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Meeting News

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001

AGENDA: 11:15 Registration
11:30 Meeting/Speaker
12:00 Lunch

LOCATION: River Club
679 W Long St
Columbus, OH

MENU: Garlic Lemon Chicken, Baked Salmon, Vegetable Medley, Herb Whipped Potatoes, Garden Salad Pasta Salad, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Mousse, Coffe or Hot Tea

PRICES: \$ 15.00 Members
\$ 18.00 Non-Members
\$ 5.00 Student (Student is full-time undergraduate, non-professionally employed)

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RESERVATIONS POLICY

The deadline for reservations is **Tuesday, Jan. 9, 12:00 noon**. If you do not reach Rich directly, please be sure to leave the following information: Name, Member/Non-Member, and Company.
Cancellation deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 10, 12:00 noon.

ALL RESERVATIONS MADE AND NOT CANCELED BY THE DEADLINE MUST BE PAID FOR.

Round Table Discussion

This month's speaker format will be a panel driven, roundtable discussion forum instead of the normal invited speaker format. The purpose of this forum will be to discuss the industry trends we currently face and to also offer an overview on the benefits of CISA and ISACA. Audience feedback and participation is welcomed and the topic list is flexible. Specific topics to be addressed might include: Budgeting, Planning, Training, Staffing, Recruiting, COBIT, CISA Exam, Integrated (IT and operational) audits, Workload Balancing, Risk Assessment, Audit Tools, Recent Hot Topics, ISACA Seminars, and Website links.

Panel

- Ed Bell - Huntington
- Dennis Kabelac - Jefferson Wells
- Brian O'Brien - Ohio State University
- Ken Kuss - Nationwide
- Rich Ridewood/Norman Hofmann - Auditor of State
- Tim Winslow - Bank One

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MEETING DATES

2/6/01 Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe
Joint Meeting with IIA

3/1/01 TBA

4/5/01 TBA

5/10/01 TBA

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President's Message

By **Tim Winslow, Chapter President**

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone is having a wonderful holiday season.



The results from the Annual Preferences Survey are in! Highlights of the tabulation include a strong desire for training on the following topics: 1) Database security and control, and 2) Risk assessment practices, tools, and techniques. Other high ranking topics include: a) Internet, Intranet, and VPNs, b) Auditing software change control procedures and activities, c) Windows 2000, and d) Computer fraud auditing. As we prepare to host our Spring training seminar, we will try to align a topic with one from the above list.

Other survey results indicated an overwhelming desire to meet monthly for *lunch* on *Thursdays*. Due to this feedback, we will continue with this current practice, presentation first followed by the meal. Again, thanks to all of you who took the time and sent us your completed forms.

This month, we have decided to change the speaker format slightly and have assembled a panel of speakers to discuss various topics, including new trends and issues facing our industry. I anticipate some good dialog, as everyday topics often never evolve into full presentations. I plan to see everybody at The River Club on January 11 to kick off the New Year!

Next Chapter Board Meeting: January 11, 2001 at 10:30am.

ISACA NEWS



2001 CISA Review Manuals and Study Materials

The 2001 *CISA Review Technical Information Manual*, *2001 CISA Review Questions, Answers Explanation Manual (Q, A & E)*, the *2001 Supplement to the Q, A*

& E and the *CISA Review Questions, Answers and Explanations* CD-ROM are available to candidates preparing to sit for the CISA exam. All study materials have been revised and updated to reflect changes in the 2001 CISA exam. Please visit the ISACA Bookstore at www.isaca.org/bk_cisa.htm

The *Information Systems Control Journal* is currently seeking articles for the second issue. The article deadline for Volume 3, 2001, is 28 February 2001, and the theme is **Privacy**. The *Journal* is looking for articles on such topics as:

- S Consumer protection vs. business needs for information
- S Intellectual property issues
- S The benefits/risks of outsourcing vs. in-house training, due to rapid technological innovation and evolution
- S Virtual Private Networks

Articles on topics not listed are also welcome, so long as they impart new information of use to an auditor, control professional, CIO or security officer.

The Author Guidelines are on ISACA's web site at www.isaca.org/jrnl_aut.htm. For themes and topics for the rest of the 2001 editorial year, authors may consult www.isaca.org/jrnl_cal.htm.

Authors of accepted articles receive CE credits equal to the number of hours spent researching and writing the article.

North America CACS 2001

29 April – 4 May, 2001; Lake Buena Vista, Florida, USA
You will not want to miss the 31st annual conference, held at the world-famous Disney's Contemporary Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Conference presentations will include: The Virtual Audit Department, Core Competencies, E-business, Fraud and Forensics, CIO Perspective on IS Audit Issues and much more. InfoExchange, highlighting the latest products and services, will also be show cased. ISACA members who register before 31 January 2001 will receive US \$100 off the US \$1,295 conference registration fee.

ISACA RESEARCH UPDATES

Network Security–Virtual Private Network (VPN)

This ISACF™ publication will provide security, audit and control professionals with an overview of the architecture behind Internet VPN, as well as commonly used security algorithms. It addresses implementation and supplies general audit suggestions. It is being written to be consistent with COBIT and CONCT® (*Control Objectives for Net Centric Technologies*). Target availability date is the first quarter of 2001.

