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Bi-Monthly Newsletter –
Enlighten Online
July-August Edition

This bimonthly newsletter focuses on our local chapter's activities, achievements & announcements. It also highlights major news events happening in the IS/IT/Telecom & related sectors of Pakistan.

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President's Message

I would like to welcome all members to an eventful and successful new year. We have five new Board members and all Chairs' are in place. Our Web is getting a massive face lift by our new Webmaster Shamsuddin Surani and Shiraz Ali who is responsible for the content on the web. We will shortly be sending out messages when it is launched. Shiraz Ali is also the Chair for the CPE and has a number of seminars and conferences planned for the next year. Please send us your wish list for what topics for seminars.

The Leadership Conference was held in Singapore on 21st and 22nd July and a presentation about the Chapter was made which was well received. Your Chapter's Board had made the requests for ISACA's consideration for discount for our members both in the membership and in the examination as well as printing of study material locally. While there have been no immediate promises but we have set the ball rolling and have brought our concerns.

I would encourage our members to use the Web casts/e-Symposia under which they can get upto 36 hours of free training per year as each month there is one e symposium with 3 hours for which you can register online. The next one is on 28th August 2007 on "Managing IT Risk for Compliance".

I would also strongly recommend our members to review following free downloads:

Control Objectives for Information and related Technology (COBIT®)

COBIT 4.1 is now available for download - Please immediate available this opportunity. At the same time IT Control Objectives for Basel II: The Importance of Governance and Risk Management for Compliance is available as an Exposure Draft for comments. Please can members from the banking sector review this and let ISACA have their comments.

Under Enterprise Value: Governance of IT Investments the following downloads:

- The Val IT Framework.
- The Business Case under Val IT and
- The ING Case Study done under VAL IT

For members who are unable to download, the Chapter will be happy to help out.

A new IT Certification is coming up in December 2008. The name has not been selected and it will have a grandfather clause. So let keep a watchful eye.

I am also requesting members to send in their testimonial as to why they are members of ISACA along with their photo to put it up on our new web. The committee Chairs are looking for volunteers to join them. So please directly contact the Chair of committee that you would like to join their contacts are in the newsletter.

CISA review course for December 2007 exam will commence from 20 August 2007. Details are provided in the newsletter. I would encourage members to pass the word around.

Last but not the least I would like to thank Absar Khan our Publications Chair by ensuring that the newsletter is out well before our AGM.

Huma Pasha
President
ISACA Karachi Chapter.

**CISA / CISM
Exam Registration
Deadline For Dec. 2007**

**Early registration deadline is 15
August 2007.**

**Final registration deadline is 26
September 2007.**

ISACA 35th Annual International Conference, Singapore

35th Annual International Conference and Annual General Meeting of ISACA Membership held on 22-25 July, 2007 in Singapore.

The event was focused on in-depth coverage of the leading-edge technical and managerial issues facing IT governance, control, security and Assurance professionals.

On behalf on Gov. of Singapore, Dr. Balaji Sadasivan, Singapore's Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Information, Communication, Arts and Ministry of Foreign Affairs delivered a welcome speech, focused on Singapore's E-Government's initiatives.

Presidents of Local chapters around the world presented their chapters' presentations.

President of Karachi chapter Ms. Huma Pasha delivered a comprehensive presentation on Karachi Chapter, which was focused on the chapter's activities, as well as on major initiatives taken by the government of Pakistan.

Ms. Huma Pasha highlighted following valuable points:

Today Pakistan has 1,000 companies. 320 companies are registered with P@SHA. 100 companies are CMMI / ISO-9000 certified.

1 billion dollar exports made by Pakistan during last year. Now IT market had grown to 2 billion dollar.

Pakistani IT sector employs 90,000 high skilled professionals. The country will need 2,30,000 trained IT personnel by 2010.

IT Exports (reported by SBP) were \$72.210 million in 2005-06

Gov. has made a Four year strategic plan to increase the IT industry's size to \$10 billion.

Gov. offers Seven-year tax holiday.

Foreign IT companies of US, Canada and Europe have selected Pakistan for their outsourcing operations.



