



# Chapter Newsletter

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## President's message

Welcome to the 2008-09 season! The ISACA Edmonton Chapter continues to be one of the fastest growing chapters in North America. As your Chapter Executive, our goal is to provide you with interesting and helpful information about what is happening in the world of IT Governance, Security, Risk, and Control. We strive to provide value to you and your organizations in a practical way – through breakfast seminars and workshops. Stay tuned for monthly seminars on how leading companies in Edmonton are dealing with issues related to IT governance, including achieving compliance with internal control legislation.

The Program Sub-Committee is working hard to put together an excellent agenda of topics and training for this year - please visit our website, and book your calendars early! Remember, registration for seminars and workshops can be made online at [www.isaca-edmonton.ca](http://www.isaca-edmonton.ca).

Congratulations to Vivek Dharap, our first CGEIT holder for the Edmonton Chapter. The deadline for certification under the grandfathering provision is October 31, 2008. Don't miss this opportunity to become the next CGEIT.

We have a number of new faces on the Executive. Each member brings a wealth of experiences and special skills that will greatly benefit the Chapter, as we continue to grow. Please take the time to welcome the new Executive members the next time you see them.

Please feel free to contact me directly regarding these or any other Chapter-related activities or concerns you may have.

I look forward to seeing you at our monthly events.

Sincerely,  
Cornell Dover  
(780) 909-6939

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*June is our annual  
general meeting and  
election of the new  
executives.*

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## The certification corner

### Certification Corner

#### Congratulations!

I want to start the New Year off by congratulating all of the people who wrote their CISA and CISM this past June. The results from the exam are now available to me and we had:

6 people out of 13 registered to write - passed their CISA exam.  
1 out of 3 registered to write - passed their CISM exam.



Although this sounds like poor results there is a silver lining. 5 out of the 6 people who passed their CISA exam were also in the CISA prep course we put on in June! I don't know if the prep course helped or if those who took it were just extra motivated. I hope it is a little of both.

#### New Certification – CGEIT – Grandfather now!

For those of you who don't know - ISACA has a new certification - Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT)! I was recently at an ISACA conference and was told by ISACA head-office personnel that it is pronounced (See-Gite,) The more I talk to people—the more I like this certification! I was at the Western Conference for ISACA directors and there was a lot of buzz about GRC - Governance, Risk, and Compliance. There were also a lot of warm fuzzies about how this certification is based on a person's ability and experience in GRC. We are moving away from the days of a single set of controls for specific regulations or needs like 52-109, PCI, FOIP, SOX, GLB, and Basel II etc. and instead seeing the emphasis placed on overall IT governance and a mature IT control framework (e.g. COBIT). The CGEIT certification is tailored for this new view of overall IT Governance and shows that a person not only knows GRC but is also experienced in GRC.

**Grandfather now!** Until 31 October 2008, highly experienced professionals who have had a significant management, advisory and/or assurance role relating to the governance of IT, can apply to be certified as a CGEIT without being required to pass the CGEIT examination. To earn the CGEIT designation during this period, applicants are required to:

1. Submit evidence of appropriate work experience
2. Agree to adhere to the ISACA *Code of Professional Ethics*
3. Agree to comply with the CGEIT *Continuing Professional Education Policy*

I am going to try to grandfather myself into the certification and I hope others will take advantage of this one-time opportunity too. Although you need 8 years of documented experience you may qualify for up to 3 years of this experience if you have other certifications or higher levels of education. You can read more on the grandfathering requirements and processes and more about the certification itself on the ISACA.org web site. This sounds like another winner for ISACA! Here is a link to the CGEIT site.

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## Certification Corner (Cont'd)

### CISA review course.

The CISA review course held in May 2008 was a success! 5 out of the 7 people attending passed their exam and also came in number 1 and 3 in their test scores for Edmonton. We did an intensive 1 ½ day weekend quick overview of the 6 CISA domains. This seemed to work well and we had more than the minimum 5 people attend. We try to offer a CISA prep course whenever possible and do this on a break even basis and as a service to potential CISA writers.

We already have 10 people signed up for the CISA exam in December so if we get enough interest we might be able to run another CISA review course in November. According to comments from our post survey of the May course we did not offer enough time for each section. This time we are thinking of starting on Friday evening and going all day Saturday and Sunday to give presenters and attendees more time with each section. There were also concerns with quizzes and questions we provided from exam books not from ISACA. If we use these again we will review them first to ensure they are appropriate.

Some of the other comments we received about the course were:

100% of the post course survey respondents (6 people) said they agreed or strongly agreed that:

- the course was beneficial.
- Would recommend this course to someone else writing the CISA for the first time.

When asked what was the best part of the course respondents said.

- "Roxanne was enthusiastic and provided great tips on the exam"
- *the ISACA provided* "quizzes and reviews were helpful"
- "get more practice and information about the exam"
- "to meet people"

Thanks again to Cornell Dover, Roxanne Kitts, Kristin Shandro, and Dejan Slokar for helping me present on their areas of expertise.