Technical Reference Guide: Trading Partner Identification, Registration and Enrollment–A Reference for the IS Auditor

Technical reference guides form the third phase of the e-commerce project currently conducted by ISACF in partnership with Deloitte & Touche. This publication documents the process of recognizing and establishing the authenticity of a new trading partner and deciding whether to do business. Its focus is the establishment of the relationship, on “new account” time. The auditor will find it useful when deciding whether to audit an e-commerce application and when planning or conducting such an audit. It may also be useful for examining or making judgments about any new account process, whether or to what extent such a process is automated. For purchase information contact the ISACA Bookstore at www.isaca.org/bk_ints.htm#trs-1

Security and Risk Management in ERP

ERP systems are now pervasive globally in medium to large enterprises and in the public sector. Application security and technical infrastructure considerations will be covered for each ERP offering in a technical reference guide. Each guide will therefore be designed to have value on its own, but will possess even more value as a complete set covering all of the major business cycles and key areas of audit consideration for ERP implementation. Research will focus on: identifying risks in ERP security and control, outlining control techniques for managing risk and suggesting assurance techniques for testing control activities.

SAP, the first in the series, is strong in manufacturing and has its own project management methodology, ASAP (accelerated SAP). A focus on business process controls for the inventory and revenue cycles and project management will be included in the SAP technical reference guide. Internet and wireless implications will also be addressed. Project completion is scheduled for the end of 2001.

Wireless Communication Systems

Wireless communications transcend traditional and regulatory boundaries. Users expect to carry communications devices with them wherever they travel, and also expect the same features enjoyed on their home network when they roam onto foreign networks. This poses significant technical and control challenges, but the greater challenges lie in the areas of control, security and audit. This project will result in both a technical and functional assessment of the space, written from a business and risk management perspective. Work should be completed by the second quarter 2001.

Enterprise Information Integrity

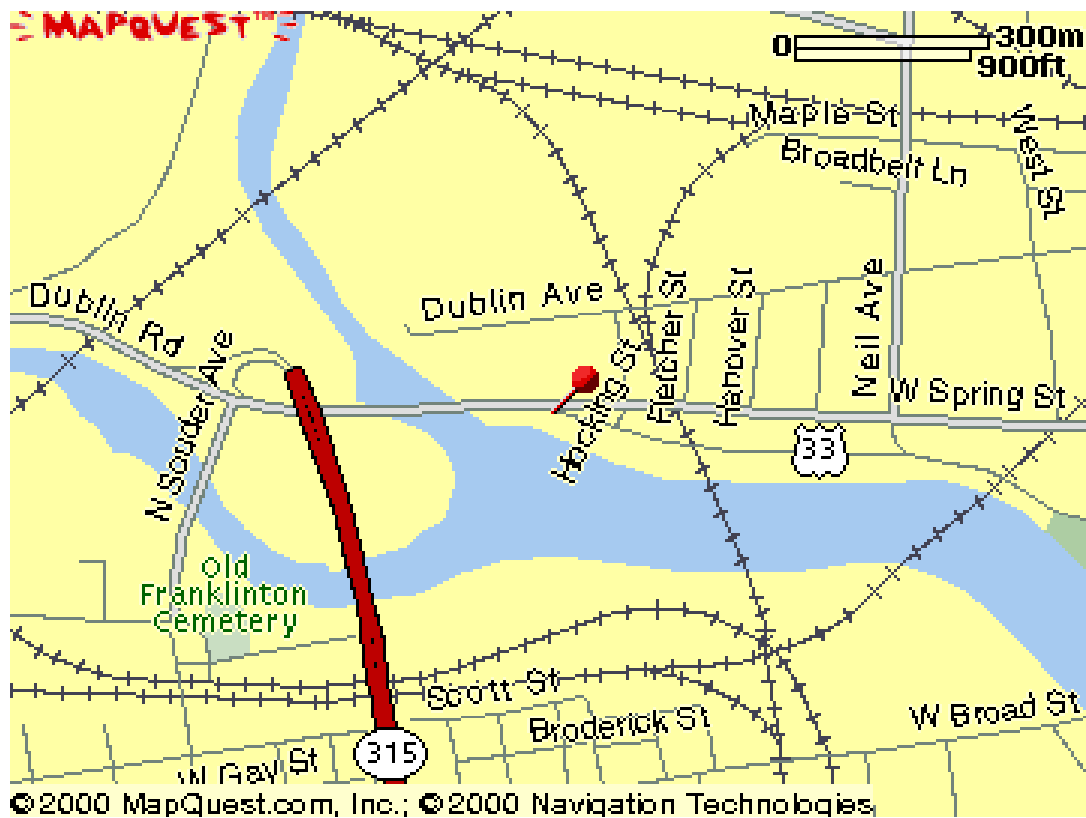
In an increasingly dynamic global environment, IT organizations have to address complex solutions and operating environments. The purpose of this project is to define the key elements of enterprise information integrity, identify associated costs and benefits criteria and present a framework and process for managing them to provide assurance of the dependability and trustworthiness of information across the enterprise. The Centre for IS Assurance will conduct this project for ISACF with funding from Unitech Systems Inc. Completion is projected for the third quarter 2001.

Customer Relationship Management (CRM)

CRM provides organizations with increased functionality by providing account and contact management, opportunity and pipeline management, forecast management, campaign and event management, field sales representative support, sales compensation determination, mobile field service, telephony management and e-business facilitation. The research project will address a number of issues, including: CRM application functionality, technical architecture, operational and strategic risk management opportunities, as well as security and control criteria within the CRM IT environment.

Oracle Database Security, Control and Audit

The purpose of this project is to update the ISACA Monograph Series book, *Security and Controls in an Oracle Environment*. This includes a recommended plan for addressing the issues that have changed in subsequent Oracle environments. Availability is expected in the later part of the second quarter 2001.



Membership Information: www.isaca.org/memb1.htm