

**ISACA CHENNAI CHAPTER**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING**  
**ON**  
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**AT HOTEL MARIS, CHENNAI.**

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR 2009-2010**

It is my privilege to present the Secretary's report for the year 2009-2010, a very active year for the chapter. The Chennai chapter has always been one, carrying the torch to spread the objectives set by ISACA in this part of the globe, and in line with this has been carrying out various professional development activities such as monthly meetings, seminars, workshops, review courses for the certifications offered by ISACA etc. Kindly do permit me to elaborate.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

One of the regular and an on-going activity of the chapter is the conduct of monthly meetings on the third Saturday every month in which we strive to invite speakers from various spheres/domains of functioning and on varied topics to enrich the professional knowledge and development of our members. During the year 2009-2010, we have been able to conduct 10 meetings. The details are as under:

1. August 2009: Software Asset Management by Mr. Gouri Shankar a Mechanical Engineer and also the founder of Reachwell Software.
2. September 2009: Cost Management through effective defect management by Mr. Chandra Kumar Raman, Program Manager, Quality Operations, HP and President of SPIN Chennai.
3. November 2009: Impact of ERP Controls on Business by Mr. U. Krishna Mohan the founder member of Apiruh Consulting Services with vast experience in SAP systems audits.
4. December 2009: Core Banking Implementation by Mr. R. Kalyanakrishnan Deputy General Manager, Core Banking Project, State Bank of India.
5. January 2010: Cloud Computing Security Issues by Mr. R. Karthikeyan is Program Director, BFSI & Manufacturing, MindTree
6. February 2010: Implementing the IT Balanced Scorecard by Mr. B. Jayachandran, Technical Director E security audit Pvt ltd.
7. March 2010: Digital Forensic Investigation and IT Auditing by Mr. Balachandar Natarajan, M/s Ford Technologies

8. April 2010: Log data is not enough Making sense of it all by Mr. Sujit Christy head of security practice at TVSNet Technologies Ltd
9. May 2010: Admin access control on PCs and Laptops by Mr. Chandrasekar Tiruvuru Senior Risk Manager from Scope International
10. June 2010: SAS 70 Audits by Ms. Kalaiselvi, Manager with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Private Limited

We could not conduct the monthly meeting in October 2009 on account of our festival Deepavali falling on the third Saturday.

I take this opportunity to thank all those speakers who shared their valuable time and knowledge with our members. I would also like to acknowledge the valuable contribution played by my colleagues on the Board with a special mention about Ms. Jamuna Swamy, Director (Programs) and all the others who have been helping in organizing these monthly meetings.

#### SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

1. With the spread of the H1N1 virus in the country and its consequential impact on the IT Companies, a short seminar on pandemic flu awareness and BCP under such circumstances was held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Mr. S.C.Sekar and Ms. Jamuna Swamy were the speakers for the day. This seminar was well attended as this was the current topic disturbing the minds of many professionals and thanks to the speakers who made it up all in very short notice.
2. With a view to providing insights into the fundamentals of IT Governance and CobiT, a day's seminar was organised on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009. The Why & What of IT Governance, its relevance in Corporate Governance, an Overview of COBIT 4.1<sup>®</sup> - Framework and its components and How Audit & Assurance professionals can use COBIT components were well brought out in the seminar by Mr.R.Vittal Raj, Past president of ISACA Chennai Chapter and presently the Director Certification on board who specializes in Information Security and IT Governance consulting implementation and assurance.
3. With Cloud computing being the most discussed topic, the need for an insight into the subject was felt necessary and a seminar was organized on this topic on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Mr. Karthikeyan Program Director, BFSI and Mindtree and Mr. Balakrishnan, CIO, Polaris Software Lab Limited unfolded some of the misconceptions on Cloud computing. Another interesting topic was also discussed in the second half of the seminar on "Information Rights Management" by Mr.Vishal Gupta, CEO, Seclore Technology and both were very well received by the delegates.

4. Another interesting seminar that was organized was on "Log Management on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in collaboration with TVS Net. The seminar was inaugurated by Mr. Rangarajan, Head of Marketing and Presales, TVS Net. The why and what of Log Management was brought out by Mr.M.P.Badrinath, Past president of ISACA Chennai Chapter and presently on board as Director Membership. This was followed by sessions by Sujit Christy Business Manager – Security/Solutions Architect (TVSNet) on "Log Management can be an effective tool for GRC - what it means to the service provider and a customer". Then was a demo of a log management tool by Mr.Boopathi, Senior Technical Consultant, TVS Net. The user's perspective was well brought out in the next session by Mr. Mahesh from Tata Communications Limited. The day's seminar ended with Panel Discussion discussing the benefits of Log Management. All delegates actively participated in the panel discussion and benefited from the rich experience and knowledge of the panelists.

## ANNUAL SECURITY DAY CONFERENCE

Every year the chapter organizes an annual conference to commemorate the Computer Security day. This year it was on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009 held at GRT Grand. IT industry underwent some turbulent times during the past couple of years and managing value of IT during the period posed a challenge. In line with this, the theme of the conference was chosen as: "Managing Value IT in uncertain times". The theme lurking in the heart of many IT professionals was very well received which was evident from the houseful attendance to the conference.

