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*Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 2003*

Pre-Dinner Topic: “Distributed Change Control”

After-Dinner Topic: “Health Care Fraud”

**Location: Big Fish Seafood Bistro
1111 W. 14 Mile, Madison Heights
Corner of 14 Mile/ Stephenson Hwy.
248-585-9533**

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2003

**Time: 4:30-5:00 Registration/Networking
5:00-6:00 Before-Dinner Presentation
6:00-7:00 Dinner
7:00-8:00 After-Dinner Presentation**

**Cost: \$30.00 Members
\$35.00 Others
\$20.00 Students and Retirees**

Reservations will be taken by John Hoppesch. If possible, please make reservations by 4:00 pm Friday, April 11, 2003. You can make your reservation online at isaca-det.org or e-mail your reservation to John Hoppesch at jhoppesch@yahoo.com. If you do not have access to the Internet, call John Hoppesch at 248-672-4076. Please include your name, company, telephone number, and whether you are a Member, Non-member, Student or Retiree. Walk-ins are welcome, but the food selection may be limited.

Visit our web site at: isaca-det.org

Letter from the President

For those of you that had the opportunity to join us for the March meeting, I hope you enjoyed Ms. Gore's informative presentation on the Single Sign-on Pros and Cons. Additionally, Mr. Crain from Dephi provided a wonderful presentation on Controlling the Wireless Network as well as key controls that we can all watch for. Both presentations should be available soon on our website at www.isaca-det.org.

Our Spring Conference was a tremendous success and I hope that everyone that had a chance to attend the conference found it informative. I would like to thank those individuals from both ISACA and IIA who worked extremely hard to plan such a wonderful event. Additionally, I would like to individually recognize from our ISACA Board Karine Wegrzynowicz, Jerry Baumgart and Mike Stolarczyk who all did an exceptional job in coordinating the planning efforts for the conference.

This month please join us as we have two great presentations lined up on Distributed Change Control and Health Care Fraud. As a reminder for all members that attend the meeting, you have the opportunity to register to win one of four \$500 certificates for a 2003-2004 ISACA International sponsored conference or Detroit Area Chapter sponsored seminar. The drawing will be held at the April meeting and you do not need to be present to win. I hope to see all of you at the meeting. As a reminder, you can register through our website by selecting "Register for Next Meeting" from the home page.

As promised in the first issue, I would like to take a moment to give you some background on one of our committees. This month I would like to focus on the Nominating committee. The chairperson for this committee is Art Abruzzo. He continues the advancement of the local ISACA Chapter by nominating well-qualified and experienced members for all the elected Officers provided for in the Chapter By-Laws as well as arranges for the audit of the accounts and financial records of the Chapter in accordance with

sound accounting practices. The committee is specifically responsible for:

- Identifying, interviewing and nominating all Chapter Officers for the new Chapter year.
- Reviewing the complete responsibilities and standards of performance of each Office with the candidates for that Office.
- Reporting the Nominations to the Board of Directors.
- Holding scheduled meetings throughout the year for appraising potential candidates for Officer and Director positions.
- Planning and reviewing the Chapter's audit practices.
- Submitting a report on the results of the audit to the newly elected President.
- Reviewing the results of the audit with the new Chapter Treasurer.
- Presenting the results of the audit at the regular Chapter meeting.
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- Reviewing the Chapter's accounting records from all points of view and recommend any changes which will result in the best possible system.
- Reviewing the format and procedures of the Audit Report and recommend any necessary changes.
- Studying the objective of the Audit Committee along with the continuing activities, the special activities and the list of the responsibilities and recommended changes.

If you would like to become involved with the ISACA Board, either now or in the future, I encourage you to contact Art or myself for further information.

As always, the board is here to serve the membership. If you have any suggestions on how to improve any of the programs that we offer or to provide a new program, please contact Mike Stolarczyk, myself, or any of the board members listed on the front page of this newsletter. We would be happy to help and look forward to hearing from you.

Carrie Schrader
Chapter President

ISACA announces the 2003 Certified Information Systems Auditor Examination on June 14, 2003.

The only globally recognized certification program for information systems audit, control and security professionals announces its next examination. For the 22nd consecutive year ISACA will administer the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) Examination. The 2003 CISA Examination will be conducted on Saturday, June 14, 2003, and will be offered at more than 180 international test centers in 58 countries. The exam, composed of 200 multiple choice questions, will be held in one four-hour session. The 2003 CISA Examination will be offered in ten languages.

