapter will provide a CGEIT roundtable for candidates sitting the June 2010 exam. The roundtable will be held on 21 April at the Frame Group. You can register for this event by contacting Sandra Blair.

Also, for the first time for CGEIT candidates, ISACA has released the CGEIT Review Manual. This resource can be purchased through the Bookstore at www.isaca.org/bookstore

David Roche
CGEIT Coordinator

CISA and CISM Review Sessions

CISA Review Sessions will be held at the Frame Group, Level 11, 189 Kent Street, Sydney from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

The CISA Review Sessions schedule is as follows:
Monday, 22 March   Study and Exam Preparation
Monday, 29 March   The IS Audit Process
Tuesday, 06 April   IT Governance
Monday, 12 April   System and Infrastructure Lifecycle Mgmt
Monday, 19 April   IT Service Delivery and Support
Tuesday, 27 April   Protection of Information Assets (Part I)
Monday, 03 May   Protection of Information Assets (Part II)
Monday, 10 May   Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery
Monday, 17 May   Sample examination & discussions (50 MCQs)

Gurvinder Pal Singh, CISA Coordinator and Vijay Bala, who is assisting Gurvinder running the CISA portfolio

CISM Review Sessions will be held at PriceWaterhouse Coopers, Darling Park Tower 2, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

The CISM Review Session schedule is as follows:
Wednesday, 07 April   Information Security Governance
Wednesday, 14 April   Information Risk Management
Wednesday, 21 April   Information Security Program Development
Wednesday, 28 April   Information Security Program Management
Wednesday, 05 May   Incident Management and Response
Wednesday, 12 May   Practice Questions & Discussions
Wednesday, 19 May   Sample Exam

To register for these Review Sessions please contact Sandra Blair.

Derek Matthews, CISM Coordinator

Review Session Fees:
Attendance at all CISA or CISM Review Sessions + Sample exam:
Member rate: $120 + GST
Non-Member rate: $395* + GST *(*includes one year membership with ISACA)*
CISA or CISM Sample Exam only:
Member rate: $45 + GST
Non-Member rate: $75 + GST

Candidates for the CISA, CISM and CGEIT examinations must register through www.isaca.org/examreg before 7 April 2010

Getting to Know: Gurvinder Pal Singh

Gurvinder is our new CISA Certification Director on the Sydney Chapter Board.

What interested you in ISACA? ISACA presents a fusion between IT auditing and information security perspectives. The core is of widely accepted cross-industry best practices, where information security gets its justification from business needs. The implementation includes information security as an autonomous function inside wider corporate governance. Joining ISACA gave me a perfect platform to advance my career and skills in the field of Information Security and Audit, which is highly regarded in the industry.

Why you wanted to become a Certification Director? I always wanted to network with my peer professionals and learn what they are doing in their respective industries and similarly sharing my knowledge with the peers. While doing certification review sessions I found that this a perfect platform to improve knowledge and brush shoulders with one of the best in the industry.

What do you like to do to relax? I listen to Indian Classical music and in particular Sufi music. I also like flying scaled full sized helicopters to relax and recoup concentration.

Tell us about your background: Gurvinder Pal Singh is a Security Specialist in Information & Communications Technology ICT Operations Delivery at RailCorp

Member Information Session

On 11 March 2010, the Chapter held an Information Session for potential new members and certification candidates at the Frame Group. Mike Thompson, Chapter Vice President, presented a brief overview of the Association and Chapter, and our Certification Directors provided information about each of the certifications.

If you have any questions about ISACA's membership or certification offerings, please send your questions to Sandra or directly to relevant Chapter Director.

ISACA Web Site Redesign Update

Scheduled for release in June 2010, the new ISACA web site will foster networking opportunities with other ISACA members through the use of MyProfile, which will include such features as:

⇒ **Professional interests**—Quickly view web site content that is of personal interest.
⇒ **Connect with other ISACA members—**Add members to your personal connections; send members messages via a private ISACA e-mail address; and view members with shared interests, language or region.
⇒ **Blogs**—Create an ISACA blog.

Getting to Know: Derek Matthews

Derek is our new CISM Certification Director on the Sydney Chapter Board.

What interested you in ISACA? I wanted to gain a 'quality' certification that would be globally recognised in Information Security management, after talking with my peers I decided on the ISACA CISM Certification.

Why you wanted to become a Certification Director? I attended the CISM review sessions prior to my CISM exam, I was impressed with the structure and profession-alism shown by the volunteers and wanted to become part of that process. I also wanted to giveback to the information Security industry as a whole and thought what better way than to help local upcoming security professionals.

What do you like to do to relax? I play golf, cycle, walk, read, enjoy movies, listen to pod-casts, enjoy a glass of Aussie Red.

Tell us about your background: I worked in software development and Systems Analysis for 17 years and Information Security for 11 years. I've worked in England, South Africa, Scotland, Isle of Man, and Australia. The companies I've worked for include Rand Merchant Bank, National Semiconductor, Rolls Royce, Royal Skandia Life Assurance, HSBC Bank Australia.

My current position is Information Security Risk Manager with HSBC, here in Sydney.

CISA and CISM High Scorers

Congratulations to our CISA and CISM high scorers for the December 2009 exams. Each has won a free ticket to the ISACA One Day Summit to be held in June 2010.

Top CISA Scorers	Top CISM Scorers
1. Mike McDermid	1. Julian Busic
2. David Phipson Richard Lane	2. Jonathan Payne
3. Martin Swinburn	3. David Begg

Mike Thompson, Chapter Vice President, presented the awards to David Phipson (above left) and David Begg (above right) at the Member Information Session held at Frame Group on 11 March 2010.

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Support the implementation of, and encourage compliance with, appropriate standards, procedures and controls for information systems.

Perform their duties with objectivity, due diligence and professional care, in accordance with professional standards and best practices.

Serve the interest of stakeholders in a lawful and honest manner, while maintaining high standards of conduct and character, and not engage in acts discreditable to the profession.

Maintain the privacy and confidentiality of information obtained in the course of their duties unless disclosure is required by legal authority. Such information shall not be used for personal benefit or released to inappropriate parties.

Maintain competency in their respective fields and agree to undertake only those activities which they can reasonably expect to complete with professional competence.

Inform appropriate parties of the results of work performed, revealing all significant facts know to them.

Support the professional education of stakeholders in enhancing their understanding of information systems security and control.

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