

# November 2006

# NEWSLETTER



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## President's Message

We will not be hosting a breakfast session in November. Instead we are sponsoring a presentation by John Thorp, keynote speaker at the ICE conference, at lunch on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, on *The Challenge of Value: The Governance of IT Investments*. John will discuss a topic that we all have to deal with - the amount of money that we spend on IT keeps increasing, yet the value we are getting for the money spent is unclear. This challenge was the driver behind the IT Governance Institute's Val IT™ initiative. Val IT™ complements COBIT® from a business and financial perspective, and will help all those with an interest in realizing true value from their investments in IT.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we have entered into a strategic partnership with CIPS Edmonton for their ICE conference ( <http://www.iceconference.com/default.aspx> ). As a result of this alliance, ISACA members will get the same conference discount price as CIPS members. We have worked with the conference organizers to design a conference that will appeal to our membership, and I would strongly encourage you to consider registering for single days or the entire conference. You can check out the detailed program for the ICE conference at [http://www.iceconference.com/program2006\\_Monday.aspx](http://www.iceconference.com/program2006_Monday.aspx). I hope to see many of you there! To register, contact the ICE Conference by email at [edmoffice@cips.ca](mailto:edmoffice@cips.ca) or call 780-288-2477 to register at the CIPS member rate.

On December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, the Edmonton Chapter is presenting an ACL course - *ACL255 - Using ACL to Test Internal Controls*. You can get more information on this, and other courses offered by the Chapter on our website at <http://www.isaca-edmonton.ca/calendar.asp#courses>.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, please feel free to contact me directly regarding any Chapter-related suggestions or concerns you may have.

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# ICE Conference - ISACA Sponsored Speaker

## *The Challenge of Value - The Governance of IT Investments*

**Speaker:** John Thorp, CMC, ISP  
President, The Thorp Network Inc. and Consulting Fellow, Fujitsu Consulting

**Date:** Tuesday, November 7, 2006

**Place:** Shaw Conference Centre

**Time:** Luncheon Keynote Speaker

**Cost:** \$20 for members

### **Speaker Profile**

John is an internationally renowned expert with close to 45 years' experience in the information management field and the author of "The Information Paradox". Over the last five years, John's work has extended to the broader issues of Enterprise Value Management and Strategic Governance. He is currently working with the IT Governance Institute (ITGI), building on their existing COBIT® framework, to research and develop Val IT™, an open internationally accepted standard of best practices for optimising the value of IT-enabled change.

### **Presentation Overview**

The amount of money we spend on IT continues to rise, begging the question "What value are we getting for this investment?" We continue to focus on technology when, instead, we should concentrate on the changes that IT both enables and requires. The challenge facing boards, executives, business and IT management is to ensure that effective governance mechanisms are in place for IT-enabled business investments to deliver optimal value, at an affordable cost, with an acceptable level of risk. This challenge was the driver behind ITGI's Val IT™ initiative. Val IT™ complements COBIT® from a business and financial perspective and is intended to help those with an interest in realizing true value from their investments in IT. In this engaging session, John Thorp will discuss the challenge of value, present IT governance in the context of overall enterprise governance, introduce Val IT™, and look ahead to how it might evolve in the future.

### **Registration**

Please register at the CIPS ICE 2006 website at: <http://www.iceconference.com/registration.aspx>.

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**In addition to John Thorp's keynote, be sure to take in many more sessions at the  
CIPS ICE 2006 Technology Conference  
November 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton**

featuring other well-known speakers like Steve Wozniak, Jody Westby, Ira Winkler, Dr. Eric Drexler, Dr. George Maracas, David Pogue, and Peter de Jager

*Note that ISACA membership discounts apply*

# ISACA Edmonton - Coming Events

**Note: there is no breakfast presentation for November**

<b>Date/Event</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
December 4-5, 2006 Two-Day Workshop	ACL Certified Instructor ACL Services Limited	ACL255 - Using ACL to Test Internal Controls
December 14, 2006 Breakfast Meeting & Membership Drive	Barry Lewis, CISM, CISSP President, Cerberus ISC, Inc.	Uncovering Network Security Vulnerabilities: Audit, Controls and Techniques  Note: this session is <b>FREE</b>
January 11, 2007 Breakfast Meeting	Patrick Dunnigan, CISA, CISM, CISSP Principal, Office of the Auditor General	An Overview of the ISACA Certifications
February 8, 2007 Breakfast Meeting	Kate Chisholm Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary EPCOR Utilities, Inc.	Privacy Investigations and Lessons Learned
March 8, 2007 Breakfast Meeting	To be Announced	To be Announced
March 12-13, 2007 Two-Day Workshop	Randy Franklin Smith, CISA, SSCP, MVP President, Monterey Technology Group	Securing and Auditing Active Directory
April 12, 2007 Breakfast Meeting	Doug Wilkinson, CA, CISA National Leader, Control Assurance, Deloitte	IT Control Assurance Best Practices for Certification Requirements
May 10, 2007 Breakfast Meeting	To be Announced	To be Announced
June 14, 2007 Breakfast Meeting & Annual General Meeting	Darrell Jones, MBA, CISA, CISM, CISSP, ISP KPMG's Advisory Practice	Demonstrating the Value of the Audit Practice

**The registration deadline for the ACL course is fast approaching and seating is limited to 12 participants, so be sure to register now at [www.isaca-edmonton.ca](http://www.isaca-edmonton.ca).**

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## Certification Corner

If you have any questions about the CISA or CISM certification or the exam in December, please contact our coordinator:

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## Membership Corner

Many of you have already received your first email notice from ISACA International to renew your membership. All members are encouraged to renew online to help keep ISACA membership as cost-effective as possible. The more members who renew online, the fewer printed invoices ISACA will be mailing worldwide. As in previous years, all non-members who passed the December 2005 and June 2006 CISA or CISM examinations have been offered a complimentary ISACA membership for the remainder of 2006.

Did you know...Educational webcasts are periodically held to update ISACA members on current issues and trends? Check the web site at [www.isaca.org/webcasts](http://www.isaca.org/webcasts) for the latest webcasts.

Your input and feedback is always welcome. Please direct your Membership specific questions to Suzanne Robinson at [membership@isaca-edmonton.ca](mailto:membership@isaca-edmonton.ca) or telephone (780) 498-8085.