



Chapter Newsletter

March 20, 2009

President's message

Well it appears that the deep freeze is almost over. If you haven't already done so, please make sure that you have renewed your membership. Membership has its advantages including discounts on ISACA seminars, workshops and conferences as well as discounts for the annual CIPS ICE conference.

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On April 9th, the Breakfast speaker will be Nitin Khare. Nitin is a Senior Manager with BDO Dunwoody LLP. The topic is: *IFRS and the Effects on IT Systems*. Nitin specializes in a variety of assurance and risk management related services including IFRS conversion, IT conversion, IT service management, IT risk and controls, CEO/CFO Certification advisory, ERM, process analysis and improvement, and more.

In April we will be offering a COBIT Foundations workshop with the option of completing the COBIT Foundations exam. Please stay tuned for information on workshop dates and registration options.

The early bird deadline for the CISA and CISM exam registration has passed but don't worry the final deadline for registration is April 8th. Exam date for both certifications is June 13, 2009.

The world's leading conference for IT audit, control, security and governance professionals the 2009 North America CACS is 3rd – 7th May 2009 in Orlando, Florida USA. Presented by ISACA, it is well known as the leading conference for IT audit, control, security and governance professionals. Plan now to join your peers at the one conference you cannot afford to miss.

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, 2008-09
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The membership corner

Your annual membership fees for 2009 are overdue! Please submit your payment as soon as possible. All unpaid accounts will be purged off the membership list in April. If you have renewed your membership, we thank you for your continued support.

It's your last chance to get your name in the draw for the 2009 ISACA Member-Get-A-Member (MGAM) campaign! Please use the MGAM web site (www.isaca.org/mgam) to initiate e-mail invitations to member prospects. This will ensure that you receive full credit for recruiting each new member, and have a chance to win valuable prizes. The MGAM program will be available through 15 April 2009. Prizes for the campaign are:

- **GRAND PRIZE (US\$ 1,000)**—For the member who recruits the most full-dues* paying new members;
- **SECOND PRIZE (US\$ 500)**—For the member who recruits the second highest number of full-dues* paying new members,
- **RANDOM DRAWING (US\$ 500)** — One randomly selected winner will be chosen. Each member will receive one entry in the drawing for each full-dues* paying new member recruited.

* Full-dues paying members are those who pay US\$ 130 + local chapter dues (if applicable) + the new member fee.

Please contact me if you have any membership questions.

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*With your help, ISACA
will continue to expand
its unsurpassed network
of peers....*

*.... The more members
you recruit, the more
chances you have to
win!*



Nominations committee report

Nominations are open!

Have you ever thought of being on the Edmonton ISACA Chapter Executive? Did you know you could receive Continuing Education Credits (CPEs) for your participation on the Board? This is a great opportunity to network with others and help arrange local training that you would be interested in!

All executive positions, including President, Vice-President Programs, Vice-President Membership, Treasurer and Secretary, will be up for nomination at our annual general meeting held in June 2009. If you do not think you can commit to an executive position but would like to participate as a director, we also have other positions including Webmaster, Certifications, Newsletter, Academic and Corporate Relations.

Check out the Chapter Bylaws on our website for more information on the executive positions. Or if you want to learn more about any of the positions, you can contact any of the current Board members; they would gladly answer your questions. Visit <http://isaca-edmonton.ca> and look for your Chapter Leaders.

We currently meet once a month for 1½ hours over the lunch hour. If you don't think you can commit to a full position, but would still like to help out, we have several committees that you can participate on, including Programs (5 more individuals), Webmaster (2 more individuals), and Certifications (2 more individuals).

If you are interested in holding any of the above positions for the 2009-2010 year, please contact one of the following Nomination Committee members:

- Suzanne Robinson – membership@isaca-edmonton.ca
- Lisa Nykolyshyn – lisa.nykolyshyn@ualberta.ca
- Sohail Saleem – Sohail.Saleem@capitalhealth.ca

The certification corner

Congratulations!

