

## MESSAGE FROM THE UK CHAPTER PRESIDENT



Dear Members,

The conference season seems to have hit us full throttle, with several high profile security events spread over the next few weeks.

It is difficult to know which ones are worth taking the time out of work for and here at ISSA-UK HQ we do our utmost to select the best events and include them in our newsletter and website.

RSA Europe is on this month - I know it's sponsored by a vendor, but the content is far from what you might expect and blew me away when I first went in 2007. You can hear from industry leaders and having submitted a paper myself, I know they are quick to throw out the trash, keep content educational and up the bar for all of us. Myself, Phil and Josh will be speaking and we hope to see some of you there.

Also this month we have the ISSA conference in Baltimore. I know it's a bit tricky for many of you to get out there, but myself and Geoff will be flying the flag, and accepting the award for Communications Chapter of the year 2010. I will keep you posted on this one and let you know how it goes.

We have finally secured a date for our annual Microsoft training day and I've been working to get a similar day arranged at Cisco HQ. Our regional events in Bristol, Leeds and Glasgow have been arranged and we will use what change we have left to throw our Christmas party in December.

We are currently accepting nominations for the following ISSA-UK Board roles - Treasurer and 2x Chapter Officers. If you are keen to be part of managing ISSA-UK and have a passion for helping security professionals and giving a little something back to the community, then here is your chance. Allegedly we're a fun bunch to be with and we all get great satisfaction taking part!

Also a quick reminder as to our guest programme. If you have a friend or colleague whom you think might like to sample what ISSA has to offer, please direct them to the Guest sign up page here, where they may attend their first meeting with no obligation thereafter - <https://issa.org/Join/Visit.html>. We are on the cusp of becoming the largest ISSA Chapter globally - do feel free to spread the link far and wide, put it in email signatures, Twitter feeds, LinkedIn, Facebook and with your support, we will get there.

Finally, we do have some sponsorship slots open at the moment - if you think your organisation or somebody you know might like to support the chapter, please get in touch.

With very best wishes,

Tim Holman  
ISSA-UK President



## IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE



### 1. UK CHAPTER MEETINGS IN 2011:

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

Glasgow Regional Meeting  
Bristol Regional Workshop

1st November, 2011  
14th November 2011

Leeds Regional Meeting

22nd 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. PARTNER NEWS

### SC Magazine UK FREE subscription offer

If you are an information security professional working in the UK, you are entitled to apply for a complimentary subscription to SC Magazine UK.

SC Magazine is the world's largest dedicated IT security publication having served the IT security industry for over 20 years and a complimentary subscription would give you the following free benefits:-

- Discover the latest information security threats and how to tackle them
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In order to register, please visit <http://www.hayreg.co.uk/sclinkedin>

### Introducing InfoSec Reviews

<http://www.infosecreviews.com>

Fed up with superficial reviews of information security products and services on websites, such as Amazon, or in some of the popular infosec magazines? You're not alone, and that's the reason InfoSec Reviews was established earlier this year. Founder, John Hughes, security consultant, lead auditor and out and out techie, says, 'Reviews can only be trusted if you know who the reviewer is and if that reviewer has the right (i.e. the knowledge and experience) to be critical on that subject. That, in essence, is what InfoSec Reviews does. All potential reviewers are assessed by the review panel for their knowledge and experience and it's only domain experts that get to write reviews on products, services, books, etc.'

The InfoSec Reviews team would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in writing book, product or service/website reviews from their own field of expertise, or from anyone who would like to contribute or discuss their own ideas for reviews in any way. Users of the site have so far been impressed with the high quality and clarity of the book reviews and anyone joining (it's free of charge, by the way) is eligible to enter the variety of competitions being run by the editors. This month, anyone answering the simple technical question can win 3 great book titles from Syngress. To join, enter the competitions, or simply read some reviews, visit, <http://www.infosecreviews.com>

## 3. ISSA-UK IN THE NEWS

We will be speaking at the following events over the next few months:

**Phil Stewart**

**RSA Europe, 11-13th October**

STAR-105 - ISSA 5173: A New Approach to SME Information Security

Tuesday, 11th October, 1pm. King's Suite B (West Wing)



