

MESSAGE FROM THE UK CHAPTER PRESIDENT



“ Dear Members,

Happy New Year and welcome to another decade of information security challenges and opportunities.

We were delighted to hear the recent news that Howard Schmidt, our International Board President (in addition to the many other roles he has), has been appointed as new White House Cybersecurity Coordinator. For full details and video from Howard, please see <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2009/12/22/introducing-new-cybersecurity-coordinator>.

It is very encouraging to see that in this role Howard intends to make full use of contact and communications from the ISSA community.

We concluded 2009 with a series of regional workshops and meetings on the subject of Cloud Computing. A white paper has been written by Adrian Wright from Secoda who partnered with us on this project. The paper summarises views from our membership and will shortly be published on our website.

This is the 4th research based white paper produced in the last year. One of our research initiatives for ISSA-UK in 2010 will be information security for SMEs. Please see details below on how you can contribute to this work.

You will also see the dates of our main 2010 meetings listed below for your diary.

Our next chapter meeting is on 11th March. This meeting will also include our AGM where we will reflect on many of our 2009 achievements and discuss detailed plans for 2010.

With best wishes,

Geoff Harris
ISSA-UK President

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IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

1. UK CHAPTER MEETINGS IN 2010:

London Chapter Meetings:

- 11th of March (will also include the "AGM")
- 10th of June
- 9th of September
- 9th of December

Please pencil the above dates into your diaries - assume full days for now and we will release the full programme details & venue asap.

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

- 8th of July - Thames River Boat
- 7th of October - Microsoft

Again please pencil into your diaries (full day events) - themes & details to be supplied.





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

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

JANUARY 2010:

ASIS London 2010 - Nomura HQ - 25th-26th January

£300 for ISSA UK members

<http://www.asisonline.eu/index.html?current=61&page=4&page2=61&lang=en>

FEBRUARY 2010:

SecureLondon - (ISC)² event - Feb. 23rd - discount for ISSA members - please visit

<http://www.isc2.org>

SC Magazine Insider Threats - Feb. 23rd - IBIS Hotel Earls Court

MARCH 2010:

Identity and Access Management - Gartner - Lancaster Gate - Mar.3-4

SANS Dublin - Mar. 15-20 - 10% discount for ISSA members

SecureCloud 2010 - Barcelona - March 16-17,(free)

MISSti Fraud & Corruption Conference - London - Mar. 17-19 (10% discount)

APRIL 2010:

InfoSecurity Europe - Earls Court - Apr. 27-29 (free registration for ISSA members)

ISSA UK chapter will have a stand (details to be supplied)

MAY 2010:

Cyber-Conference - Estonia - £150 discount for ISSA members

JUNE 2010:

MISSti CISO Summit - Madrid - 10% discount for ISSA members

4. ISSA UK SPEAKER AND TOPIC SUGGESTION

Members are encouraged to get in touch with us if there are any topics that they are particularly interested in hearing about. Email: administration@issa-uk.org

5. ISSA UK EXCLUSIVE - SEARCHSECURITY

Activate your membership to SearchSecurity.co.UK now to hear security luminary Bruce Schneier answer readers' security questions, which range from the trustworthiness of outsourced security services to the usefulness of awareness training in securing new technologies.

http://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/video/0,297151,sid14_gci1372839,00.html#?mo=1&Offer=mn_lh010410SRTYLKEX_ISSA

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7. DO YOU WANT TO GET PUBLISHED?

Exclusive to ISSA UK Chapter members only, the SurfingSafer website are providing chapter members to write reviews and publish reviews of security products you may have used. A global website, it gives you the opportunity to tell the world what you thought of the latest home/enterprise security product under your own name. For more information please go to:

<http://www.surfingsafer.com/ISSA-reviews>

8. ICO LAUNCHES CODE OF PRACTICE

The ICO have launched a new Code of Practice on Personal Information. Consultation papers are available here: <http://ico-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

9. ISSA IN THE NEWS

Howard Schmidt (ISSA International president) appointed USA CyberSecurity Co-ordinator.

Raj Samani, our VP for Communications has recently published the following paper in ComputerWeekly:

What is the best thing Santa could bring the IT security manager?

<http://www.computerweekly.com/Articles/2009/12/15/239724/What-is-the-best-thing-Santa-could-bring-the-IT-security.htm>

He is also contributed to the European Network and Information Security Agency's (ENISA) security risk assessment on cloud computing infrastructures.

<http://www.virtualization.info/2009/11/security-enisa-cloud-computing-security.html>

10. SECURITY ADVICE FOR SMES

David Lacey, ISSA-UK's Director of Research, is conducting a research study of the security needs and available advice for SMEs. He is particularly interested in hearing views on the following questions.

1. What are the security needs of SMEs? How are they different from larger organisations?
2. How do SMEs perceive information security? What is their typical 'mental model'?
3. How do bigger customers perceive SME security and what are the consequences of that?
4. Which motivators might best persuade SMEs to do more about security?
5. What should be the priorities for SMEs in implementing security?
6. Where are the best sources of security advice for SMEs? Are they fit for purpose?
7. Are big company standards appropriate? Do we need a simpler set of standards?

If you have any views on any of these questions, please send your observations, in any form, to David at davidlaceyconsulting@gmail.com