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A newsletter for Calgary Chapter members about ISACA news updates, events and articles of interest

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Dear Members,

## President's message

The Calgary chapter is currently on a June to May fiscal year and we are about to conclude another successful year. You will be happy to know that the Calgary chapter will be receiving the silver award for its website. This is an award given by the ISACA global headquarters. The quality and professionalism reflected in our website has swayed the judges. I will be personally **receiving the award at the "Leadership Conference" in Orlando in the presence of chapter leaders from across North America.** I would like to thank our Webmaster Alvaro Janikian for keeping the website updated with current information. A part of the credit also goes to our other board members who have provided the content to keep the website relevant and useful at all times.

Another achievement that some of you would already be aware of is a recent announcement sent from ISACA global headquarters about the CISA designation. The CISA has been judged **as the "Best Professional Certification" for 2009 by SC Magazine. This is recognition of the quality of the material that students are tested upon and the rigor of the process of obtaining the designation.**

We now have just over 100,000 members globally with over 67,000 certification holders globally. Our organization is fast becoming an internationally recognized brand whose influence on the audit profession is being acknowledged worldwide. The membership of the Calgary chapter has grown to 369 members and is holding steady despite the economic conditions. The ISACA headquarters has formulated a new strategy to support its members through these harsh times and create greater value for their association with ISACA. I will be learning more about the strategy at the leadership conference and will share them with you in the coming months.

We have been able to organize a few social events for our members this year. These are valuable networking opportunities and I am happy to report that they have been well attended and therefore successful. I would like to thank Linda Chan, our Communications Director, for her efforts in organizing these events.

**Our "Spring Conference" is coming up on May 27th. We will again look to our members to join us in large numbers to support the event.** We have a wide variety of topics and have even included some senior IT leaders from the industry to share their experiences. I would like to thank Ray Mingle our Program Director, and Jagruti Sampat our board Secretary, for their efforts in organizing the past couple of conferences.

Our objective is to serve our members in the best possible way and we always welcome ideas to improve our offerings. Please do not ever hesitate to contact any of the board members to discuss your ideas so as a board we can be more effective.

**I hope to see some of you at the "Spring Conference" soon.**

Sanjeev Saha,  
President

## Congratulations to the following Successful CISA® and CISM® Exam Writers, December 2008

### CISM®

Frank  
Pados

Guillermo  
Gonzalez, Sr.

Lars  
Maul

Karina T.  
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Robert John  
Long

Richard  
Vigh

Tannous  
Mona

Bhawani  
Sankaranarayanan

Stacey  
Dawson

### CISA®

Victor  
Matheron

The preceding does not necessarily represent a complete list of all individuals who were successful in passing the CISA or CISM exam. This list may not include individuals who did not grant permission to have their name published, who have not paid their exam related fees, who have not signed the exam registration form, or who are not members of the Calgary chapter.

## Calgary Chapter member's article in ISACA Journal Online

**Raghu** (Raghu) **Krishnan Nair's** article Control Rationalization for Process Improvement is intended to be published in volume 3, 2009, ISACA Journal Online.

The Article talks about risk assessment followed by rationalization of IT general controls to mitigate and manage the threats, risks and vulnerabilities. Enabling IT to rationalize their internal controls is the basis of this article. The method described can be used to define the strategy and execution. The importance of IT general controls and their rationalization for any organization that needs to comply with the **US Sarbanes-Oxley Act and other similar legislation, such as Canada's and Japan's requirements**, will help organizations focus on the critical controls of core IT functions.

The premise of rationalizing IT general controls has originated from the ever increasing needs of an organization on IT and its dependence on rapidly changing technology, enabling IT to add value to business through a control based management system. Added to this, the COBIT Lite framework is the other driving factor which inspired the development of this approach.

Raghu has been working on the article since July 2008. After the approach was formalized and implemented, he decided to share this knowledge through an article. It took him less than two weeks to write it up.

Raghu is from India and he has been in the IT industry for more than 20 years. His working experience revolved around IT service management in an advisory capacity governing value across IT investments.

We want to congratulate Raghu for his achievement, encourage you to read his article in ISACA Journal Online and wish him success with his next article.

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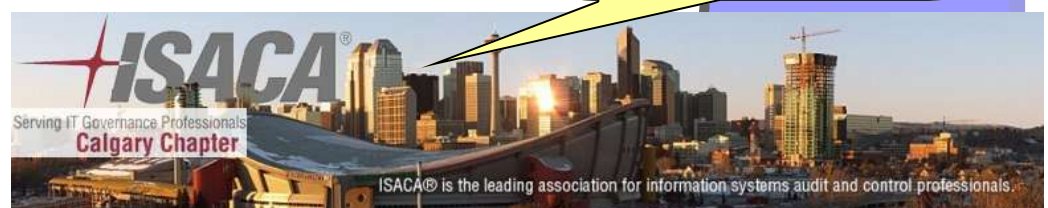
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### Call for Articles

We are always looking for interesting technical articles from members of the Calgary Chapter.