The exam covers the following process and content areas: 1) The IS Audit Process; 2) Management, Planning and Organization of IS; 3) Technical Infrastructure and Operational Practices; 4) Protection of Information Assets; 5) Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity; 6) Business Application System Development, Acquisition, Implementation and Maintenance; 7) Business Process Evaluation and Risk Management.

This international certification program grants the title of Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) to candidates who achieve a passing score on the examination and demonstrate five or more years experience in the information systems auditing, security, or control professions.

The CISA designation is widely recognized as a professional standard of excellence. More than 23,000 specialists in Information Systems Auditing Security and Control have earned the designation worldwide. A Candidates Guide to the CISA Examination, the 2003 CISA Review Technical Information Manual, the 2003 CISA Review Questions, Answers and Explanations Manual, the CISA Review Questions, Answers and Explanations 2003 Supplement and the CISA Review Questions, Answers and Explanations CD_ROM are available from ISACA to help candidates prepare for the exam. Detailed information can be obtained from ISACA by phone at 1.847.253.1545, Certification Department, by fax at 1.847.253.1443, or by e-mail at certification@isaca.org.

The Detroit Chapter will once again offer a CISA Examination Review Course. Please watch future issues of the Databyte and website, www.isaca-det.org for further details.

Gain Worldwide Recognition with CISA

The mark of excellence for a professional certification program is the value and recognition it bestows on the individual who achieves it. Since 1978, the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) program, sponsored by the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) has been globally accepted standard among information systems (IS) audit, control and security professionals.

In April, the chapter will be offering a free review course for those individuals who are sitting for the CISA exam this year. For more information, please contact David Thompson at dthompsn@BCBSM.com or any Board member.

Registration for the CISA Exam

For the ninth consecutive year registration for the CISA exam has reached a new high. In 2002 more than 11,300 candidates registered for the exam in an effort to take an important step toward achieving the prestigious CISA designation. Such continual growth demonstrates the interest and importance of this global certification that is popular among IS auditors, accountants, security practitioners and others playing roles in IT governance and assurance.

For registration information or for the latest on the Detroit Chapter review course contact Dave Thompson at dthompsn@bcbsm.com.

CISM, the Certified Information Security Manager is ISACA's new certification and is specifically geared toward experienced information security professionals. CISM is business-oriented and focused on information risk management while addressing management, design and technical security issues at the conceptual level. It is for the individual who must maintain a view of the "big picture" by managing, designing, overseeing and assessing an enterprise's information security. The Detroit Chapter ISACA board will bring you more information as it becomes available; however, you may access the ISACA International website at www.isaca.org/cert1.htm for the information that is currently available.



Homelandsecurityseries.com

When and Where?

June 27, 2003, Detroit, Michigan,
Ponchatrain Hotel-Downtown

Keynote Speaker

Shelby Slater, Director-Office of Homeland Security-City of Detroit, MI.

Who Should Attend?

IT auditors, business continuity professionals, homeland security directors, CEOs of companies that offer homeland security products and services, CIOs/CTOs, healthcare professionals, executives at financial institutions, directors/managers at airports and bus stations/truck depots, directors/managers at logistic management companies, fire chiefs, chief risk managers, facility managers, corporate security professionals.

Benefits of Attendance

- Earn continuing education credit.
- Network with senior technology risk managers in the homeland security field.
- Get up to speed on homeland security best practices in strategy development and technology security utilization.

Program Schedule

7:00am-8:00am-Registration/Networking
8:15am-9:15am-Keynote Presentation
9:30am-11:00am-Technical Workshops

To Register or for More Information

Visit www.homelandsecurityseries.com or call 313.867.6692.

Technical Workshops

During each session of the leadership series several concurrent technical workshops will be delivered. As an attendee you will be able to get up to speed on techniques and approaches for utilizing technology to help in defending against or responding to a homeland security threat. The workshops that will be conducted will cover the following subject areas:

- Airport Security
- Bioterrorism/Public Health
- Cyberterrorism
- Emergency Management
- Facility Security
- IT Continuity Planning
- Port/Logistic Management Security
- Transportation/Hazmat Security



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IT at Heart of ‘Shock and Awe’ With U.S. invasion, era of ‘network-centric warfare’ has dawned

By DAN VERTON

WASHINGTON — Military officials and experts are characterizing Operation Iraqi Freedom as the most IT-intensive military campaign in history. The campaign, officials said, puts to the test a “network-centric warfare” strategy that has been under development since the first Persian Gulf War 12 years ago.

