

Chapter Newsletter

April 29, 2010

President's message

The Edmonton Chapter is in the process of building partnerships with several other professional organizations in the city, such as the Project Management Institute. These partnerships will allow us to share resources and expand recognition of the ISACA brand to other potential members within Edmonton. If you are interested in helping to grow our partnerships, feel free to email me at president@isaca-edmonton.ca.

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.

On May 13th, the Breakfast speaker will be Masood Peracha. Masood is an experienced governance, risk and control professional, with over 25 years of risk-based internal and information systems auditing experience. He will be speaking on "Conducting COBIT-Based Control & Risk Self-Assessments in IT".

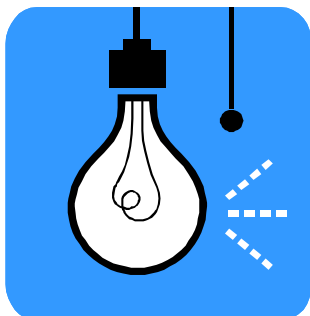
The deadline for the CISA and CISM exam registration has passed but don't worry if you missed this one you can still register for the December sitting. Exam date for both certifications is June 12, 2010.

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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Chapter President, 2009-10
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The certification corner

June 2010 Exams

The exam registration date has come and gone, and we have 8 people registered for the CISA, 4 for the CISM and 2 for the CGEIT.

Review Courses / Materials

Exam Force has some good 'online' practice exams for the CISA and CISM exams. ISACA members receive a 35% discount when purchasing one of these exams. When purchasing one of the exams, you would enter the discount code YD35 at checkout

<http://www.examforce.com/customer/home.php>

Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC) Grandfathering Program.

Information on Grandfathering is now available:

To earn the credential through the grandfathering program, an applicant must provide evidence of at least eight (8) years of IT or business experience with a minimum of six (6) years of cumulative work experience across all 5 CRISC domains and a minimum of three (3) years of cumulative work experience in CRISC risk domains 1, 2 and 3 (as defined and described by the CRISC job practice domains and task statements).

Certification under the Grandfathering program is open to highly experienced professionals from April 2010 through March 2011.

For more information visit ISACA's website at: www.isaca.org

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks,

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*Are you a highly
experienced professional?
Check out the new CRISC
certification at:
www.isaca.org*

The membership corner

Spring is here and we all are ready for the summer. I hope everyone will have a wonderful summer, with lots of good times with friends and families.

I finally had an opportunity to review the ISACA membership database. We now have 245 members in our Edmonton Chapter.

We are really excited to partner with the Project Management Institute (PMI) Northern Alberta Chapter (NAC) for their Conference. The PMI NAC Conference 2010 is a two-day professional development event that provides project managers with the opportunity to learn from and network with peers, colleagues, employer representatives, speakers, and industry experts. It provides project managers with the opportunity to earn up to 15 PDUs and focuses on leadership development. It will be held at the Marriott at River Cree Resort in Edmonton, Alberta on May 3 & 4, 2010. All ISACA members are eligible for early bird discount, which means you could still save \$100. To receive this discount register here <https://www.regonline.com?eventID=792355&rTypeID=176313> with Promotional Code: PTISACA88.

If you would like update your profile, please go the international site www.isaca.org and make the changes to your profile. This will provide me access to the latest information and be able to make the local changes as necessary.

Cheers

Mashhood Ahmed, PMP
VP Membership
ISACA Edmonton Chapter

Ensure that you renew your membership so you can continue to receive the many benefits ISACA has to offer!

Nominations Committee

Nominations are Open!

Nominations are open for the 2010-11 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?

We are still looking for individuals who may be interested in filling the position of Secretary or participating on the Programs or Certifications committees. We meet approximately once a month for 1½ hours over the lunch hour. This is a great opportunity to meet others and help arrange local training!

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

If you are interested in holding any of the above positions for the 2010-11 year, please contact one of the following Nomination Committee members:

- **Mashhood Ahmed** – membership@isaca-edmonton.ca
- **Suzanne Robinson** – pastpresident@isaca-edmonton.ca
- **Lisa Nykolyshyn** – lisa.nykolyshyn@ualberta.ca

May's Breakfast Presentation

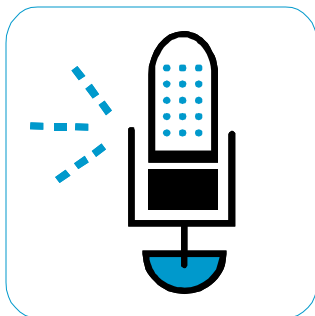
Conducting COBIT-Based Control & Risk Self-Assessments in IT

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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, May 7 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: **Masood Peracha, CIA, CMA**

Principal Advisor, Risk Management and Compliance,
Alberta Pensions Services Corporation

Date: Thursday, May 13, 2010

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**

Presentation Overview

Facilitated Control and Risk Self-Assessment has gained increasing acceptance in IT environments over the past two decades. One of the challenges for internal and IT auditors is to ensure that the resulting assessments are based on internationally accepted frameworks and standards, such as COBIT. This presentation will outline some of these challenges and describe a case-base approach to facilitating the adoption of the COBIT framework to a specific corporate IT environment, in alignment with the organization's corporate risk program, and then organizing and facilitating control and risk self-assessments against the new framework.

Speaker Profile

Masood Peracha is an experienced governance, risk and control professional, with over 25 years of risk-based internal and information systems auditing experience. His past experience includes service as Director of Internal Audit for fifteen years at the University of Alberta Hospitals (later becoming part of Capital Health Authority). In this role, while reporting directly to the Chair of the Audit Committee and the CEO, he was responsible for the overall internal audit program, based on an annually updated corporate risk profile.

Masood's background also includes ten years of business and IT consulting experience in the areas of governance, risk and performance management through internationally established firms, including CGI and Deloitte and Touche LLP.

Masood is currently engaged as Principal Advisor, Risk Management and Compliance at the Alberta Pensions Services Corporation (APS). In this role, he has supported the Corporation's executive team in the design, development and implementation of a corporate-wide risk management framework and a supporting control assurance function over the past two years. In addition, Masood has worked extensively with the Corporation's IT division in adapting the COBIT framework to its corporate mandate and structure as well as facilitating a series of control self-assessment workshops against the new framework, in alignment with the corporate risk management program.

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>

Conducting COBIT-Based Control & Risk Self-Assessments in IT – Masood Peracha

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Upcoming Events

IIA Seminar: IS Auditing for Integrated Auditors

This 1-day seminar is intended for integrated or financial auditors who will be performing a data center audit. It is also ideal for IS auditors with less than six months experience. To be held at the Westin Hotel Edmonton, May 11th, 8am-430pm. Member price: \$450 (ISACA members are also eligible for this reduced rate), non-member price: \$500. Please register online at www.iiaedmonton.ca. The deadline to register is Noon, May 5, 2010.

International Conference, Cancun, Mexico June 6-9, 2010

This is an extraordinary opportunity to network with peers and discover the differing ways similar problems are solved around the globe. Attendees can earn up to 40 continuing professional education (CPE) credit hours; 19 for attending the conference and 7 for each day of the conference workshops. Go to www.isaca.org to register.