The keynote speaker on the theme was Mr. H.R.Mohan, Associate Vice President, "The Hindu", who also distributed the medals and awards to the rank holders from Chennai Chapter of CISA, CISM and CGEIT examinations held in Dec 2008 and June 2009 examinations. I would like to add here that in addition to the existing award for the first rank holder of CISA June examination, two special awards were instituted by Mr.C.M.Krishnaswami for the first rank holder of CISA December examination and the second rank holder of CISA June examination. I thank Mr. CMK for the gesture and the encouragement given to the aspirants.

This was followed by technical sessions handled by distinguished speakers. The topics delivered were:

1. IT Value Management by Mr. Balu Srinivasan, IT Head, Pfizer, Chennai
2. Data Loss Prevention – Threats & Counter measures by Mr. Sangameswaran, Symantec Corporation who was the platinum sponsor to the event

3. Business – IT alignment increases value of IT by Mr. Dinesh O Bareja, Security Consultant, Mumbai
4. IT Governance – Tone at the top by Mr. Kishore Vaswani, Control Case, Mumbai
5. Virtualization and cloud computing by Mr. V Balakrishnan, CIO, Polaris, Chennai
6. Finally on Data Security by Mr. R Gunasekar, Channel Manager from Hitachi Data Systems.

## FOUNDERS DAY

Pursuing the excellent tradition of the Chennai Chapter, to recall and acknowledge with gratitude the contribution by the founder members in laying the foundation of the chapter, Founders Day was celebrated, on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010. As is the usual practice, we arranged for an interesting session on a different non-IT topic by Group Captain R.Vijaykumar VSM (Retd.) on “Leadership – Learning from the Armed Forces”. His talk certainly gave lot of learning to the audience not only about leadership but also about the Armed Forces.

## CISA REVIEW COURSES

One of the significant activities of ISACA Chennai Chapter is the conduct of CISA review courses for the CISA aspirants. Our chapter continues to do its bit in propagating CISA certification by regularly conducting review courses for both June and December examinations. These review courses continue to be very popular with enthusiastic responses and enquiries. There were in all four batches, two of them being regular Sunday classes and the other two being the intensive four-day courses. A total of 125 candidates attended these courses. I humbly add that our popularity has crossed shores in that there was one candidate from Poland attending our four day intensive course for June 2010 examination. In our mission to continuously improve the effectiveness of these review courses we have added one more doubt clearing session when the review course is in progress to help the candidates clear the doubts on topics covered till then instead of waiting for all the sessions to be over. Our review courses have always stood tall in the dedication of the faculty members and the knowledge transfer that turns out. My sincere thanks to each of the guest faculty, who continue to do this on an honorary basis and help in making these courses effective and beneficial to the new CISA aspirants.

## CISM REVIEW COURSES

The chapter did also conduct CISM review classes for CISM aspirants. A 3-day fast track course was conducted from May 7 to 9 for the June 2010

examination with a participation of 8 candidates. I would like to thank all those who made this possible. I would call for our esteemed members to publicize our activity of CISM review courses and encourage their friends to take advantage.

#### COLLABORATION WITH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

ISACA Chennai, this year also continued its association with Loyola Institute of Business administration (LIBA) and offered to conduct the Information Security Certificate Programs. One program of 12 Sundays was conducted between August and November. There was a record attendance of 25 students. With record number of students, the course was a big success, thanks to the special efforts by Mr. Pillai and Mr. Sankaran who meticulously designed the course pattern with quizzes, project presentations and case studies intended to impart not only knowledge but also help the candidates improve their communication and presentation skills. We thank all the ISACA members who handled the classes. We would request our members to help in publicizing our efforts so that the program can reach a wider audience of the society.

We have also established relations with Cyber Society of India and ISACA members have been given fee concession in the past two seminars organized by them.

#### COLLABORATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Our chapter was part of a national workshop conducted by the Regional Training Institute of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department on "Auditing ERP Systems" during July 2009. Speakers from the chapter delivered lectures on topics like Challenges in ERP Audit, Security features of ERP, Implementation issues in ERP, BCP in ERP environment etc. One of our speakers was also among the panelists in the panel discussion organized by the institute on the topic.

#### NEWS LETTER

The newsletter continues to be published every quarter and the same are uploaded in the website.

#### LOOKING BACK

The year 2009-10, has indeed been a very fulfilling one for the chapter. This was possible only on account of the support, cooperation and assistance of my colleagues on the governing board and guidance from the advisors. Due credit is also due to the esteemed members for their patronage to every activity of the chapter. I place on record my deep sense of gratitude to each

and every one of you for all the encouragement and take this opportunity to thank all.

I place this report before this august body for deliberation and acceptance.

Thank you one and all.

Chitra Murali  
Hony.Secretary  
ISACA- Chennai Chapter  
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