(From Left)
Ms. Huma Pasha – President ISACA Karachi
Ms. Lynn Lawton – President ISACA International



Ms. Huma Pasha – President ISACA Karachi
along with participants from Karachi.

ISACA Karachi Offers CISA Review Course

Venue: SBS Clifton, Karachi
Duration: 8 weeks (24 sessions)

Classes Start: 20th Aug. 2007
Reg. deadline: 15th Aug 2007

Fees Before Deadline: Rs. 6,000/-
Fees After Deadline: Rs. 16,000/-

(Read more detail on Page 6)

Karachi Chapter Activities (July – September quarter)

July 2007

Members networking meeting held on July 05, 2007 to introduce the new Board and also handout the CPE certificates to the CISA review course Jun 07 participants. Majority attended the course to earn the CPE hours and now are motivated to sit for the December exam.

The attraction of the meeting was a surprise lucky draw of \$ 400 to attend a 3 day workshop on Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking.”

August 2007

a. August 6 to 8, 2007 a workshop on Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking was conducted in collaboration with Ferguson Associates. The course was administered by Mr. Alen Lo (CISA, CISM, CISSP, CEH, CCP) who has over 15 years of experience in information systems audit, control, governance and security. ISACA members attending the course were entitled to 21 CPE hrs. The one free seat of the Chapter was awarded to Mr. Abdur Rehman Andani through Lucky Draw.

b. Chapter's Annual General Meeting will be held on August 16th, 2007. This event is a part of series of meetings and seminars that provide opportunities to members to share experiences. The guest speaker for the event will be Dr. Al Marcella from Business Automation Consultants, USA . Dr. Marcella is a ISACA certified COBIT Trainer; he will make a presentation on Identity Theft - Reducing personal risk and surviving in the wired economy. 3 CPE hours will be provided to members.

c. A full day workshop on Business Continuity Management (BCM) for members in collaboration with Business Beam Pvt. Ltd will be held on August 28, 2007. ISACA members will earn 7 CPE hours. Two free seats for a lucky draw to Chapter & Board member has been offered.

September 2007

In collaboration with ECAS, ISACA will arrange a series of seminars and workshops on Forensic IT Auditing series. The introductory session was held in June 2007 by Mr. Faizan Siddiqi, and very positive feedback was obtained from members.

October 2007

Members' networking meetings will continue alongwith crash courses for December 2007 CISA examination.”

Win Free Seat for BCM workshop

ISACA Karachi offers One Free Seat to its members for upcoming BCM workshop.

Participate in ISACA Karachi AGM on 16th August, 2007 and win a Free Seat for workshop through lucky draw.

(See page 8 for more detail)

ISACA Karachi Offers CISA Review Course for Dec. 2007 Exam

ISACA Karachi Chapter in collaboration with Ford Rhodes Sidat Hyder and School of Business Studies would be conducting the CISA review course for Dec 07 exam. The orientation for this review course will be held on 15th Aug 2007 at SBS.

Below are the details for the review course:

- o Date of commencement of course - 20 August 2007
- o Venue: School of Business Studies
- o Faculty: Ford Rhodes Sidat Hyder & Co. Chartered Accountants
- o Duration of the course: 8 weeks (24 sessions)
- o Classes to be held three times in a week – (Mon, Wed and Fri)
- o Registration deadline - 15 August 2007
- o Fees up-to 15 August 2007 - Rs. 6,000 for the review course
- o After 15 August 2007 - Rs. 16,000 for the review course.

Fee Refund Policy

Refunds would be made after verifying the attendance record. In case the participant has not attended any session a deduction of Rs.300 would be made. In case of attendance of one or more session the deduction would be made at the rate of Rs. 300 per session. All requests for refunds should be sent to Mr. Muhammad Irfan Iqbal Treasurer Karachi Chapter

Email: treasurer@isacakarachi.org and
Cell # 0300-8214417.

Course Registration

In order to register yourself please contact Ms. Laila Jiwani at SBS

Email: info@isacakarachi.org,
Tel: 5862318-20
Cell: 0332-2491440.

Benefit

The course will benefit those who are appearing this time or planning to appear in CISA exam, and those who would like to attend this course to earn CPE hours.

Limited Seats Available

Due to limited seats the registration will be based on first come first serve basis.

