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Dear Colleagues,

Our chapter has always received a lot of positive feedback regarding the quality of the speakers and the topics presented at our monthly meetings. This year's off to a great start. Many of you joined us for our first meeting of the 2007-2008 program year, where Joel Weever of the Michigan Department of Information Technology's Office of Enterprise Security, did a great job of walking us through "Threats on the Internet" and computer security best practices. If you weren't able to join us, don't worry, the September meeting was the first of many educational opportunities you'll have to network with your colleagues in the Western Michigan area.

On **October 10, 2007**, please join us at Steelcase University in Grand Rapids. Robb Soles, a Partner in the Chicago office of KPMG, will discuss "SAS 70...What You Don't Know Can Hurt You." For the past several years SAS 70's have been on the rise largely due to Sarbanes-Oxley. During the presentation, Robb will discuss:

- Background and benefits of a SAS 70 exam,
- SAS 70 nuts and bolts...the first year,
- PCAOB developments, and
- The needs of Today's market.

Please mark **November 1, 2007** on your training calendars. For our fall seminar at Steelcase University, WMISACA is proud to host Tom Peltier, of Thomas R. Peltier Associates, LLC. Tom will present "**How to Complete a Risk Assessment in 5 Days or Less**". This 8 CPE training opportunity will be only \$30 for WMISACA members! Seating is limited, so be sure to register early - first come, first served.

From ISACA headquarters, I've received news that congratulations are in order to eight WMISACA members who passed their certification exams this summer. Six members passed the CISA exam and two members passed the CISM exam. Congratulations! Also of note, WMISACA has nine registrants for the December 2007 CISA exam and one registrant for the CISM exam.

Lastly, please be sure to visit our award winning website located at www.wmisaca.org. You can register for chapter meetings via our website, and the website is continually updated to provide you with the latest information.

I look forward to seeing you on October 10th.

Best regards,

John Juarez, CISA
President

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WMISACA 2007 – 2008 Program Year

Wednesday, October 10, 2007 in Grand Rapids, Michigan

Topic: “SAS 70: Challenges in Today's Market”

Presenter: Robert T. Soles, KPMG LLP. Robb is a Partner in the Chicago office of KPMG and has over thirteen years experience providing audit, information risk management and business advisory services to public and privately held companies.

Cost: \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. A continental breakfast will be provided.

CPE: 1 Hr

Time: 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. (registration at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast at 7:45 a.m.)

Location: Steelcase University – 1111 44th Street, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508

Registration: You can register for this meeting on-line at www.wmisaca.org or by contacting Dan Moyer at secretary@wmisaca.org or 517-323-7000 x3102.

Thursday, November 1, 2007 in Grand Rapids, Michigan

Topic: “How to Complete a Risk Assessment in 5 Days or Less”

Location: Steelcase University – 1111 44th Street, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508

Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (registration at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast at 7:45 a.m.)

Presenter: Thomas R. Peltier, Thomas R. Peltier Associates, LLC

Food: Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

Cost: \$30 for chapter members. Non-members please contact us.

Registration: You can register for this meeting on-line at www.wmisaca.org or by contacting Dan Moyer at secretary@wmisaca.org or 517-323-7000 x3102.

CPE: 8 Hrs

December 2007 - Topic: Webinar (TBD)

January, 2008 in Grand Rapids, Michigan

Tentative: Joint meeting with West Michigan IIA – time and location to be announced

Topic: “Spreadsheet Compliance: Discovery, Validation and Controls”

Presenter: Kevin Kaide, Compassoft.com

CPE: 1 Hr

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Research Update

IT Assurance Framework (ITAF)

The recent attention to the assessment of enterprise IT controls by the marketplace has led ISACA to refocus its existing IT standards, guidelines and procedures to better support assurance professionals. The objective of the refocus is to address the emerging demand for a more specific, consistent and reliable way of performing assessment and attestation work relative to IT controls. ISACA has developed ITAF to serve as the professional standards framework for the IT assurance professional. The framework will also help identify gaps in guidance needed by IT assurance professionals and where research and development of new guidance should be considered. ITAF has been posted for comment through 27 September on the ISACA web site at www.isaca.org/itaf.

IT Control Objectives for Basel II

IT Control Objectives for Basel II: The Importance of Governance and Risk Management for Compliance focuses on providing guidance to information risk managers, IT practitioners, and banking experts with tasks and responsibilities in IT. It provides clear and unambiguous guidance with regard to information risk management and its application to the requirements and provisions of Basel II as a framework. In the third quarter a complimentary PDF download will be posted for ISACA members at www.isaca.org, and print copies will be available from the ISACA Bookstore at www.isaca.org/bookstore.