#### Tim Holman

Taking a Risk Based Approach to PCI DSS Whilst Still Checking the Boxes - GRC 304, RSA Europe, London, Thursday 13th Oct 2011, 13:00 - 13:50  
Discussion Group DSG-200B, RSA Europe, London, Weds 12 Oct 2011, 12:10 - 12:50  
ISSA Conference, Baltimore, Fri 21st Oct 2011, 16:10 - 17:00

Forecasting the Future of Information Security Risks, Cyber Resilience Conference, London, Wed 26th Oct 2011, 15:20 - 16:00

Advanced Persistent Threats, Info-Crime 2011, London, Tues 1st Nov 2011, 11:00 - 12:00

Advanced Persistent Threats, Oil and Gas Cyber Security 2011, London, Tues 22nd Nov 2011, 13:00 - 14:00

### 3. ISSA-UK 2011 ELECTIONS

Officers of the ISSA UK Chapter will be elected for the 2012-2013 period.

All full members of the ISSA UK Chapter in good standing on 13th October 2011 (meaning paid-up members, not those on 3-month trial or non-members) will have the opportunity to vote.

The following Officer positions are up for election:

- ISSA-UK Treasurer (2 year term)
- Other Officer (At-Large Officer) (2 year term)
- Other Officer (At-Large Officer) (2 year term)

Note that the two At-Large Office positions currently have no formally defined responsibilities; however duties to be carried out by these positions could include membership secretary, sponsorship secretary and/or communications officer. These will be confirmed after the election by the ISSA UK Board.

Full duties associated with the Officer roles will be published on the ISSA UK website (<http://issa-uk.org/elections.html>).

Nominations for these positions are now invited. A person can nominate himself or herself or another person for a position (no seconder is needed). All those nominated must be full members on the 13th of October 2011.

A candidate may only nominate themselves for either the Treasurer or one of the At-Large Officer positions. A candidate may not be nominated for 2 officer positions.

If you are a full member and wish to be nominated please send the following information to [elections@issa-uk.org](mailto:elections@issa-uk.org) before 13th October 2011:

- Nominee's full name,
- The Officer position for which the person is being nominated,
- A brief one-paragraph biography / statement explaining why the nominee is suitable for the position (~250 words max),
- Optionally a photograph of the nominee (JPG, ~500 pixels wide max),
- References

If you have any questions, please email the ISSA UK election committee via [elections@issa-uk.org](mailto:elections@issa-uk.org).

Further instructions on voting for the ISSA UK election will be sent out to all members and posted on the ISSA UK website (<http://www.issa-uk.org/elections.html>) when nominations have closed.



### 3. 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

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

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

In all cases please contact [administration@issa-uk.org](mailto:administration@issa-uk.org) to obtain discount codes

#### OCTOBER:

**RSA Europe** - 11-12 October 2011, London

Register Now for RSA® Conference Europe 2011 at a Special Discounted Rate for ISSA Members.

Use discount code ISSAMEM11 for a £100 discount.

Attend RSA® Conference Europe 2011 and choose from over 70 educational sessions across 11 tracks including Governance, Risk and Compliance; Hackers and Threats; and Data Security. Plus, hear keynotes from industry thought leaders, join interactive programmes and collaborate with peers. RSA Conference Europe will help ensure you're well-informed so you can protect your systems and stave off future attacks.

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**"Social Networking – Friend or Foe?" - SASIG** - 12th October 2011, Edinburgh, Scotland

The phenomenon of social networking continues to grow and move ever-more mainstream.

Delegates from the Summer Masterclass concluded that it was unrealistic for organisations to ignore social networking and that the answer was to proactively tackle it. Will your company lose out if it doesn't recognise the huge benefits of engaging in social networking?

We invite you to join a focused discussion on the use of social networking within your organisation. Learn about the pros and cons of social networking; identify the business drivers for its use; discuss the impacts and benefits for security when integrating these platforms into your business at both an organisational and individual level; consider how you can educate your employees on the use of social media and gain an insight into the mind-set of Generation Y.

Numbers for this event are strictly limited to 50 delegates. Please reply promptly to this invitation if you would like to register your interest in attending. A minimum donation of £75 to charity will be required to attend. (This charge will be waived for those attending on behalf of any registered charity). All proceeds will go to Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research.

