

## A Note from the Vice-President...

### **A note from the Vice President, Stacy Manning:**

I was very lucky to attend the ISACA 2008 Global Leadership Conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada July 25-26, 2008. I was able to meet with ISACA leaders from all around the world and share ideas about how to make our chapters better. Some of the sessions that I attended included a session devoted specifically to small and medium chapters, *Communicating the Value Proposition, COBIT/Val IT and IT-ERM* (and how to promote these), *Finding Speakers and Developing Topics, A Vibrant Chapter in a Smaller Market*, and many more. I am happy to say that I have many ideas pouring out of me and am actively working on putting these ideas into place. I am going to need the help of all of our members in trying to accomplish some of these tasks that will benefit all of our local members and non-members in the IT audit profession. I am looking for volunteers to help put some of these ideas into motion. If you are interested in volunteering, please send me a brief message of the areas you believe you can contribute to [vp@isaca-br.org](mailto:vp@isaca-br.org). We will be looking for members that can assist in presenting information about IT auditing to university students, organizing panel questions and discussions. We are also looking for local IT, Security, and Audit Managers in the Baton Rouge area that are interested

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## August Chapter Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, August 20, 2008

**Place:** Café Americain

7521 Jefferson Highway

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**Time:** 11:30am-1:00pm

**Price:** \$25 for Members and Students

\$30 for Non-members

Our speaker for this month's meeting will be Dustin Puryear, President and Senior Consultant of Puryear Information Technology, LLC. The topic of his presentation will be *Identity and Access Management*.

All member, students, and non-members are asked to RSVP by August 18, 2008. Please choose and include one of the following meal selections with your RSVP:

1. Sauteed Shrimp Scampi Pasta/House Salad/Garlic Bread
2. Grilled Chicken Breast/House Salad/Fresh Fruit/Garlic Bread
3. Fried Catfish Dinner/House Salad/French Fries

***Hope to see you all there!!***

## Distance Learning Updates

***DNS Security Webinar: DNS Security- New Threats, Immediate Responses, Long Term Outlook***

Date: Thursday, 7 August 2008

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EDT / 16:00 – 17:00 UTC

Please check your local time zone at

<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/>

in promoting IT auditing to our members and students. If you have any ideas, concerns, or just want to help in any way, please feel free to email me at the above email.

**FYI:** Here are some of our chapter numbers that some of you may be interested in knowing:

- Baton Rouge ISACA chapter currently has 129 active members.
- 10 CISM certifications as well as some recent exam passers
- 55 CISA certifications as well as some recent exam passers

The CGEIT certification is now available. Please check the ISACA national website to find out more about the requirements for CGEIT Certification under the Grandfathering Provision. You only have until OCTOBER 31, 2008 to apply WITHOUT taking the exam.

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## ITAF: *A Professional Practices Framework for IT Assurance*

To meet the need for clear guidance in IT controls, ISACA is pleased to issue the IT Assurance Framework (ITAF), a comprehensive assurance model that incorporates standards and good practices.

Members may download a complimentary PDF of ITAF from [www.isaca.org/itaf](http://www.isaca.org/itaf)

ITAF is a premier resource for IT audit and assurance professionals:  
-- Provides guidance on the design, conduct and reporting of IT audit and assurance assignments  
-- Defines terms and concepts specific to IT assurance  
-- Establishes standards that address IT audit and assurance professional roles and responsibilities, knowledge and skills, diligence, conduct, and reporting requirements

If you provide assurance over components of IT systems, processes, applications and infrastructure, or if you use IT audit and assurance reports, ITAF will be useful to you!

The current version of ITAF incorporates ISACA's IS Auditing Standards and Guidelines and allows for new guidance to be properly indexed as it is developed and issued. To date, all current ISACA guidance has been mapped to the framework.

Members may download a complimentary PDF of ITAF today & # 9472; visit [www.isaca.org/itaf](http://www.isaca.org/itaf).

## ISACA Member Benefit Highlight

The new CISA Online Review Course is designed to appeal to candidates preparing for the exam as well as certifieds who want CPEs and/or review opportunities. The online course includes practice exam questions, case studies, interactive exercises, online glossary and references, etc. Go to [www.isaca.org/elearning](http://www.isaca.org/elearning) <<http://www.isaca.org/elearning>> for more information.

Join ISACA after 7 August by going to [www.isaca.org/join](http://www.isaca.org/join) <<http://www.isaca.org/join>> and get membership through 31 December 2009!

## F Y I :

The presentations from the Global Leadership Conference (July 25-26, 2008 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada) are available on the chapter leader area at

[www.isaca.org/global](http://www.isaca.org/global) <<http://www.isaca.org/global>>. For those primary chapter delegates who attended the conference, the expense report form to complete and submit to ISACA International is also available at this link.

## SECURITY TIP: PASSPHRASES

FORGET PASSWORDS. USE PASSPHRASES

IN THE QUEST OF CREATING A PASSWORD THAT IS COMPLEX, CHANCES ARE MOST PEOPLE DON'T MEET COMPANY PASSWORD REQUIREMENTS AND FORGET THEIR PASSWORDS THE NEXT DAY. USING A SPACE IN YOUR PASSWORD MAKES IT EXTREMELY COMPLEX WHILE STILL MAKING IT EASY TO REMEMBER. FROM A HACKER'S STAND POINT, "MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB" IS MORE DIFFICULT TO CRACK THAN "MARYLAMB1."

## CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHT

### FUTURE CONFERENCES AND TRAINING WEEKS

- *IT GOVERNANCE, RISK AND COMPLIANCE CONFERENCE*  
OCTOBER 8-10, 2008  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA, USA
- *ISACA TRAINING WEEK*  
NOVEMBER 3-7, 2008  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, USA
- *NETWORK SECURITY CONFERENCE*  
NOVEMBER 10-12, 2008  
AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS
- *INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE*  
NOVEMBER 10-12, 2008  
AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS
- *IT CONTROL OBJECTIVES FOR BASEL II: THE SYMPOSIUM*  
NOVEMBER 12, 2008  
ZURICH, SWITZERLAND
- *IT AUDIT MANAGEMENT FORUM*  
NOVEMBER 13-14, 2008

## DNS Security Webinar Overview

Details of a recent exploit of known DNS vulnerabilities were revealed on 21 July 2008, with the potential to impact nearly all of the 11 million DNS servers on the Internet. The exploit enables an attacker, in less than a minute, to redirect an organization's web traffic to rogue sites and steal account names, passwords and other sensitive data without detection. It is critical for all organizations to respond to this threat immediately. DNS has other known vulnerabilities, and additional exploits are expected. This means that managing DNS security is going to require a consistent, long-term process.

In this webinar, DNS expert Cricket Liu, author of O'Reilly's *DNS and BIND* will join Dan Kaminsky—the security researcher who discovered the DNS exploit—to discuss the role of DNS in modern networks, the current DNS exploit, as well as additional DNS threats and ways to mitigate them. They will also present a checklist and tools that can be used to audit DNS infrastructures.

How to Register:

Please go to

<http://mediazone.brighttalk.com/event/ISACA/28dc6b0e1b-1721-intro> to register for the 1 hour live event.

### CPE Credits

Due to the unique nature of this webinar, there will not be a quiz at the conclusion of this event. Therefore, continuing professional education (CPE) credits will NOT be issued. This special presentation will be archived and available for on-demand viewing within 72 hours of the live event.

For more information on ISACA's distance learning opportunities, please visit

<http://www.isaca.org/elearning>.

If you are interested in participating in future distance learning initiatives, please contact ISACA at [webcasts@isaca.org](mailto:webcasts@isaca.org). We hope you join us on 7 August!

### *ISACA e-Symposia*

The August ISACA e-Symposium, titled *Application Security*, is scheduled for August 26, 2008. To register for this event and take the first step toward earning three free continuing professional education (CPE) credits, please visit <http://isaca.brighttalk.com>.

All e-symposia are recorded and archived for viewing on demand within 72 hours of the live event. Registration is required to view an archived (on-demand) or live event and earn free CPE credits. The ISACA E-learning Library now holds more than 18 e-symposia. For more information, please visit [www.isaca.org/webcasts](http://www.isaca.org/webcasts).

## CERTIFICATION FYI AND UPDATES

### CHANGE TO REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR CISA CERTIFICATIONS

The CISA Certification Board has approved a change to the documentation requirements for educational waivers for the CISA application for certification. Original transcripts for educational waivers are no longer required. Candidates are now permitted to submit copies of transcripts to verify their degree status. Alternatively, candidates are able to obtain such verification from their employer, as indicated on the verification form.

### JUNE 2008 EXAM RESULT NOTIFICATIONS

Exam results for the June 2008 exam will be released in early August via e-mail and post. Candidates who elected to receive e-mail notification will be sent a one-time result notification via e-mail in early August. To ensure the confidentiality of scores, exam results are not reported by telephone or fax. All candidates are reminded to keep their profile on the ISACA web site updated to ensure timely receipt of their score. Candidates will also be able to view their exam score @ [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org) using their login credentials and password.

### DECEMBER 2008 REGISTRATION

Registration for the December 13, 2008 CISA, CISM and CGEIT exams is underway. To view additional details, including exam costs and a list of test sites, please visit [www.isaca.org/cisaboi](http://www.isaca.org/cisaboi), [www.isaca.org/cismboi](http://www.isaca.org/cismboi), or [www.isaca.org/cgeitboi](http://www.isaca.org/cgeitboi). Registration is available for all exams at [www.isaca.org/examreg](http://www.isaca.org/examreg). The early registration deadline for all exams is August 20, 2008. The final registration deadline is September 24, 2008.

### CISA, CISM AND CGEIT EXAM STUDY MATERIALS

All members preparing for the CISA and CISM exams are reminded of the all-new, completely revised CISA ([www.isaca.org/cisabooks](http://www.isaca.org/cisabooks)) and CISM ([www.isaca.org/cismbooks](http://www.isaca.org/cismbooks)) study aids available in the ISACA Bookstore. Depending on the publication, the latest editions are available in English, French, Italian, Japanese and/or Spanish. A list of references of key publications and periodicals, cross-referenced by CGEIT domain, is available at [www.isaca.org/cgeitreferences](http://www.isaca.org/cgeitreferences) to assist CGEIT exam candidates in preparing for the exam.

### ANNUAL CERTIFICATION AUDIT

For those who have been selected for the annual audit of their 2007 CPE hours, the deadline for returning support documentation will be September 1, 2008. For questions, all members are advised to contact the certification department at [certification@isaca.org](mailto:certification@isaca.org).