IT Governance Using COBIT and Val IT

IT Governance Using COBIT[®] and Val IT[™] updates the previous COBIT in Academia material to COBIT 4.1. It is posted for complimentary download by academics (registration required) at www.isaca.org/itgovernanceusingcobit. The components are:

- *IT Governance Using COBIT[®] and Val IT[™]: Student Book, 2nd Edition*
- *IT Governance Using COBIT[®] and Val IT[™]: Presentation, 2nd Edition*
- *IT Governance Using COBIT[®] and Val IT[™]: TIBO Case Study, 2nd Edition*
- *IT Governance Using COBIT[®] and Val IT[™]: TIBO Case Study, 2nd Edition—Teaching Notes*
- *IT Governance Using COBIT[®] and Val IT[™]: Caselets, 2nd Edition*
- *IT Governance Using COBIT[®] and Val IT[™]: Caselets, 2nd Edition—Teaching Notes*

Stepping Through the InfoSec Program

The information security professional has evolved from computer operator to chief information security officer; from controlling punched cards to negotiating strategic plans, defining policies, documenting processes, managing technology, measuring performance, controlling costs, supporting business recovery and demonstrating regulatory compliance. This publication includes a case study and steps to:

- Compose an information security program
- Design roles and responsibilities to ensure accountability
- Identify and allocate resources to achieve information security program objectives
- Determine if an information security program is achieving objectives. It will be available in the ISACA Bookstore at www.isaca.org/bookstore in the fourth quarter of this year.

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New CGEIT Credential

ISACA[®] is pleased to announce a new credential program specifically developed for professionals who have responsibilities for managing and/or governing the IT-related contribution in an enterprise. The new Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT[™] (CGEIT[™]) credential is intended for a wide range of professionals who wish to be recognized for their knowledge and application of IT governance principles and practices.

The job practice, which is available at www.isaca.org/cgeit, will serve as the basis for the exam and for the experience requirements. This job practice consists of task and knowledge statements, organized by content areas. These statements and areas were the result of extensive research and feedback from subject matter experts from around the world. Numerous reference sources were utilized including research conducted by the IT Governance Institute[®] (ITGI[™]).

To earn the CGEIT credential, an individual will be required to:

- Pass the CGEIT exam
- Adhere to the ISACA Code of Professional Ethics
- Agree to comply with the CGEIT continuing professional education policy
- Provide evidence of appropriate IT governance and/or management experience as defined by CGEIT's job practice

Certification/Exam Updates

December 2007 Exam Registration Deadline

The final registration deadline for the 8 December 2007 CISA and CISM exams is 26 September. To view details on the exams, please visit www.isaca.org/cisaboi or www.isaca.org/cismboi. Registration is available online at www.isaca.org/examreg.

Registration Changes

For those already registered, changes to registration information, such as exam site or language, are free of charge until 12 October 2007. A US \$50 fee is required for all changes to CISA/ CISM exam registrations received between 13 and 19 October 2007. No changes will be accepted after 19 October 2007.

Applications for Certification

Since the release of the June exam results, a large number of applications have been received at International Headquarters. Please note that exam passers are not certified until they have submitted their application and received approval from ISACA. The CISA and CISM designations may not be used until that approval has been received.

There are many CISA exam passers from the June 2003 exam who have not submitted their applications. These members are highly encouraged to submit their applications if they meet all of the requirements. If they do not apply within five years of their exam date, their score is invalidated. Applications can be downloaded at www.isaca.org/cisaapp or www.isaca.org/cismapp for the respective certification.

CISM Application Revision

Based on recommendations from the CISM Certification Board, the CISM application has been revised so that candidates' experience is reported based on the CISM task statements. Employee verification of such documentation will continue to be required. ISACA believes that the revised application will make it easier and more efficient for candidates to communicate their experience to ISACA.

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Recognition

The CISA and CISM certifications have been recognized by the Australian Computer Society (ACS) as equivalent to an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) diploma for the purposes of skills assessment for immigration. The AQF is a unified system of national qualifications in schools, vocational education and training (TAFEs and private providers) and the higher education sector (mainly universities).

ACS, the recognized association for information and communications technology professionals, provides advice on skills recognition for prospective migrants to Australia. Under the agreement between the ACS and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, those seeking to migrate to Australia as an IT professional must complete an assessment through the ACS prior to lodging a migration application.

View ISACA, ITGI ERM Framework Webcast

Over the past few years, ISACA and ITGI have undertaken various initiatives to revise their strategy, implement a balanced scorecard and review the overall governance practices across the organization. There are risks in everything ISACA and ITGI do in pursuit of the organizations' strategies. For this reason, ISACA and ITGI have developed and implemented an enterprise risk management (ERM) framework.

To help members understand ISACA's and ITGI's ERM process and status, ISACA and ITGI have prepared a webcast that provides a brief introduction to the organizations' ERM framework. The webcast is available at www.isaca.org/ERMmembers5. ■

Bookstore Update

Sets of related *Control Objectives for Information and related Technology* (COBIT[®]) products focusing on member's professional needs are available. Purchase a focus set and save 25 percent:

- Assurance Focus Set
- IT Governance Focus Set
- Sarbanes-Oxley Focus Set
- Security Focus Set

Visit www.isaca.org/cobitbooks for a list of the components included in each focus set. For more information or to place an order, please e-mail bookstore@isaca.org or call +1.847.253.1545, ext. 401 or 478. ■

Distance Learning

The September ISACA e-Symposium is scheduled for 25 September 2007 and will explore the growing need for data security, the issues surrounding data compliance and data protection problems. To register for the 25 September 2007 e-Symposium and take the first step toward earning three free continuing professional education (CPE) credits, please visit www.isaca.e-symposium.com.