**For further information, to join SASIG or to register your interest in attending please contact [sasig@thesecurityco.com](mailto:sasig@thesecurityco.com) or call +44 1234 708456**

### Wave Systems and ISSA Trusted Computing Seminar, October 20th 2011

Wave Systems and the ISSA are delighted to announce the next Trusted Computing Seminar, to be held in Central London on the 20th October 2011. As before, it will be held at the Royal Aeronautical Society's prestigious headquarters at 4 Hamilton Place, London W1J 7BQ.

Following the success of last year's event, this updated seminar – including practical workshops – is specifically designed for Heads of IT, IT Security Managers and Risk Managers. It will present details of some of the world's most challenging security risks, and how to overcome them with the latest embedded hardware solutions.

Agenda highlights include:



- An update on the current regulations for data compliance from the Information Commissioner's Office.
- Securing your infrastructure best practice from the CESG.
- How embedded hardware security can help with today's security challenges.
- Hear how PWC substantially lowered the TCO of their IT Infrastructure through the utilisation of industry standard embedded security.
- Hear the latest conclusions from the US NSA Trusted Computing Conference.
- Do you really know if your network is secure? Netwitness will tell you!
- Hear Microsoft's views on Trusted Computing.

Discuss all of the above with the industry experts and your peers and much more.

To register for this complimentary event, please visit <http://www.wavesystems-events.com/>

#### **NOVEMBER:**

##### **Information Security & Cyber Crime Summit**

The ISSA are pleased to announce that we are a Media Partner at Info-Crime 2011 (Information Security & Cyber Crime Summit) scheduled for the 1st and 2nd of November in Central London.

As a valued member we are delighted to be able to offer 30 VIP invitations to members that have an interest in attending. Attendance is limited, so to avoid disappointment contact the organisers to book your seat. Below is an overview and link to register.

Info-Crime 2011 is set to be the meeting place for End Users from Public & Private Sector. This strategic summit offers attendees the opportunity to listen to security experts present cutting edge case studies, witness live demos and discuss the latest solutions with security experts.

To submit your interest in Speaking or Attending please follow the link:

<http://www.gbs-events.co.uk/info-crime/information-security-&-cyber-crime-summit.html>

##### **Oil and Gas Cyber Security Forum - 21st - 22nd November (Copthorne Tara Hotel, London)**

Despite investments into state of the art technology, a majority of the Oil and Gas industry remain blissfully unaware of the vulnerabilities, threats and capability of a malicious cyber attack on control systems.

SMi Group's inaugural Oil and Gas Cyber Security Forum event will bring together information security professionals from across the world to investigate the unique security challenges that the energy sector faces and methods of constructing effective security strategies.

Attend Oil and Gas Cyber Security Forum and:

- Hear the latest cyber defence recommendations from the Department of Homeland Security
- Recognise and identify the latest threats and forward trends in cyber attacks
- Understand the consequences and damage of a cyber attack
- Discover how Saudi Aramco counters cyber security threats
- Examine the lessons learned from Stuxnet
- Take away and implement SCADA security strategies
- Mitigate the risk of a security attack and ensure the reliability and connectivity of IT infrastructure

Live hacking demonstration!

The conference will host a live hacking demonstration from a leading cyber security hacker.

Delegates will witness a live hacking of a SCADA system highlighting the potential security breaches in this eye opening session.





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A discount of £200 is available for ISSA-UK members - use code SMI U004.

**Secure London in 2012 Resilience for 'Business as Unusual' & Critical National Infrastructure**  
29 November 2011 - Thistle Marble Arch, London

**5th Annual Chief Security Officer Summit**

**Building Holistic Security to Protect Core Assets: People, Property, Information & Reputation**

30 November - 2 December 2011, Thistle Marble Arch Hotel, London

Please quote / enter the code MT051219-P when registering to receive a 10% discount.

## DECEMBER

**SANS London - 3rd - 12th December**

Even with the tough economic conditions last year, over 400 students attended SANS London 2010 and that figure is likely to increase for 2011 as we bring you our largest programme ever! SANS London 2011 offers 16 hands-on technical security courses addressing intrusion detection, penetration testing and ethical hacking, forensics, compliance and much more.  
10% discount to ISSA members

<http://www.sans.org/london-2011/>