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President's Message

Here it is March already! What a winter; I only had to use the snowblower once, and I think that was back in November or December. Now, I'm getting ready for spring. (Of course, that just jinxed it. Watch to see if we now have the snowiest March on record!!)

For those of you who missed it, February's luncheon was extremely informative, with the presentation by Charles Kenney of Cisco talking about host-based intrusion prevention systems. While intrusion prevention has only recently become the security 'term du jour', the functionality and premises of this approach have been around for quite a while. The basic idea is that, rather than trying to keep all the bad stuff out, to focus on what the bad stuff does once it gets in, and stop that from occurring. For example, if a typical virus attempts to open a specific port on your computer while accessing your email address book, focus on preventing these activities from occurring at the same time, or at least prompt the user to ensure that it is something that they are intending to do. Of course, maintaining antivirus and anti spy ware software is still important for minimizing and removing any infections that do occur.

And with March, the TCTC is rapidly approaching. This event is always popular, and this year will be no exception. The gambling theme to this year's event seems very apropos, especially with several issues dealing with information security. And on a positive note, there should be plenty of space this year, since the location has recently completed construction of an addition to provide additional meeting space. Hope to see you there!

Don't forget, in April we have our annual awards luncheon, where we welcome all new members to the chapter, and recognize those individuals that have achieved the CISA or CISM. There have been nearly 50 new members to the chapter since last year, and over a dozen people have passed the CISA or CISM exam. This luncheon is free to members, so please join us in congratulating and welcoming these individuals. Details will be available soon on our web site.

Enjoy.

Mike Farrar

Chapter President



CISA and CISM[®]

You can now register for the June 2006 CISA and CISM exams at www.isaca.org. Bulletins of Information for each exam are available on ISACA's website. You can save \$35 by registering online. The final registration deadline is April 5, 2006 for both exams.

Our Chapter has organized a one-week **CISM Review Course** to assist candidates in preparing for the June 2006 CISM examination. The course will be conducted during May 1st thru May 5th at the Albany-Airport Hampton Inn & Suites in Latham. Persons who attend the review course may obtain up to 33 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours. Please [click here](#) for more information about the course or to learn how to register. Seating is limited, so please register early.

The Chapter offers interested members a special opportunity to better prepare themselves for the June 2006 CISA exam as well. Specifically, the Chapter has agreed to help subsidize the costs of **MicroMash[®] ExamMatrix CISA Review** Software for its members. Ordinarily, this software costs \$595. However, Chapter members can purchase the software for the June 2006 CISA Exam for only \$150. The software includes multiple-choice questions and comprehensive reference materials. It is intended to be interactive, fully personalized training to help you manage and optimize your personal study program for the CISA exam. For more information, or to actually purchase the software, please click go to <http://www.exammatrix.com/hvisaca>.

Membership Dues Reimbursement for CISA/CISM Exam Passers

To recognize the significant accomplishment of attaining professional certifications, the Chapter's Board of Directors has decided to reimburse Chapter members who successfully pass either the June 2006 CISA or CISM exam for their 2007 ISACA Association Dues.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for dues reimbursement, an individual must be a member in good standing of the ISACA Hudson Valley Chapter as of April 2006, and successfully pass either the June 10, 2006 CISA or CISM exam.

DOCUMENTATION

Once you have received the official notification from ISACA International (usually a notification letter is sent about six weeks after the exam) that you have passed either exam, please forward a copy of the notification letter along with proof of Chapter membership to the following address:

ISACA Hudson Valley Chapter
P.O. Box 1458
Albany, NY 12201

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All documentation must be submitted to the above address by December 1, 2006. Upon verifying the information, the Chapter Treasurer will send you a check made out to ISACA International for your 2007 association dues.

From the Desk of Membership

Welcome to our newest members!

James Curtis
James Edge
Sudarshan Embar
Pam Forrest
Robert Harper
Kuan-Tsae Kelvin Huang
Wei Zhang

TCTC Update

Please be aware that it is not too late to register for the TCTC conference. There are still seats available for every session. See details below.

How do you keep pace with changes in information system technology?

Don't miss the The Conference That Counts (TCTC). The TCTC is an outstanding three-day event offering informative and exciting sessions on information security, fraud, auditing and management. The conference will be featuring Tom Peltier, an information security specialist.

Mr. Peltier's sessions will include **measuring the effectiveness of information security programs** and **establishing an effective risk management process for systems and networks**.

To learn more about the conference and to view the conference brochure, please visit:

http://www.aganycap.org/education/events/march_tctc/tctc_description.htm

Registration questions can be directed to our TCTC registrar, [Katie Gavigan](mailto:KGavigan@osc.state.ny.us), at KGavigan@osc.state.ny.us or (518) 402-2507.

Hope to see you there!

April Luncheon

Please join the Hudson Valley chapter of ISACA in acknowledging the accomplishments of our 13 members who recently became certified with the Certified Information System Auditor (CISA) designation and our 2 members recently certified with Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) designation. [CISA and CISM are "hot" certifications.](#)

The CISA program certifies individuals who demonstrate proficiency as a qualified Information System audit, control and/or security professional. The CISM program certifies individuals who demonstrate proficiency as experienced information security managers. More than 44,000 professionals have earned the CISA designation since its inception in 1978 and more than 5,500 professionals have earned the CISM designation within its first two years.

