



Chapter Newsletter

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President's message

As I look out my window, I see the many vibrant colours of fall which indicates that summer is over and winter will soon be here. This also means that we are all back into the regular routine of managing IT resources, analyzing processes, preparing for compliance, etc. We could all benefit from experience now and then. If we don't have it we look to those who do. ISACA Edmonton strives to find individuals with experience and bring them to you.

Last month we were entertained by Renee Murphy who demonstrated how to reduce the overall time associated with collecting and maintaining evidence for compliance audits. In October Thomas Steeves will discuss how to use data analytics automation. This session is a must see for anyone wishing to improve audit processes, compliance efforts or simply managing data.

We have continued our partnership with CIPS Edmonton for their ICE conference (<http://www.iceconference.com/default.aspx>). As a result, ISACA members will benefit with a significant conference discount. 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. Of particular interest to ISACA members is the Tuesday, November 6th, lunch time Panel Discussion featuring Michael O'Neil, Author, Researcher, and Technology Analyst, InfoTech Research Group; Mike Battistel, CIO, Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers; Paul M. Ingevaldson, former CIO, ACE Hardware, U.S.; Nick Carr, Author, "Does IT Matter". The topic of discussion will be the value of IT. Special pricing will be available for the lunch time session only.

I hope to see many of you at the ICE conference! To register, contact the ICE Conference by email at edmoffice@cips.ca or call 780-288-2477 to register at the CIPS member rate.

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.

Cornell Dover, Chapter President
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The certification corner

The next CISA and CISM exam will be written on December 08, 2007. The registration deadline was September 26, 2007. We now have 3 people registered for the CISM and 11 for the CISA exam.

I received interest from 2 people locally and one person from out of town to run a CISA course. Because we didn't get the 5 people required to run an official CISA or CISM review course, we will not hold one this fall. I apologize to the people who expressed interest and maybe there is something we can do on a smaller scale. I will gauge interest in a CISA or CISM coffee study group or something else.

For those of you writing the exams in December don't forget that ISACA has a strict new policy for having proper photo identification to write the exam. You must have a government issued photo ID to be let into the examination area to write the exam. For us in Alberta it means you must have a provincial or territorial driver's license with a photo, a passport, or an Alberta identification card. If you do not have one of these you will not be allowed into the exam writing location. A birth certificate and a work ID with a picture are inadequate and you will not be allowed to write the exam.

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The membership corner

Welcome back to another great year! Our membership continues to grow past the 150 mark. Please be sure and come out to meet some of the other members.

If you know anyone interested in becoming a member, please let them know that any individual joining ISACA between 7 August and 31 December will pay full 2008 association and chapter dues but will receive member benefits through to 31 December 2008. As well, all non-members who wrote and passed the exam in June or December will be granted a free trial membership for the remainder of the calendar year.

Please direct your Membership specific questions to Suzanne Robinson at membership@isaca-edmonton.ca or telephone (780) 498-8085.

Resource Spotlight

You may not be aware, but your membership to ISACA entitles you to access a vast library of information on the ISACA international website. This month, we are introducing this new segment to the newsletter in order help members explore the knowledge available to them. Each month, the Resource Spotlight section will call attention to a new resource that may provide value to you.

There are many frameworks available to help organizations with the standardization of their IT operations. While all of the frameworks look to address IT, they all have different focuses and approaches. Selecting the correct guide for your organization can be a complicated matter.

Rather than selecting a single guide, the resources highlighted this month demonstrate the value of blending the standards to achieve a more complete solution. The documents highlight the integration of three of the most prominent standards.

The following are two resources related to framework alignment and mapping:

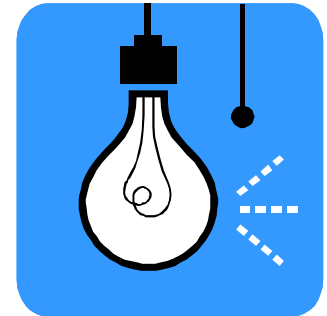
- **Aligning COBIT®, ITIL® and ISO 17799 for Business Benefit**
www.isaca.org/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm?ContentID=32757
- **Mapping of ISO/IEC 17799:2000 With COBIT, 2nd Edition**
<http://www.isaca.org/Template.cfm?Section=Downloads8&Template=/MembersOnly.cfm&ContentID=35228>

The highlighted documents provide an excellent overview of each framework, the focus and value that it provides and a practical method for blending the standards to achieve a more complete solution.

