

# ISACA Hudson Valley

## January 2004 Newsletter

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## President's Message

As we reach the halfway point of our program year, I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank our Board members for their unwavering dedication to the Hudson Valley Chapter. If you've ever served on the Board, you know that it takes a lot of dedicated people to plan and carry out the many activities needed to support our members. In addition to the programs and seminars we hold, there are numerous "behind the scenes" activities that need to be coordinated: promoting the CISA and CISM certifications, marketing our chapter, keeping our members informed through the newsletter and website, and countless other administrative tasks. The Board's efforts, have ensured our continued success, and helped us meet the ever-changing needs of our membership.

In a few short weeks, our Chapter will be co-hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Technology Conference with the Association of Government Accountants and the Institute of Internal Auditors. Last year, this conference was well attended and I'm sure that this year will be no different. Below, you can find out how to sign-up.

Bundle up for the winter, and I'll see you at the conference.



Chapter President

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## Fourth Annual Technology Conference

The local chapters of the AGA, IIA and ISACA will again join forces to present this must attend seminar on emerging technology issues.

This year the conference will focus on how and under what circumstances an audit may lead to a forensic investigation, complement an investigation or interrelate to one and what software tools are being used today in such efforts. Each speaker will discuss and demonstrate different software tools that are currently used in their investigations. The software tool demonstrations by these State agency practitioners will reflect what these tools are able to do to facilitate the auditors' and investigators' work. These powerful tools can save enormous time and help lead auditors and investigators in the "right direction."

The speakers will also cover the identification of where evidence is located, how to preserve it, the chain of custody, etc. It should be an exciting program and an excellent training session by presenters who are very knowledgeable in their specific field.

### Speakers:

*Michael Farber* - Forensics Investigator, Department of Health

*Frank Risler* - Director, Computer Forensics Unit, Department of Tax & Finance

*Thomas Hurbaneck* - Investigator, New York State Police

*Robert Caltabiano* - Electronic Crimes Unit, US Treasury - Secret Service

January 28, 2004 7:30 am - 8:00 pm – Registration  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm - Seminar  
CPE: 8

**Cost:**

\$50 for AGA/ACFE/IIA/ISACA  
\$100 for Others  
Save \$25 if prepayment is received in advance

Lunch Included

**Location:**

New York State Museum Theatre  
Lobby Level of the State Museum  
Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY

Registration: Online at [www.aganycap.org](http://www.aganycap.org) or Rebekah Stanton at [rstanton@kpmg.com](mailto:rstanton@kpmg.com) (518-427-4811)

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## November Seminar

On November 5 and 6, twenty-five individuals representing both the public and private sector attended a training seminar on Control and Security of Wireless Networks that was held at the Italian American Community Center. This timely topic was presented by Chris Schroeder, one of the internationally recognized experts from Canaudit, and was both enlightening and informative. The participants spent the two days discussing the security concerns associated with the use of wireless technology, and were also provided some critical information for helping to improve the security of wireless implementations that are in use or being planned. Each participant received a volume of information covered during the presentation, as well as a copy of the Canaudit Wireless Network Audit and Security guide. The session also provided ample opportunity for the various participants to discuss and exchange ideas related to their respective environments, and each participant was rewarded with sumptuous meals of chicken parmigiana and traditional lasagna, eliciting many favorable comments.

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## CISA and CISM®

### CISA

ISACA was recently recognized by *Certification Magazine* (November 2003) as one of the top ten among hundreds of certification program providers. ISACA was named to the top ten in the *Best Specialty Certifications* category. *Certification Magazine's* list of top ten *Best Specialty Certifications* focused on certifications that "...permit intermediate- to senior-level IT professionals to focus in tightly on relatively narrow (but often very deep) subject areas." The CISA certification was cited as "One of the most popular and respected credentials in the increasingly important system audit area." In 2003, a record number of candidates (11,900) registered for the CISA exam. This marked the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that registrations have set a new record.

The next CISA exam date is June 12, 2004. The early registration deadline is February 4, 2004 and the final deadline is March 31, 2004. Registration for the exam is extremely heavy near these dates, so candidates are strongly encouraged to register well in advance to avoid any delay in the process. You can save \$30 by registering [online](#)

Our chapter is considering holding another CISA review course this year if we have enough members who are interested. This course has proven valuable in past years to chapter members who sat for the CISA exam, as well as members involved in the audit of information systems looking for a comprehensive IT Audit Training course. Please

contact our CISA Coordinator, Bill O'Toole ([wmotoole@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:wmotoole@gw.dec.state.ny.us) or 402-9147) to let him know if you are interested in our chapter holding a CISA review course this year.

## **CISM**

ISACA's CISM designation, which was introduced in August 2002, was among the top ten new programs that *Certification Magazine* indicated "...represent innovative topics or subject focus, certify interesting and useful skills and knowledge or represent ways to involve IT professionals early in programs that require years of documented work experience." Offered for senior professionals who manage an organization's information security and possess the knowledge and experience to set up, implement and direct an IT security structure to manage risk effectively, the CISM designation is for managers who understand and support the closely linked relationship between successful business strategy and IT security. [For more information on CISM.](#)

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# **ISACA International News**

## **K-Net Knowledge Network**

Did you know that as an ISACA member you have access to a knowledge network called K-Net containing over 3,000 peer-reviewed website resources covering IT Governance, Assurance, Security and Control? Reference items on K-Net are updated weekly to include articles, books and web sites, and are organized into logical categories of interest and concern. Members are encouraged to send in their web sources for review to K-NET ([www.isaca.org/knet](http://www.isaca.org/knet)). Submissions may be sent to [knet@isaca.org](mailto:knet@isaca.org) for review for possible inclusion on K-NET.

Members may obtain additional information on becoming a K-NET volunteer, including details on CPE availability at [www.isaca.org/knetvol](http://www.isaca.org/knetvol).

## **Discussion Forums (listserv)**

Often the best learning takes place in discussions among seasoned experts, who gladly share questions, concerns, experiences, lessons learned and situations to avoid. ISACA has established several listservs to enable interested parties to find the group most suited to their professional interests. Each listserv offers excellent opportunities to share advice, seek assistance and raise pertinent questions. Information about each group and instructions for subscribing to each follow.

### **Available discussion forums:**

[IT Governance](#)

[COBIT](#)

[Information Security Manager](#)

[General Topic](#)

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