We will also be welcoming 47 new members. This is a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues, learn more about our Chapter and enjoy a **FREE LUNCH!**

Topic:	Celebrate certification achievements and welcome new members.
Date/Time:	Tuesday, April 25, 2006 Registration: 11:30 - 12:00 Lunch: Noon Program: 12:00 - 1:30
Location:	Italian American Community Center Washington Avenue Extension
Menu:	Chicken Francaise or Atlantic Salmon Fillet (Includes Appetizer, Dessert, Coffee/Tea)
Cost:	Members: Free , Non-Members: \$10 Payable by check, Purchase Order or Government Voucher (payee ID# 22-3001385) made payable to: ISACA - Hudson Valley Chapter
RSVP:	by Thursday, April 20, 2006 Wendy Nelson, wnelson@nysif.com or 437-5205 Register on-line

ISACA International News

New Name and Aggressive Plans for Alliance of Three International Security Organizations

Rolling Meadows, IL, USA (13 February 2006)—The alliance of three leading international security associations—ASIS International, ISACA and the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA)—is now officially named The Alliance for Enterprise Security Risk Management (AESRM). Its web site, www.aesrm.org, is under development.

As part of its dedication to providing guidance on the trend of convergence, or integration, of traditional and information security in organizations throughout the world, AESRM is planning four research projects and two educational sessions on security convergence.

The research projects will result in published studies on:

- Integrating information technology (IT) with physical security devices and process controls
- International security convergence
- Value proposition for corporate security as convergence increases
- How risk councils help organizations understand and manage convergence

Emerging trends, best practices and a road map for security convergence will be topics at AESRM-sponsored sessions at ISSA's CISO Executive Forum, 1-2 June, 2006, in Las Vegas, NV, USA; ISACA's Information Security Management Conference and Network Security Conference, which run 18-20 September 2006, in Las Vegas, NV, USA; as well as at the ASIS Annual Seminar, 25-28 September 2006, in San Diego, CA, USA.

"Business assets are increasingly at risk, so there is a greater need to integrate traditional security with information security to ensure their protection," said Ray O'Hara, CPP, an AESRM leader. "This integration of security roles impacts more than the security function of a given business—it affects the business as a whole. Security managers need a new skill set that combines expertise in traditional and IT security. As individual organizations and as members of this alliance, ASIS, ISACA and ISSA are well positioned to lead the way in the rapidly growing security convergence field."

Background on AESRM: The Alliance for Enterprise Security Risk Management (AESRM) was formed in February 2005 by ASIS International, ISACA and the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA) to encourage board and senior executive attention to critical security-related issues and the need for a comprehensive approach to protect the enterprise. The alliance brings together more than 90,000 global security professionals with broad security backgrounds and skills to address the significant increase and complexity of security-related risks to international commerce from terrorism, cyber attacks, Internet viruses, theft, fraud, extortion and other threats.

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ISACA and AICPA INK Agreement Offering CITP Credential to CPAs with CISA

NEW YORK, NY, USA (January 19, 2006)—CPAs holding the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) credential from ISACA are now automatically eligible to receive the Certified

Information Technology Professional (CPA.CITP) designation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants if they are Institute members, according to an agreement between the two organizations.

“ISACA and the AICPA have enjoyed a strong working relationship for years,” said Kent Anderson, CISA, CPA, member of ISACA’s CISA Certification Board. “We appreciate the benefits the Institute offers its CITP credential holders, and we’d like our CPA/CISA members to have access to those benefits.”

“CPAs who hold the CISA designation have clearly demonstrated not only their knowledge of accounting and general business systems, but also their commitment to information technology as a CPA practice discipline,” said Gregory LaFollette, CPA.CITP, chair of the AICPA’s CITP Credential Committee. “Moreover, ISACA is highly respected in the CPA community.”

With the CITP credential, CPA/CISA practitioners will have a complementary set of credentials that will demonstrate to employers and clients both their business technology orientation and in-depth knowledge of systems, controls and security. As CITP credential holders, they will receive premium benefits, including discounts on AICPA information-technology conferences, Webcasts and publications. They also will receive a CITP marketing toolkit and five monthly e-newsletters and bulletins focused on the impact that technology has on business.

CPA/CISA practitioners interested in applying for the CITP under this program may write to CITP@aicpa.org. Additional information may be found at

<http://infotech.aicpa.org/Memberships/CPA.CISA+Application.htm>.

The AICPA launched the CITP designation in 2001 exclusively for CPAs who practice in information technology. The credential is founded on a broad body of knowledge. ISACA created CISA in 1978 to recognize in-depth knowledge of controls, audit and security. More than 44,000 professionals have earned the designation since its inception. Currently, 3,300 CPAs hold the CISA designation and more than 700 hold the CITP.

ISACA and the AICPA have collaborated on several projects, including the 2000 White House Conference on Critical Infrastructure Assurance and the 2006 Top Ten Technologies survey, the results of which will be released later this month.