“There are more computers on the battlefield than ever before,” said Col. Mark Bowman, operations officer for the U.S. Army’s 11th Signal Brigade. In fact, there are so many computers involved in managing the modern battlefield that digital data networks have become more important to senior commanders than traditional voice networks, he said.

The deployable headquarters facility of the U.S. Central Command in Doha, Qatar, was designed by Lexington, Mass.-based Raytheon Co. prior to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. However, as military tensions with Iraq began to rise, CENTCOM commander in chief Gen. Tommy Franks put the project into high gear. Although Raytheon has been asked by the military not to divulge the specific IT systems in use, Computerworld has confirmed that the mobile headquarters facility includes a high-speed fiber-optic network backbone that can deliver video over IP to the desktop, as well as direct links to the hundreds of intelligence and surveillance systems and deployed forces in and around the Persian Gulf.

Video on the Battlefield

Col. Dan Gerstein, commander of the Army’s 93rd Signal Brigade in Fort Gordon, Ga., said the integration of real-time video into the military’s command and control operations marks a significant departure from the first Persian Gulf War. Although there was limited use of videoconferencing during Operation Desert Storm, ground forces today are making use of battlefield videoconferencing systems as they advance on Baghdad, said Gerstein.

What’s enabling that is the U.S. Department of Defense’s Global Broadcast Service (GBS), which provides massive amounts of bandwidth to allow tactical commanders to receive imagery and other data from CENTCOM headquarters or unmanned aerial vehicles, said Gerstein.

The \$500 million GBS is based on commercial direct broadcast satellite technology and provides high-speed data connections of more than 24M bit/sec. to tactical computers

equipped with antennas as small as 22 in. in diameter.

The use of Global Positioning System (GPS) technologies is also being touted as a major improvement since Operation Desert Storm. Gerstein said some units are deploying GPS for “real-time situational awareness,” allowing for the direct exchange of information among soldiers on the front lines, rather than requiring information to be routed through headquarters.

“The Gulf War was an analog conflict,” said Gerstein. “Today, there are digital formations at much lower levels of command.”

One such command is the Army’s 4th Infantry Division, which has yet to arrive in Iraq. Based at Fort Hood, Texas, the 4th Infantry Division is the Army’s first fully IT-equipped division. It will arrive in Iraq armed with software called Force XXI Battle Command Brigade and Below, which is designed to provide soldiers with vital battlefield information, especially the location of friendly and enemy forces.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Navy’s missile-guided cruiser USS Shiloh is for the first time using a system called Area Air Defense Commander (AADC). Designed by General Dynamics Corp. in Falls Church, Va., and powered by a suite of supercomputers and high-performance servers from Silicon Graphics Inc. in Mountain View, Calif., AADC tracks hundreds of planes and missiles simultaneously. The system then displays the data on a 30-by-30-ft. “reality” screen that enables rapid transfer of digital information to end users.

“The average commander has 30 to 50 gigabytes of data to interpret at any given time,” said John Burwell, SGI’s senior director of government industry. By using a screen with a wide field of vision, the system enables users to interpret a lot of data in real time, he said.

John Hillen, senior vice president of Fairfax, Va.-based American Management Systems Inc. and a veteran of the first Persian Gulf War, said the pace and scale of the current conflict is nearly seven times that of Operation Desert Storm, though approximately one-third the number of troops are participating.

“This is where transformation has paid off,” said Hillen.

“The real IT story of this war is that it is the birth of network-centric warfare and the ability to make decisions rapidly. We’re changing air sorties in flight. That was unheard of 10 years ago.”

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The Year At A Glance

April 16, 2003

Distributed Change Control

Health Care Fraud

May 21, 2003

Auditing Windows 2000

E-Business System Development

Menu - April 16, 2003

Dinner Buffet:

Roast Beef with Mushroom Gravy
Raspberry Glazed Chicken
Vegetarian Lasagna
Tossed Salad
Roasted Redskin Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Rice Primavera
Coffee & Tea included



Dessert: Chocolate Ice Cream

A vegetarian plate is available upon request for those on special diets.

The Chapter must provide the number of reservations by the Monday before the meeting. To ensure that we can accommodate those who wish to attend and the restaurant can provide the best service possible, please make your reservations early. If you have made a reservation and cannot attend, please call John Hoppesch at (248) 672-4076. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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Bill Gregg - Ford
John LaFontaine - Comerica
Jay Ramer - Dana Corporation

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