

MESSAGE FROM THE UK CHAPTER PRESIDENT



Dear Members,

Thanks to all that came to our first chapter meeting of the year on March 9th - it was good to see you all and to hear from our speakers.

We hope at \$95pa, you are getting value for money and encourage you to spread the word. We are getting very close to becoming the largest ISSA Chapter globally and this re-affirms the UK's position as the global centre of excellence for information security.

Our next event will be held at PWC in Leeds on May 11th - <http://issaleeds.eventbrite.com>, followed by our annual security training day at Bletchley Park on May 12th (complete with guided tour).

Codebreaking these days is difficult, some say impossible.... even with an army of bots and supercomputers it would take hundreds of years to shatter public key cryptography, so instead we turn our focus to something else that can be broken - applications!

We have put together an action packed, application breaking agenda for you, for what should turn out to be one of our best events of 2011. Please register here - <http://bletchleypark2011.eventbrite.com>.

Our first Scottish regional meeting of the year will be held on May 17th - <http://edinburghmay17.eventbrite.com/>

There is space at all events for any budding speakers out there - we welcome any of our members to come and speak at our events and share their experiences. Do get in touch if you have a tale to tell.

ISSA 5173 continues to be a roaring success - we are reaching all corners of the globe and translations have already been requested. If you want to be part of the ISSA 5173 committee, there's plenty of work to be done and your time would be very much appreciated.

We have an informal evening event on April 20th, next door to Infosec 2011 in Earls Court. This will be a networking evening, the aim of which is to introduce potential members to the team, buy them lots of beer and make them sign up, although I might have to refer the legality of that to Rob... all are welcome so please spread the word - <http://pembroke.eventbrite.com>.

Thanks all for reading and see you all very soon.

Tim Holman
ISSA-UK President



IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE



1. UK CHAPTER MEETINGS IN 2011:

Our next Chapter Meeting will be in March and our scheduled dates for 2011 are as follows. Please do place in your diaries and look out for further information.

NEW Networking Event	20th of April, 2011 - http://pembroke.eventbrite.com
Leeds Regional Meeting	11th of May
Security Training Day - Bletchley Park	12th of May, 2011
Edinburgh Regional Meeting	17th May 2011
Chapter Meeting	9th June, 2011
Security Training Day - HMS President	14th July, 2011
Chapter Meeting	8th September, 2011

Regional Meetings in Northern and South West England

October/November (dates TBC)

Glasgow Regional Meeting

1st November, 2011

Chapter Meeting

8th December, 2011

You may register these in advance and add them to your calendar via the following link:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/org/379120395?s=3292759>

2. ISSA-UK/EMEA PROMOTED "SECURITY DAYS"

(either run by ISSA UK or in cooperation with associates & affiliates)

(6 CPEs - no admittance charge for ISSA members)

Check <http://www.issa-uk.org> for upcoming Security Days

3. PARTNER NEWS

Qualys publishes Web Application Scanning for Dummies

Free comprehensive guide available upon request, please email administration@issa-uk.org with your interest and details will be relayed to Qualys who will swiftly forward these on.

Web Application Security for Dummies -- This book simply explains all about web application security. After reading this book you'll know how to use a web application security scanner to quickly find vulnerabilities and remediate them for stronger security. You will learn:

- Why web security matters
- How to establish a web app security program
- The benefits of automated scanning
- How automation can ease finding and fixing web app vulnerabilities

4. GET PUBLISHED

We welcome <800 word submissions from our members on a topical theme or emerging threat related to our profession. We will look to publish these in the monthly newsletter and website and ask that articles are kept independent with no sales plugs or vendor promotion. Please email administration@issa-uk.org

5. ISSA-UK & 'MEDIA PARTNER / ASSOCIATE' - CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

<http://www.issa-uk.org/events.htm>

In all cases please contact administration@issa-uk.org to obtain discount codes

APRIL:

Infosecurity Europe - Earls Court - 19th - 21st April

Infosecurity Europe is the No. 1 industry event in Europe held on 19th-21st April 2011 at Earl's Court, London. The event provides an unrivalled free education programme, exhibitors showcasing new and emerging technologies and offering practical and professional expertise.

To register to visit or for further information please visit <http://www.infosec.co.uk/issa>

NEW: We would be delighted if you could join us on the 20th April at The Pembroke Pub from 5pm onwards for drinks and nibbles- <http://pembroke.eventbrite.com>

SANS SECURITY 517: Cutting-Edge Hacking Techniques - London InfoSec - 20th April

SANS will be running the very popular one-day course, "SECURITY 517: Cutting-Edge Hacking Techniques" (<http://www.sans.org/info/73924>) on day two of Infosecurity

Europe 2011 (Wednesday 20, April) at Earl's Court, London.



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ISSA members receive a 10% discount off all SANS courses

MAY

The 2nd International Secure Systems Development Conference (ISSD) - Hilton London Olympia London, 18th & 19th May 2011

This years' theme "Dealing in Tomorrow's Threats Today – by Designing Security In", will be addressed by many leading researchers and experts.

Given that a vast majority of today's vulnerabilities can be traced back to shortcomings in design failures and application coding, this event will provide practical information on Designing Security In. *Details of the event and the Programme are available from the web site (<http://www.issdconference.com>), discount code: ISSA2011 - member price £595 (normal price £795).

JUNE

MISTi Europe: 8th Annual CISO Executive Summit & Roundtable - Rome, Italy 8th - 10th June - established as Europe's premier event for directors and thought-leaders in information security and technology risk management and a new 1-day pre CISO Cloud Security Think Tank (Tuesday 7th June) that will be dedicated to tackling security best practices & challenges around the Cloud. Please see website for further information at <http://www.mistieurope.com/ciso>

*ISSA members will get a 10% discount off all registrations

SC Magazine - 3rd Annual Data On The Move Conference: Mobile Device Management - London - 23rd June

SC magazine's 3rd Annual Data On The Move conference; Mobile Device Management on 23 June 2011 in London and think that the event will be relevant to the members of your organisation. The conference is designed for IT Security professionals and will provide expert insight into overcoming the security challenges of increasing IT consumerisation.

*ISSA members will receive a 10% discount

6. ISSA-UK IN THE NEWS

We've had a busy month in the press, thanks to David, Gabe, Phil and Adrian. ISSA 5173 news is spreading like wildfire. Keep up the good work, and thank you to the ISSA 5173 team.:

<http://www.computerweekly.com/Articles/2011/03/14/245900/ISSA-proposes-SME-security-standard.htm>

<http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2034202/issa-boost-smes-launch-security-standard>

<http://www.computerworlduk.com/news/security/3264753/smes-get-peak-at-proposed-security-standard/>

<http://www.fstech.co.uk/fst/ISSA-UK-launches-security-best-practice-and-guidance-for-SMEs.php>

http://www.securityvibes.com/community/en/blog/tags/issa_5173

<http://www.microscope.co.uk/news/issa-proposes-sme-security-standard/>

<http://imnutsincaps-history.blogspot.com/2011/03/draft-information-security-standard-for.html>

<http://excelgate.wordpress.com/2011/03/17/issa-5173-a-new-security-standard-for-smes/>

<http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/16611/issa-proposes-sme-security-standard/>

<http://computerworld.co.nz/news.nsf/security/smes-get-peak-at-proposed-security-standard>

<http://www.secom.plc.uk/resources/news/issa-issues-business-security-standard-for-smes/>