Interested individuals should contact the editor at [newsletter@isaca-calgary.org](mailto:newsletter@isaca-calgary.org)



## Membership

ISACA's annual midyear dues incentive will soon be in place. Any new members who join between July 1 and August 6 will be charged only 50 percent of the international association dues, plus the new member processing fee and chapter dues, for membership through December 31, 2009. Also, any new member joining between August 7, 2009 and May 31, 2010 at regular price, plus the new member processing fee and chapter dues, will get membership through December 31, 2010.

# Monthly ISACA luncheon dates

Next Date: June 16

Time: 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Location: Fairmont Palliser Hotel, 133 - 9th Avenue SW, Calgary

Price: Members: \$40.00 (in advance), Non-members: \$45.00 (in advance).

Includes GST.

Please note that the 2009 Spring Conference is being held on May 27. There **won't be a luncheon in the month of May as the Board will focus its efforts** in planning the full-day educational event.



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June 11th, 2009  
8:00am - 11:30am

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Yogi Schulz BComm, CIPS, ISP, Partner, Corvelle Consulting

#### Improve Your Audit Results Using Data Analytics

Peter Millar, Director of Technology Application, ACL Services

# Spring Mixer a success



The Chapter organized a Business Mixer networking event at **Milestone's Bar and Grill on March 26<sup>th</sup>**. After just a few days of registration, the event was registered to capacity and we had to **open up the waiting list**. **Roughly 35 people gathered at Milestone's** to meet new people in the industry and re-acquaint with former colleagues. The ISACA board members that were present got the opportunity to mingle with the chapter members which was a pleasant experience. We also enjoyed some savoury appetizers inside the Palomino private room.

We sent a survey to all of the guests afterwards to get some feedback on how we could improve things. You may be interested in knowing that:

- 55% strongly agree and 45% agree with the statement: I enjoyed myself at this business mixer.
- 59% strongly agree and 41% agree with the statement: I would attend a similar function if it was held again.

We thank all of those who took the time to participate and to offer their valuable comments. All of the ratings and comments were reviewed and we will take them into consideration.

We are pleased to announce that we will be bringing to you another complimentary Business Mixer networking event, to be held in June. Watch for the invitation in your email!

Linda Chan  
Communications Director  
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# 2009 Global Events

## COMPUTER AUDIT, CONTROL AND SECURITY (CACS™) CONFERENCES

[www.isaca.org/cacs](http://www.isaca.org/cacs)



Asia-Pacific CACS™  
Kyoto, Japan  
23-24 February 2009  
[www.isaca.org/asiacacs](http://www.isaca.org/asiacacs)



EuroCACS™  
Frankfurt, Germany  
15-18 March 2009  
[www.isaca.org/eurocacs](http://www.isaca.org/eurocacs)



North America CACS™  
Orlando, Florida, USA  
3-7 May 2009  
[www.isaca.org/nacacs](http://www.isaca.org/nacacs)



Oceania CACS™  
Canberra, ACT, Australia  
6-11 September 2009  
[www.isaca.org/oceaniacacs](http://www.isaca.org/oceaniacacs)



Latin America CACS™  
San José, Costa Rica  
20-23 September 2009  
[www.isaca.org/latincacs](http://www.isaca.org/latincacs)

## MANAGEMENT FORUMS

[www.isaca.org/managementforums](http://www.isaca.org/managementforums)



Information Security Management Forum  
1-2 October 2009  
Las Vegas, Nevada, USA



IT Governance Forum  
12-13 October 2009  
Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

## ISACA TRAINING WEEK

[www.isaca.org/trainingweek](http://www.isaca.org/trainingweek)



Houston, Texas, USA  
2-6 March 2009

Nashville, Tennessee, USA  
6-10 April 2009

Denver, Colorado, USA  
18-22 May 2009

Vienna, Austria  
15-19 June 2009

Boston, Massachusetts, USA  
17-21 August 2009

Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
14-18 September 2009

Indianapolis, Indiana, USA  
12-16 October 2009

San Francisco, California, USA  
2-6 November 2009

## International



International Conference  
Los Angeles, California, USA  
19-22 July 2009  
[www.isaca.org/international](http://www.isaca.org/international)