Congratulations again to those 7 - CISA and 4 - CISM writers who successfully passed the ISACA exams they wrote in December 2008! **I want to congratulate Timothy Abram and Bashar Dari for obtaining the two highest score on the December 2008 CISM exam!**

We once again had a 100% pass rate for the CISA exam. This is becoming a common occurrence for Edmonton CISM writers. I hope this continues to happen for all future CISM exams. ☺



Registrations are open for the June 2009 ISACA exams – CISA, CISM, and CGEIT. For the upcoming June exams we already have the following numbers registered:

- 12 CISA writers.
- 4 CISM writers

Good luck to all of these writers on their exam in June!

Register for one of the exams online at www.isaca.org/certification for a \$50.00 discount. Registration for the June 2009 exams closes April 08, 2009.

New Certification – CGEIT

For those of you who don't know - ISACA has a new certification - Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT)! Governance is becoming the "most important thing" in IT audit. The CGEIT certification is tailored for this new view of overall importance and need for IT Governance and shows that a person not only knows GRC but is also experienced in GRC. You can read more on the CGEIT certification on the ISACA.org web site. (*pronounced "See-Gite"*)

CISA review weekend

The last two CISA review weekends were a success. Thank you again to all of the people who attended and who volunteered their time. There is a tentative CISA review weekend scheduled for either May 22, 23, and 24th or May 29, 30, and 31, 2009. The logistics and getting volunteers to put on this weekend is time consuming and a big commitment and I have only had 1 person tell me they were interested.

Thus, we will not offer the CISA review weekend unless we have 5 committed and paid attendees by May 01, 2009. The review session will run Friday 5:00 – 9:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm with an hour for lunch off site and Sunday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and then a mock exam from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Breakfasts and lunches will be provided and will depend on the number of people attending.

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Enterprise IT (CGEIT)*

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CISA review weekend...continued

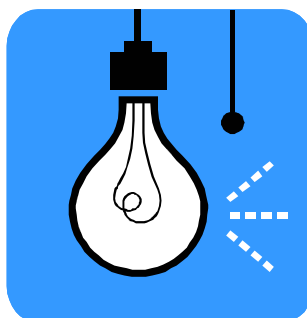
The cost of the weekend review session will be on a cost recovery basis. The cost will be approximately \$175 - \$195 per person. This includes meals, materials, exams, etc. At the very least this weekend will make you think about the CISA exam, study for a weekend, and meet and network with other like-minded people. If you are interested in the CISA study weekend please let me know at pdunnigan@oag.ab.ca. I will have the PayPal site set up soon I hope.

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*Final registration
deadline is April 8,-
CISA, CISM & CGEIT*

Open board meetings

ISACA International guidelines call for local chapters to have at least 4 board meetings open to the general membership. This process enhances board transparency and allows members to give input to the board. The Edmonton ISACA Chapter Board typically meets the first Wednesday of the month at noon at Blue Cross Place. The four open meetings will tentatively be scheduled for April, June, October and January. Due to space and security issues any member interested in attending will have to contact the secretary in advance at secretary@isaca-edmonton.ca. If you are planning on attending the April 1st meeting, please confirm your attendance no later than March 30th.



April's Breakfast Presentation

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, April 3rd 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.

IFRS and the Effect on IT Systems

- Speaker:** Nitin Khare CA, CISA, CIA, ITIL
Senior Manager - Western Region, Risk Advisory Services, BDO Dunwoody LLP
- Date:** Thursday, April 9, 2009
- 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

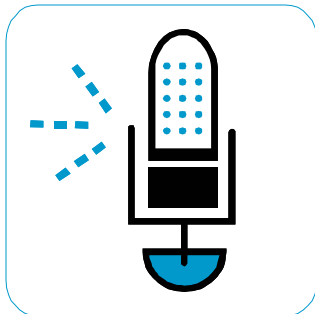
Nitin is a Senior Manager responsible for leading the Western Region Risk Advisory Services practice at BDO Dunwoody, and specializes in a variety of assurance and risk management related services including IFRS conversion, IT conversion, IT service management, IT risk and controls, CEO/CFO Certification advisory, ERM, process analysis and improvement, and more. Prior to joining BDO, Nitin spent several years in the Enterprise Risk Services Group of Deloitte where he managed a client portfolio of large, medium and small size companies, both public and private. He is on the IFRS Experts Committee for BDO Dunwoody.