Please note that in the last session we had to close the registrations early, hence it is suggested to register ASAP.

ISACA Karachi Annual General Meeting

Karachi Chapter's Annual General Meeting will be held on August 16th, 2007. This event is a part of series of meetings and seminars that provide opportunities to members to share experiences. The guest speaker for the event will be Dr. Al Marcella from Business Automation Consultants, USA. Dr. Marcella is a ISACA certified COBIT Trainer; he will make a presentation on Identity Theft - Reducing personal risk and surviving in the wired economy.

Benefits:

1. Members will get 3 CPE hrs.
2. Members can win Free participation through lucky draw for course on 'Foundations of Business Continuity Mgmt.' on 28th August 2007 at Regent Plaza Hotel, Karachi.

ISACA Karachi Offered Three days workshop on Penetration Testing & Ethical Hacking

Penetration Testing & Ethical Hacking course was conducted from 6-8 August 2007 in collaboration with Ferguson Associates.


The course was administered by Mr. Alen Lo (CISA, CISM, CISSP, CEH, CCP) who has over 15 years of experience in information systems audit, control, governance and security.

Benefits:

ISACA allowed 21 CPE hours to members who attended this event.

ISACA Karachi Chapter awarded one free seat for the said training course. One of the Board Member Mr. Abdur Rehman Andani, won the free seat through a lucky draw. Mr. Abdur Rehman Andani expressed his warm feelings, he said "The workshop was intense & was very knowledgeable. I benefited a lot from it".

PENETRATION TESTING AND ETHICAL HACKING (HANDS-ON)



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21 CPE Hours

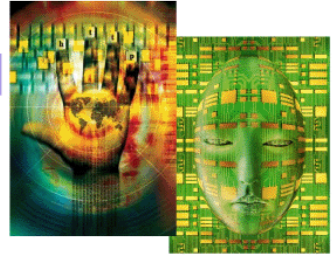
Just in the year 2006, 8,064 new vulnerabilities were discovered according to www.cert.org. With the continued uncovering of new vulnerabilities and numerous hostile probes against your network infrastructure, the risk of successful intrusion is ever increasing. As a prudent security professional, you need to develop an all-round competency in handling security incidents so as to discover your security loopholes before bad guys do the damage. You should also know to bring your system back to normal promptly and securely.



*** Unique Course Feature ***


Instead of merely teaching a few hacker attack tricks, this course provide a detailed description of how attacker undermine systems so you can prepare, detect and respond to them, and a hands-on workshop for discovering holes before the bad guys do. Specially, this course features:

- In- depth coverage of the 5 phase of hacker attacks: passive reconnaissance, active profiling, gaining access, preserving access and covering the tracks
- Over 30+ Hands-on Labs on the latest cutting-edge as well as the oldie-but-goodie attacks prevailing on the Windows, Linux, Netware
- Course lead by qualified and knowledgeable instructor with over 15-year pure information security experience.



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ISACA Karachi Offers

One day workshop on BCM

It will be a good opportunity for ISACA members:

ISACA will allow 7 CPE hours to members who'll attend this event.

ISACA Karachi Chapter has decided to award one free seat for the said training course. One of the members attending the AGM on 16th August 2007 will get this free seat through a lucky draw.



Business Beam in Association with ISACA Karachi presents
One-Day Training Course on

Foundations of Business Continuity Management

August 28, 2007, Regent Plaza Hotel, Karachi

Overview

Business Continuity Management (BCM) is defined as an holistic management process that identifies potential impacts that threaten an organization and provides a framework for building resilience with the capability for an effective response that safeguards the interests of its key stakeholders, reputation and value creating activities.

Effectively implemented BCM allows executives of an organization to continue to manage their business under adverse conditions, by the introduction of appropriate resilience strategies, recovery objectives, business continuity and crisis management plans in collaboration with, or as a key component of, an integrated risk management initiative.

This one-day training course provides a high level overview of the Business Continuity Management. It is designed to build awareness necessary to plan, design, implement and maintain organization wide business continuity plan. The course is based on the internally accepted best practices defined by BS25999 standard and Good Practice Guidelines (GPG version 2007) by The Business Continuity Institute.