Member Benefit of the Month

Audit Programs and Internal Control Questionnaires:

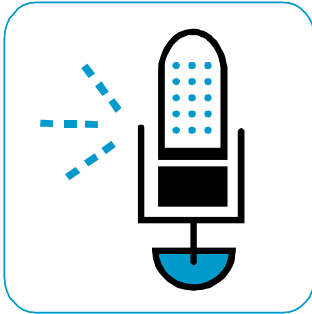
The audit programs and internal control questionnaires (ICQs) are guidance tools to help members determine best practices when performing their job functions. These materials were either developed by ISACA or ITGI or contributed by fellow members, and are provided free of charge. They are available at www.isaca.org/icq.



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October's breakfast presentation

The New Role of Data Analytics



Speaker: Thomas Steeves
 Director, Data Analytics & Compliance Automation
 Control Solutions International

Date: Thursday, October 11, 2007

Place: Royal Glenora Club, 11160 River Valley Road,
 Edmonton

Time: Breakfast available from 8:00 am; Presentation from
 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Cost: \$15 Members; \$20 non-members

Speaker Profile

Mr. Thomas Steeves is the Director of Data Analytics and Compliance Automation at Control Solutions International's Vancouver Office. Thomas has 12 years of applied experience in data analysis, database management and technical programming. He is a subject matter expert in the application of data analytics within transactional processing applications and has specialist-level knowledge of common client applications and ERP systems. Clients benefit from his knowledge of compliance and assurance-related issues in support of Sarbanes-Oxley compliance initiatives and the development of automated controls testing. Thomas is a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), an ACL Certified Data Analyst (ACDA), and an ACL Certified CCM Implementation Specialist (ACCIS).

Presentation Overview

In what promises to be a highly engaging and informative session, Thomas will speak to the use of data analytics automation to help reduce the mounting costs that organizations are facing with respect to compliance efforts. Thomas will also introduce methods of using data analytics to identify errors, fraudulent activity, and process inefficiencies using transactional data.

Specifically, Thomas will speak to:

- client compliance challenges
- computer assisted audit tools and techniques
- data analytics maturity level
- the power of data analytics automation
- a look at embedded & independent solutions
- product tool comparisons
- areas for the application of data analytics
- "How To Guide" for data analytics automation
- success stories

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We look forward to seeing you at our breakfast session. Please feel free to pass this invitation along to co-workers, associates, and any other interested parties. Please register no later than Friday, October 5th on-line at www.isaca-edmonton.ca.

Please note that ISACA Edmonton reserves the right to bill for late cancellations. Should you need to cancel, please send notice to programs@isaca-edmonton.ca at least 72 hours prior to the event.

Breakfast series schedule

The following speakers have been schedule for upcoming monthly breakfast series sessions. For details, please refer to <http://www.isaca-edmonton.ca/calendar.asp#breakfast>

Thomas Steeves: The new role of data analytics	Oct 11
Michael O'Neil: Value of IT – Pannel discussion(CIPS:ICE)	Nov 6
Rick Cowburn: IT Control by Design	Dec 13
Patrick Dunnigan: ISACA Certification Overview	Jan 10
Ken Anderson: ISO Standards 27001 and 27002: Removing the Smoke and Mirrors	Feb 14
Michael Brodie: A Practical Approach to Aligning IT Strategy with Business	Mar 13

NOTE: The ISACA Edmonton chapter has sponsored a CIPS ICE conference luncheon (as indicated above) in lieu of the regular breakfast session.

Upcoming Events

For more details on any of the following events, please visit our website at: www.isaca-edmonton.ca/calendar.asp#Local

2007 ISACA Calgary Conference	Oct 13-19
http://www.isaca-calgary.org/events/education-conferences/2007-calgary-conference.html	
ICE 2007: CIPS Edmonton Technology Conference	Nov 5-8
Cobit Foundations Training Workshop by Dejan Slokar	Jan (tbd)

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Talk Back!

As you can see, there are new features in this month's newsletter (Resource Spotlight). We hope that you find the information presented valuable and are always looking for ways to make it better. Do you have ideas on how to improve the newsletter? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Please forward your suggestions to newsletter@isaca-edmonton.ca. We look forward to hearing from you!

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