

MESSAGE FROM THE UK CHAPTER PRESIDENT



“ Dear Members,

Another year goes by and all of a sudden I'm in Geoff's shoes! I must say he has done an exceptional job over the past 3 years in directing the chapter, thanks not only to Geoff, but also a strong, willing and able management team.

We are planning an exciting schedule for 2011 and we want to hear your feedback. We will follow this newsletter with a link to a content survey, the results of which will assist us in planning themes and getting to grips with what you want to hear about. Please do take the time to complete the survey if you can.

This year Raj Samani, Des Ward, Ian McKinnon and Richard Starnes leave the team - we thank them each for their hard work and dedication in making this chapter a success.

I would also like to welcome Allan Wall onto the management team as Academic Liaison. He will be helping ISSA-UK reach out into the academic community and forge stronger links with Universities. If you have recently completed a degree or masters in a related subject and have the time to assist, please do get in touch with him as we are looking at ways to improve graduate intake into ISSA membership.

Gabe Chomic and Phil Stewart join the management team and David Lacey will be handling Public Relations, in addition to Research. Andrew Cunnington also joins us a VP of Member Development.

Since its foundation in 2003 it is important to remember what ISSA-UK actually is. We are a grass roots association that is open to anybody with an interest in information security, education and career development. We are proud to have graduates and security engineers as members, all the way up to board level CISO members. We are in a unique position in the UK, with strong links with government, policy-shaping public bodies, universities and indeed other associations. It is tricky to measure success of such an association, but above all we are a Member Association run by Members. If you have any feedback, improvements, complaints or anything that can help make our service to you better, then please do contact me personally: tim.holman@issa-uk.org and I would love to hear from you.

Wishing you all the very best of success for the New Year,

Tim Holman
ISSA-UK President

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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.

Chapter Meeting & AGM	10th of March, 2011
Security Training Day	14th of April, 2011 (Bletchley Park)
Chapter Meeting	9th of June, 2011
Security Training Day	14th of July, 2011
Chapter Meeting	8th of September, 2011
Security Training Day	13th of October, 2011
Chapter Meeting	8th of December, 2011

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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. 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

FEBRUARY:

Information Security Leaders 2011 - free information security conference:

8th February 2011, Manchester

10th February 2011, Edinburgh

15th February 2011, Bristol

17th February 2011, London

<http://www.computerweekly.com/static-pages/informationsecurityleaders2011/>

4. REQUESTS FOR HELP

Member Speaking Opportunities

We would very much like to hear from our members about the information security challenges they face in their day-to-day jobs. If you have something you would like to share then do get in touch. Be it a 10 minute overview, participation in a panel discussion or full on 40 minute speaking slot we will do what we can to accommodate you.

Sponsorship

If you have a few hours a week to spare and could help with the day to day running of the Chapter, please do get in touch with us at administration@issa-uk.org. In particular we are looking for help with Sponsorship.

5. ISSA JOURNAL BACK IN PRINT

The ISSA Journal will be mailed to all active members in February. As this is one of two semi-annual printed editions, it would be a good time for to check your membership profile to ensure mailing addresses are valid.

Members can visit <http://www.issa.org> to review and update their profiles. For any questions regarding the membership status, please contact Dana Paulino, dpaulino@issa.org, Manager of Member and Chapter Relations. Members can access an online copy of the ISSA Journal by clicking here: <https://www.issa.org/Members/Journal/>

6. ISSA CONNECT

We have a thriving discussion board on ISSA Connect, covering anything from career advice through to industry hot topics, such as Cloud Computing and PCI DSS. All event presentation content is now only available on the 'ISSA UK Chapter' forum, so please register at <http://connect.issa.org> if you are interested in seeing it.

7. ISSA-UK IN THE NEWS

<http://www.computerweekly.com/Articles/2011/01/05/244377/CW-Security-Think-Tank-How-to-prevent-security-breaches-from-personal-devices-in-the.htm>

<http://www.computerweekly.com/Articles/2011/01/13/244876/Think-Tank-What-are-the-security-implications-of-putting-a-smart-meter-in-every-UK.htm>