Presentation Overview

Implementing IFRS in Canada is going to be a major undertaking for most companies, and many are trying to identify the level of effort that will be required by different areas of the business.

One of the significant areas of impact is the underlying IT systems that support the financial reporting process both at the transactional level and the reporting level.

This session will outline IFRS and the current environments, and will offer some potential effects and work required to align the IT environment with this initiative. Examples will demonstrate what major changes might be required in your IT systems and processes, along with IT and Internal Audit implications. This session is applicable to individuals that will be overseeing their organizations transition to IFRS, Internal Audit, IT Personnel that support systems related to financial reporting, and IT audit professionals.



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>

Nitin Khare CA, CISA, CIA, ITIL

April 9

Gordon Smith from Canaudit

May 14

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Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars and plan on attending the Annual General Meeting of Edmonton ISACA Chapter on June 11, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Royal Glenora Club.

North America CACS, May 3-7, 2009, Orlando, Florida

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

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.

Help Wanted!

We are currently seeking a chapter member who is interested in attending our monthly breakfast sessions and providing a brief session summary to be added in our monthly newsletter.

Free session admission including breakfast is available to breakfast series write-up volunteer!

Please contact newsletter@isaca-edmonton.ca if you are interested.

COBIT Foundations Course (COB1022)

ISACA Edmonton Chapter is pleased to offer its members and non-members a COBIT Foundations Course.

Course Description

The ISACA COBIT Foundation course addresses the benefits of a sound IT governance framework and explains how to realize effective IT governance using the COBIT best practices framework. It explains the COBIT framework using practical examples and a case-study-driven approach. It also addresses all other components of the COBIT toolkit, such as audit guidelines and management guidelines. The course helps professionals understand how to use COBIT in a logical and understandable manner and validates this knowledge in an interactive manner.

Prerequisites

There are no formal prerequisites for this course, but it is recommended that the participants have some experience in the IT governance domain.

Course Student Material

Each attendee receives a copy of the visual aids used and the reference material that can be used after completing the course. Attendees further receive the COBIT handbook, an easy to use reference guide on COBIT. It is recommended that students acquire a copy of the COBIT 4.1 publication that can be downloaded free from the ISACA Web site.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, you will be able to identify:

- How IT management issues affect organizations.
- The principles of IT governance, how IT governance helps address IT management issues, and who should be responsible for IT governance.
- The need for a control framework driven by the need for IT governance.
- How COBIT meets the requirement for an IT governance framework.
- How COBIT is used with other standards and best practices.
- The COBIT framework and all the components of COBIT, which are control objectives, control practices, management guidelines, and audit guidelines.
- How to apply COBIT in a practical situation.
- The benefits of using COBIT.
- The products and support that ITGI provides.

Audience

The COBIT Foundation course and the COBIT Foundation exam are equally applicable to IT auditors, IT managers, IT quality professionals, IT leadership, IT developers, and process practitioners and managers in IT service providing firms. Anyone interested in learning more about COBIT will find value in the COBIT Foundation course and the COBIT Foundation exam.

April 20th to 21st - 8:30am to 4:30pm

NAIT - HP Centre

11762 106 street,
Edmonton, Alberta
Room WB116

Member fee \$1,250

Non-member fee \$1,400

Fees include:

- 2 days COBIT Foundations Course
- ISACA Accredited Training Materials
- Proctored COBIT Foundations Exam at 3:00pm on Apr 22nd
- Coffee and refreshments

[Click here to register.](#)

ISACA Accredited COBIT Instructor:

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ITIL V3 Expert, Consulting Principal
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