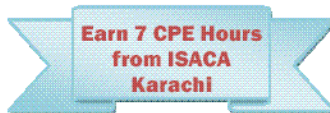
Recommended Participants

If you are a BC/DR or information security coordinator involved with a BC planning project or have been tasked with responsibility for developing your company's DR plan or BC plan and program, then this training can provide you perfect start.

Materials Provided

The Participants will receive:

- Course reference manual containing copy of course slides and support documents
- Course certificate



Contents

The course will cover:

- BCM Programme Management
- Understanding Your Business
- Business Impact Analysis
- Risk Management
- Continuity Strategies
- Developing and Implementing Business Continuity Plan
- Crisis Management Planning
- BCM Exercise, Maintenance and Audits
- Building a BCM Culture

Duration

One Full Day - 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Dates & Venue

Tuesday, August 28, 2007, Regent Plaza Hotel, Karachi

Course Fee

Rs. 6,500 per delegate, 10% discount for 3 or more participants from the same organization.

Registration Details

For registration or further information, please contact:

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Our courses can also be arranged at clients' location.

Country Highlights

IT, IS, Telecom & related sectors' News

First Pakistani Open Source ERP Solution launched

On 2nd June, Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) signed two MoUs. One between Pakistan Readymade Garments & Manufacturers Association ([PRGMEA](#)) and SME Business Support Fund ([BSF](#)).

Another MoU between Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers Association ([PHMA](#)) and SME Business Support Fund ([BSF](#)). The MoUs were signed during an inaugural ceremony of the Global Business Management Solution (GBMS), an ERP for the Readymade Garments and Hosiery vertical.

GBMS is the first locally developed and implemented open source ERP in Pakistan.

The parties agreed to collaborate in the implementation of GBMS in over 700 SME units in the Readymade Garments and Hosiery units in Pakistan.

The ERP software will be made available to all SME units in the chosen sectors Free of Cost along with the Source Code in order to empower the units to get additional work done according to their specific requirements.

With the emergence of WTO, the ERP software will allow local SME units in these sectors to be able to compete with the industries in other countries.

PM inaugurates E-ticketing facility in Pakistan Railways.

Friday July 20 2007, Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz inaugurated Pakistan Railways E-ticketing facility and availability of tickets on credit cards.

The Prime Minister launched the E-ticketing in Pakistan Railways by pressing a computer key. Under the new facility the passengers would be able to get their seats reserved and secure electronic tickets through computer by accessing the railways website: "www.pakrail.com".

The Railways Minister Shaikh Rasheed Ahmad mentioned various initiatives being taken to upgrade the country's railway system.

Director IT, Rizwan Ahmed briefed the participants about new E-ticketing system and said the facility was being introduced at 32 stations, while another 15 will be added by December next.



PRIME MINISTER SHAUKAT AZIZ INAUGURATING PAKISTAN RAILWAY E-TICKETING FACILITY AT PM HOUSE, ISLAMABAD ON JULY 20, 2007.

ISACA Bookstore's Best Sellers for 2007

- COBIT® 4.1*
- IT Governance Implementation Guide: Using COBIT® and Val IT™, 2nd Edition*
- IT Assurance Guide: Using COBIT®*
- COBIT® Control Practices, 2nd Edition*
- Enterprise Value: Governance of IT Investments, complete set*
- IT Control Objectives for Sarbanes-Oxley, 2nd Edition*
- IT Auditing: Using Controls to Protect Information Assets
- Information Technology Auditing & Assurance
- Security Audit and Control Features SAP R/3, 2nd Edition*
- Security Audit and Control Features Oracle E-Business Suite, 2nd Edition*
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Pakistan Software export target fixed at U.S \$165 million

The government has fixed 165 million-dollar target for software export for the 2007-08 fiscal year, which is 52 million dollars higher in value as compared to the last year's target of 108 million dollars.

Pakistan's software export had witnessed a smart growth during the 2006-07 financial year. The potential foreign buyers are coming to Asian markets, particularly to Pakistani one.

1,200 software houses are operational across the country, of which Karachi enjoyed the largest share of about 40 percent.

