

Chapter Newsletter

April 24, 2009

President's message

Thank you to all you members that have renewed your membership. ISACA Edmonton is grateful for the continuing support of its members and we will strive to provide you with the most up-to-date information on IT trends.

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On May 14th, the Breakfast speaker will be Gordon Smith. Gordon is the President and CEO of Canaudit, Inc. The topic is: *Data Mining – Tools used by hackers to glean confidential information and how to counter them.* This session will include a live demonstration.

Our April offering of the COBIT Foundations workshop is full. We are looking at offering an additional workshop in the near future. Please contact programs@isaca-edmonton.ca if you are interested.

The final registration deadline for the June exams has passed. Exam date for both certifications is June 13, 2009. Registration will be available shortly for the December exam if you were unable to attend the June sitting.

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

The annual membership purge will happen at the end of April for all members who have not renewed their 2009 dues! Please submit your payment as soon as possible.

As the economy slows down, we all need to weigh the pros and cons about memberships we maintain. As a reminder, here are some of the benefits of your ISACA membership:

- Complimentary download of [COBIT 4.1](#) and related products.
- Discounted subscription and complimentary baseline functionality of [COBIT Online](#)
- Discounts on [CISA](#) and [CISM](#) examination fees and study materials
- Discounts on leading-edge technical and managerial [conferences](#) and workshops
- Subscription to the bimonthly [ISACA Journal](#), which features articles on current and future practices and technology, and [Global Communiqué](#), a member publication
- Full access to [K-NET](#), a global IT governance knowledge resource
- Discounts on [research publications](#) and convenient access to peer-reviewed [Bookstore](#) publications
- Documents and presentations from the [IT Governance Institute](#) on various aspects of IT governance
- [Standards, statements and guidelines](#) for information systems audit and control professionals
- Online access to member-only material, which includes a variety of professional resources, such as internal control questionnaires (ICQs) and audit programs
- Discount on annual subscriptions for Protiviti's KnowledgeLeader site.
- Leadership and networking opportunities through participation on ISACA [boards/committees](#) that are making a positive impact on the IT profession
- Organizations with Edmonton ISACA members are allowed to post employment opportunities free on our website for 3 months

There are many benefits to being an ISACA member- please ensure your dues are up to date so that you can continue to enjoy these benefits.



The membership corner...continued

In addition, benefits from the Edmonton ISACA Chapters include:

- Access to affordable continuing education programs with discounts available to members on all local ISACA seminars
- Information exchange opportunities through regular chapter meetings. Breakfast sessions are held the second Thursday of each month (September through to June) at reasonable prices
- Subscriptions to our local chapter newsletter including updates on local training, certification and other ISACA information
- Leadership experience on local boards and committees and the opportunity to make a positive impact on the local business community

If you have renewed your membership, we thank you for your continued support.

Please contact me if you have any membership questions.

Suzanne Robinson

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Nominations committee report

Nominations are open!

Nominations are open for the 2009-10 Edmonton ISACA Chapter executive and director positions. 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 meet others and help arrange local training!

We are still looking for individuals who may be interested in filling the position of Secretary or participating on the Programs, Certifications or Webmaster committees. We meet approximately once a month for 1½ hours over the lunch hour. It's a great networking opportunity!

Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting in June.

If you are interested in holding any of the above positions for the 2009-10 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

June ISACA Exams

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

- 12 CISA writers.
- 4 CISM writers

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



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.

We won't be running a CISA review weekend in May, as only two individuals showed interest and we require a minimum of five in order to run the session.