IT Governance, Risk and Compliance Conference  
Las Vegas, Nevada, USA  
14-16 October 2009  
[www.isaca.org/itgrc](http://www.isaca.org/itgrc)



Information Security and  
Risk Management Conference  
[www.isaca.org/isrmc](http://www.isaca.org/isrmc)

Latin America  
Bogotá, Colombia  
30-31 March 2009

North America  
Las Vegas, Nevada, USA  
28-30 September 2009

Europe  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
November 2009

*All dates and locations  
are subject to change.*



# ISACA Global News

## About ISACA

With more than 75,000 members in more than 160 countries, ISACA® (www.isaca.org) is a recognized worldwide leader in IT governance, control, security and assurance. Founded in 1969, ISACA sponsors international conferences, publishes the Information Systems Control Journal®, and develops international information systems auditing and control standards. It also administers the globally respected Certified Information Systems Auditor™ (CISA®) designation, earned by more than 60,000 professionals since 1978; the Certified Information Security Manager® (CISM®) designation, earned by more than 9,000 professionals since 2002; and the new Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT™ (CGEIT™) designation.

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31 March 2009	Security Vulnerabilities and Safeguards	3
24 February 2009	Optimizing Your Enterprise GRC Program3	3
27 January 2009	<b>Effectively Managing Risk in Today's Economy</b>	3

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## ISACA e-Learning Campus

The CISA® Online Review Course is now available on the ISACA e-Learning Campus. This interactive, web-based course provides **Certified Information Systems Auditor™** (CISA®) exam candidates and ISACA members with an efficient and cost-effective tool for exam preparation and for performing information systems audits and reviews. For more information, please visit [www.isaca.org/elearning](http://www.isaca.org/elearning).

## Footnote Partners Survey Results

**In January 2009, the Footnote Partners' salary survey ranked the Certified Information Security Manager® (CISM®) certification as the highest-paying IT security certification.** CISM was also found to be the only security certification to gain value within the past 12 months. Additional information is available at [www.footnotepartners.com/FooteNewsrelease012809V3.pdf](http://www.footnotepartners.com/FooteNewsrelease012809V3.pdf).

## EuroCACS Online: New to the e-Learning Campus

**Beginning this April, ISACA's e-Learning Campus offers EuroCACS Online.** This new addition to the e-Learning campus provides another opportunity for members to earn valuable CPEs while enjoying the flexibility and cost-saving benefits provided through online learning. EuroCACS Online offers prominent sessions recorded from the March EuroCACS conference held in Germany on March 15-18 2009.

Learners can earn 1.5 CPEs by purchasing and completing each of the online sessions. Discounted pricing is available exclusively to ISACA members. For more information or to register, please visit [www.isaca.org/elearning](http://www.isaca.org/elearning).

## Exam Registration Totals

More than 10,000 CISA and approximately 1,500 CISM candidates have registered for the worldwide June exam administrations.

## We Welcome Your Feedback!

Please send your feedback on this newsletter to [newsletter@isaca-calgary.org](mailto:newsletter@isaca-calgary.org)

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## New Editor's message

Hi everyone.

I'm Harold Cardona the new editor of the Calgary ISACA newsletter. I'm very excited about this opportunity to be part of the ISACA board of directors and to be in charge of the newsletter which, in my opinion, is one of the most important links to our members. I know this is going to be a great challenge and even more if you consider the great job Linda, my predecessor, did in the last few years.

My vision of the newsletter is of a place where our chapter can share their ideas and grow new ones; where everyone learns more about each other and where we open our eyes to the world. Where we can keep growing as persons, professionals and as a chapter.



Even though at this moment our newsletter is well

suited for the job, like everything in life, it will evolve to fill our present and future needs. In order to know when and what to change I will need your feedback.

I wish all of you to consider this to be "your" newsletter and to share your ideas and beliefs through it. I consider communication as a "two way process" and that is the way I want the newsletter to be.

Wish me luck and I hope you enjoy this and all future issues of the ISACA Calgary newsletter.

Yours Truly,

Harold Cardona  
ISACA Calgary Newsletter Editor



# 2009 Spring Conference

## Wednesday May 27, 2009

LOCATION: Fairmont Palliser Hotel, 133 – 9th Avenue SW, Calgary  
TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Registration & breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m.)  
REGISTRATION: ISACA members: \$175; Non-members: \$195  
Breakfast, lunch and break refreshments included in registration fee

**Earn 9 CPE hours**

### Conference Details:

The schedule of conference activities will follow soon with additional session details and speaker bios. Meanwhile, save this date on your calendar and register now!

Conference information will be updated at:

<http://www.isaca-calgary.org/events/education-conferences.html>

For further information, please phone Ray Mingle @ 403-978-0602.

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