All e-symposia are recorded and archived for viewing on demand. Registration is required to view an archived (on demand) or live event and earn free CPE credits. The ISACA e-Learning Library now contains 12 e-symposia. For more information, please visit www.isaca.org/webcasts. ■

News Briefs

The *Information Systems Control Journal* is seeking articles for volume 1, 2008—themed **Dysfunctional Operations in IT**. The copy deadline for drafts for volume 1 is 24 September 2007. For more information, please view the 2008 editorial calendar at www.isaca.org/journal or e-mail jhajigeorgiou@isaca.org.

Have you reviewed K-NET[®] recently?

K-NET[®] is an Internet-based database of knowledge specifically developed to provide ISACA[®] members with direct access to educational opportunities, books and CDs, articles and papers, and web resources relevant to



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information systems governance, control, security and assurance. For K-NET, pertinent knowledge has been sought, identified and peer-reviewed by volunteers who are practicing IT professionals. The references have then been organized into logical categories of interest to ISACA members and other constituents.

K-NET includes:

- * Full access for ISACA members
- * 13 subject areas
- * More than 180 topic areas
- * More than 6,000 knowledge references
- * Weekly updates
- * Search engines
- * Personalization features

Member Benefit of the Month...	ISACA's Career Centre
<p>Audit Programs and Internal Control Questionnaires:</p> <p>1: The audit programs and internal control questionnaires (ICQs) are guidance tools to help members determine best practices when performing their job functions. These materials were either developed by ISACA or ITGI or contributed by fellow members, and are provided free of charge.</p> <p>2: Available at www.isaca.org/icq</p>	

Conferences:

New 2007 ISACA conference and educational event dates have been released. Please refer to our chapter web site www.wmisaca.org for the available programs. You may also visit www.isaca.org/conferences.

2007 Conference/Training Week Calendar

	ISACA® Training Week	Sarbanes- Oxley Symposium	Oceania CACs SM	CobiT® User Convention	Information Security Management Conference	Network Security Conference	Sarbanes- Oxley Symposium	ISACA Training Week	ISACA Training Week	Latin America CACs SM
Dates	20-24 August 2007	23-24 August 2007	9-12 September 2007	10-11 September 2007	10-12 September 2007	10-12 September 2007	27-28 September 2007	8-12 October 2007	15-19 October 2007	21-24 October 2007
Location	Charlotte, North Carolina, USA	Rosemont (Chicago), Illinois, USA	Auckland, New Zealand	Johannesburg, South Africa	Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	Washington DC, USA	Athens, Greece	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	Monterrey, Mexico
CPE Hours	38	14	TBA	13	32	32	14	38	38	40

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Sarbanes-Oxley Symposium

27-28 September 2007

Washington DC, USA



The Sarbanes-Oxley Symposium, based on the second edition of ITGI's *IT Control Objectives for Sarbanes-Oxley*, is now in its third successful year. Features of the symposium include all-new presentations aligned with new information from the US Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), tools and sample approaches, new breakout sessions to address the specific issues of large and small companies, and a question-and-answer session with a panel of Sarbanes-Oxley experts. For more information and to register, please visit www.isaca.org/soxsymposium.

ISACA Training Week

8-12 October 2007

Athens, Greece

15-19 October 2007

Montreal, Quebec, Canada



5-9 November 2007

San Antonio, Texas, USA

3-7 December 2007

Scottsdale, Arizona, USA

Training Week courses use a combination of lecture, case study, class discussion and group exercises to explore all the nuances and subtleties of the named topics. The Fundamentals of IT Auditing course and the IT Audit Practices course are aligned with the CISA job practice areas, and the Information Security Management course is aligned with the CISM job practice areas. For additional information about ISACA Training Week dates, locations and course offerings, please visit www.isaca.org/trainingweek.

Latin America CACS

21-24 October 2007

Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico



For the 12th consecutive year, Latin America CACS, widely known and respected for addressing current IT issues in a pragmatic manner, will be presented entirely in Spanish. ISACA's Latin America CACS conference has increasingly obtained professional prestige. This conference will feature 30 sessions focusing on topics of interest to management as well as IS audit and security practitioners. The keynote speaker will be Ing. Rolando Zubirán, chief executive officer of Alestra, who will address the strategic role of information security. The event will include tracks on IT governance and control, IT assurance, and IT security management. For more information and to register, please visit www.isaca.org/latincacs.

Information Security Management Forum

10-11 December 2007

Scottsdale, Arizona, USA

The second annual Information Security Management Forum is all new with sessions focusing on the important issues facing the information security management executive. The keynote address will be given by William C. Boni, CISM, corporate vice president, Motorola Information Protection Services, Motorola Inc. The forum will provide an environment where information security management executives can exchange ideas, discuss critical issues and network with peers. For more information and to register, please visit www.isaca.org/securityforum.

Additional Upcoming ISACA Conferences

21-22 January 2008

Asia-Pacific CACS, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

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