More than 140 such centers are currently operational mainly in Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad, offering employment to around 5,000 people

State-of-the-art (IT) solution for local universities

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan has signed an agreement with Oracle for the provision of state-of-the-art Information Technology (IT) solutions for the local universities. Initially six out of 74 public sector universities funded by the HEC would implement the "PeopleSoft Campus Solutions."

Oracle's PeopleSoft Campus Solution is used by over 700 education and research institutions around the world.

The implementation of the PeopleSoft Campus Solution will help Pakistani universities streamline their processes, enhance administrative efficiency and ease the universities' interaction with existing and prospective students making education processes more productive.

ISACA to offer A New Credential

At the upcoming International Conference, ISACA will formally announce its newest credential program specifically developed for professionals who have responsibilities for managing and/or governing the IT-related contribution to an enterprise to achieve its business objectives. The certification, supported by the IT Governance Institute® (ITGI™) and built on its intellectual property, will promote the advancement of IT professionals who wish to be recognized for their governance-related experience and knowledge. The formal name of the certification is expected to be announced shortly, at which time an announcement will be available at www.isaca.org/news

The initial IT governance professional certification exam is expected to be administered in December 2008. A grandfathering program will be announced shortly, through which highly experienced IT governance professionals may apply for certification without taking the exam. More information will be available soon on the ISACA and ITGI web sites, www.isaca.org and www.itgi.org.

Country Highlights

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ITCN Asia 2007 Exhibition, Karachi.

The 7th ITCN Asia International Exhibition and Conference, the biggest IT and telecom event of Pakistan, held in August 9-11 at the Expo Centre, Karachi.

Major conferences were:

1. International Telecom Conference, on August 9, 2007,
2. Corporate Success in the Knowledge Economy August 10, 2007

Various high-profile delegates representing international as well as national IT companies attended the exhibition, while renowned IT personalities including Dr. Tony Murphy, author of the book *"Succeeding in the Knowledge Economy"*; Geoffrey S. Conner, former Texas secretary of state and principal, Texas Global; Raymond King, CEO About Us and others addressed the audience.

Federal Minister for Information Technology Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari stated that India also wanted to get benefit of Pakistan's human resource in IT sector.

About the human resource potential, the minister said that it was a point of satisfaction that more or less 80 million youths under the age of 18 in Pakistan were associated with the IT sector and would further strengthen the IT industry in near future.

The size of IT industry in Pakistan will reach 10 billion dollars in 2010 said Yusuf Hussain, M.D. Pakistan Software Exports Board (PSEB) at a media workshop at ITCN Asia EXPO centre Karachi.

"We are in Pakistan as we see great potential and opportunities in the software industry of this country," said Tony Murphy author of *"Succeeding in Knowledge Economy"*.

Jutta Schwengsbier of DW Group Germany said Pakistan has a huge network of villages where IT can turn things upside down as it had done in changing the very face of journalism.

Geoffrey Connor, Principal, Texas Global, Santosh Sinha, Interactive Editor, BBC World Service also addressed the workshop.

Minister of State for IT and Telecommunications Division, Ishaq Khan Khakwani has said there is an imperative need for IT-related exhibitions in Pakistan if it is to progress in the world. Visiting the ITCN Asia 2007, he said these events create a platform to connect people with people irrespective of the geographical barriers. "You just have to come here; visit the IT and telecom sector and explore the opportunities being offered.



ISACA Up coming International Events

ISACA Conference/Training Week Calendar August – October 2007

	Sarbanes Oxley Symposium	COBIT® User Convention	Oceania CACSSM	Information Security Mgmt. Conference	Network Security Conference	Sarbanes-Oxley Symposium	ISACA Training Week	ISACA Training Week
<i>Date</i>	23-24 August 2007	10-11 September 2007	9-12 September 2007	10-12 September 2007	10-12 September 2007	27-28 September 2007	8-12 October 2007	15-19 October 2007
<i>Location</i>	Rosemont (Chicago), Illinois, USA	Joh'burg, South Africa	Auckland, New Zealand	Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	Washington DC, USA	Athens, Greece	Montreal, Quebec, Canada
<i>CPE Hrs.</i>	14	13	TBA	32	32	14	38	38

*New 2007 ISACA conference and educational event dates have been released.
For the latest information, please visit www.isaca.org/conferences.*

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