Patrick Dunnigan CISA, CISM, CGEIT, CISSP-ISSMP

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*ISACA has a new
certification:
Certified in the
Governance of
Enterprise IT (CGEIT)*

Breakfast Series Review- April

April Breakfast Seminar- IFRS and the Effect on IT Systems

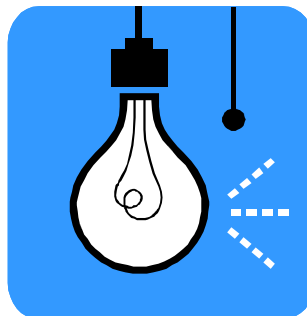
Presenter- Nitin Khare, Senior Manager- Western Region, Risk Advisory Services, BDO Dunwoody LLP

Nitin Khare, CISA, provided us with an overview of the phases in the methodology used by firms for the conversion to IFRS, the key areas of IT that are impacted by IFRS, and the potential changes to systems that may be driven by IFRS.

Nitin first provided an explanation as to what IFRS is, who is mandated to convert and that those mandated to convert to IFRS must do so before 2010. He then explained the phases of IFRS implementation that are often used by firms, which are preliminary impact assessment, detailed planning, implementation and post implementation review. It is important for IT to be considered in all four phases, so that key areas of IT are not overlooked. Potential changes to systems such as the requirement for upgrades or new systems, changes to data capture capability and system modifications may arise from the planning and implementation of IFRS. Nitin described some approaches commonly taken to IFRS conversion in relation to IT, such as the common account approach, duplicate ledger and manual tracking. He concluded the presentation by describing some important key steps taken in IT such as IT impact analysis, identification of levels of change to IT, assessment of system strategy, implementation and observations and lessons learned.

The presentation was packed with useful information and Nitin did a wonderful job of making us all aware of the areas we should focus on and take into consideration when planning a conversion to IFRS.

*Come out to the
monthly Breakfast
Sessions where we have
great speakers who
provide a wealth of
knowledge!*



May's Breakfast Presentation-Data Mining

Tools used by hackers to glean confidential information and how to counter them

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, May 8th 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.

- Speaker:** Gordon Smith
President and CEO, Canaudit, Inc.
- Date:** Thursday, May 14, 2009
- Place:** Royal Glenora Club, 11160 River Valley Road, Edmonton
- Time:** Breakfast available from 8:00 am; Presentation from 8:30 am – 10:30 am
- Cost:** **\$20 Members; \$25 non-members**
Please note the increased cost due to the extended length of this session

Speaker Profile

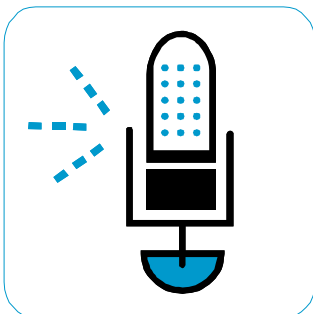
Gordon Smith is the President of Canaudit, which he founded in 1985 to provide professional development and consulting services to the international audit community. Specializing in high-tech auditing, he is a recognized expert on auditing complex networks, operating systems, databases, and forensic auditing.

Gordon has been the keynote speaker at many national and international conferences. His highly energetic and enthusiastic presentations make audit topics interesting, exciting and informative.

Gordon is a Certified Management Accountant (Canada) who graduated in 1981. He is also a Certified Government Financial Manager and a member of The IIA and The Association of Government Accountants. He has published two books titled *Network Auditing: A Control Assessment Approach* and *Control & Security of E-Commerce* both published by John Wiley and Sons.

Presentation Overview

This session will demonstrate the ease with which hackers and other unauthorized individuals gain access to networks and sensitive data. Attendees will learn how hackers avoid detection in order to take control of servers within the network. A live demonstration will be conducted showing how hackers locate sensitive information in compromised databases. The presenter will also demonstrate how to easily breach a firewall in order to set up an external exploit that accesses internal databases. Following each demonstration, the presenter will describe the controls that must be deployed in order to properly protect sensitive information in an electronic environment. This presentation will focus on the controls and incident response procedures required to detect an intrusion, how to properly respond and how to mitigate the damage.



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>

Gordon Smith from Canaudit- Data Mining

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.