### CISA / CISM pins.

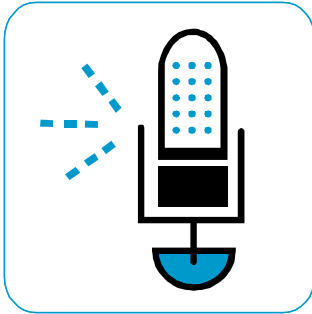
I have CISA and CISM lapel pins for those of you who passed their exams and received their certification in the past 2 or three years but did not get one. I will send out notices to everyone in the past year so they can come out to the January Certification / Membership breakfast meeting to receive you pin and acknowledgment from your peers. If you received your CISA or CISM certification in the past three years and did not get a lapel pin let me know and I will try to make sure you get yours. ☺

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## October's breakfast presentation

### Two Worlds, One Goal



**Speaker:** Tim McCreight, CISSP CPP  
ISA Principal at Auditor General of Alberta

**Date:** Thursday, October 9, 2008

**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

Tim's been involved in Physical and IT Security for over 25 years. His career includes engagements at all three major telecommunications companies in Canada. Tim has seen the landscape of security change, from the "security shack concept" of the 70's and 80's, to risk management and total asset protection programs we see today.

Tim has presented courses at the University of Alberta's Faculty of Extension Security Management program. He's been a keynote speaker at security conferences in Canada and the US, and was involved in numerous media campaigns while at AGT/TELUS. He has also contributed to *Security Management* magazine.

#### Presentation Overview

IT and Physical Security are converging. A new approach to an old topic is taking hold at executive offices, focusing on the common theme of managing risks facing the enterprise.

ISACA and the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS) have joined forces to create the Alliance for Enterprise Security Risk Management (AERSM). Tim will talk about his experiences working in both worlds and how ISACA members can help promote the concept of converged security in their work with their clients.

#### **R.S.V.P.**

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, June 6th on-line at [www.isaca-edmonton.ca](http://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](mailto:programs@isaca-edmonton.ca) at least 72 hours prior to the event.*

## Breakfast series schedule

Please stay tuned for upcoming information about our popular Breakfast Series Schedule.

## Upcoming Events

For details on current chapter events, please visit our website at:  
[www.isaca-edmonton.ca/calendar.asp#Local](http://www.isaca-edmonton.ca/calendar.asp#Local)

### Local Events

**CISA and CISM exam administration** Dec 13

### Global Events

Training Week – Anaheim, CA Oct 13-17

ISACA Management Forums: Oct 27-28

.....IT Audit Information Security and IT Governance

Training Week – Chicago IL Nov 3-7

**CISA and CISM exam administration** Dec 13

If you have any events that you feel would be valuable for the chapter membership and would like to have included in the newsletter, please forward them on to the newsletter director.

## Call for content

We are planning two new additions to the newsletter in the coming months and we need your help!

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*All submissions to the newsletter are eligible for CPE credits according to the ISACA policy*

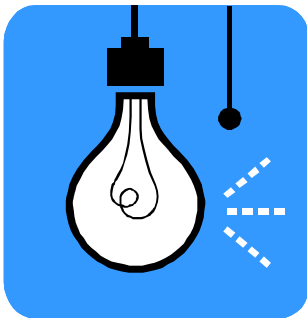
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First, the board would like to expand the current events section to include activities submitted by the membership. These can include local, national or international events that you feel would be interesting and valuable for the membership group. All submissions must be IS audit and control focused activities that are open to public. Please forward your submissions to [newsletter@isaca-edmonton.ca](mailto:newsletter@isaca-edmonton.ca).

Secondly, as a part of our evolving newsletter, the ISACA Edmonton board would like to provide our membership with the opportunity to publish your articles in the newsletter and help advance IS audit and control in our area. If you have original content related to IS audit and control and would like to submit it for publication in the newsletter, please submit it to [newsletter@isaca-edmonton.ca](mailto:newsletter@isaca-edmonton.ca). All submissions to the newsletter are eligible for CPE credits according to the ISACA policy as stated below:

**"Publication of articles, monographs and books (no limit):**

These activities include the publication and/or review of material directly related to the information systems audit and control profession. Submissions must appear in a formal publication or website and a copy of the article or the website address must be available, if requested. For books and monographs, the table of contents and title page must be available. Continuing professional education hours are earned for the actual number of hours taken to complete or review the material."



NOTE: Submissions are subject to review by the ISACA Edmonton board. The board reserves the right to refuse publication of any content that is not deemed appropriate or relevant to our membership community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [newsletter@isaca-edmonton.ca](mailto:newsletter@isaca-edmonton.ca) . We look forward to hearing from you!

## Talk Back!

We hope that you find the information presented in this newsletter 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](mailto:newsletter@isaca-edmonton.ca) . We look forward to hearing from you!

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