ISACA® recognizes outstanding contributions that advance our professional community and exemplify our purpose, promise, values and leadership. By acknowledging the individuals and achievements that have a positive impact on our global society, ISACA seeks to inspire future generations of business and technology professionals.

There are three categories of awards administered by ISACA International recognizing separate levels of achievement.

GLOBAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: These are the highest awards presented by ISACA for exemplary and long-standing contributions to the organization and the business technology community.

CHAPTER AWARDS: These awards recognize outstanding contributions by chapters and individual chapter members in fulfilling the needs of ISACA and its professional community.

CERTIFICATION EXAM TOP SCORES: The top scores for the CISA, CISM, CGEIT, CRISC, and CSX Practitioner exams worldwide are recognized annually.
ISACA Michael Cangemi Best Book/Author Award

Recognizes an individual or co-authors for major contributions to ISACA publications in the field of IS audit, control, risk, governance and/or security.

Ahmet Efe, Ph.D., CISA, CRISC, PMP

“A Model Proposal for Organizational Prudence and Wisdom Within Governance of Business and Enterprise IT.”

COBIT Focus, 6 March 2017.

Dr. Ahmet Efe, CISA, CRISC, PMP, is a chief audit executive for the Ankara (Turkey) Development Agency. Ahmet has BA and MSc degrees in economics and a Ph.D. in management sciences. Ahmet has more than 20 years of government auditing and IT/IS sector business experience. He teaches a graduate course in advanced cybersecurity for the Department of Computer Science at Ankara Yildirim Beyazit Universities. Given Ahmet’s experience in the government sector, academic background and professional career development, he uses a multi-disciplinary approach encompassing economics, public administration, management science and computer science in his work. In his publications, he is a strong proponent for COBIT® 5 methodology and a common body of knowledge. In his Ph.D. dissertation, Ahmet modelled COBIT 5 for government agencies. He has argued that COBIT 5 is the most comprehensive framework for governance and management. Ahmet is a frequent guest speaker and panelist at various conferences. He is now very interested in the cutting-edge blockchain technology, offensive security and quantum computing.
ISACA Eugene M. Frank Award for Meritorious Performance

Recognizes an individual whose long-standing service in multiple roles, including key volunteer leadership positions, has contributed to ISACA's global success.

Christian Palomino, CISA, CISM, CGEIT

“For contributions to ISACA’s Certifications with long-standing service and leadership roles in exam development, job practice analysis, and translation support.”

Chris Palomino, CISA, CISM, CGEIT, has been a member of ISACA’s CISM Exam Spanish Translation Review Team since 2007. Over the past 10 years, he has served in CISM Certification and Exam Item Development Working Groups, the CGEIT Certification Working Group, and CGEIT and CISM Practice Analysis Working Groups, frequently serving as chair. He also serves as a Governor of the Board of Hospitality Technology Next Generation, a global not-for-profit trade association that, through collaboration and partnership among hospitality professionals and technology providers, fosters the development of next-generation solutions to enable them to do business globally in the 21st century. Chris is an IT and Information Security professional with more than 19 years of experience in the hospitality industry leading IT and information security teams.

Chris is vice president of global IT for Meliá Hotels International (MHI), a leading global resorts company that ranks third among European hotel companies in number of rooms. He has led the company’s digital transformation and ensures that IT strategy and operations support the organization in the accomplishment of its goals and adds value to MHI’s brands.
Mark Thomas, CGEIT, CRISC

“For contributions to ISACA’s continuing education efforts by delivering outstanding presentations at ISACA events.”

Mark Thomas, CGEIT, CRISC, NIST, PRINCE2, ITIL Expert, is a nationally known governance expert in the areas of information controls, risk, cybersecurity, and service management. His background spans leadership roles from CIO to management and IT consulting. With more than 25 years of professional experience, Mark has led large teams in outsourced IT arrangements; conducted portfolio, service management and information governance activities for major project teams; managed enterprise applications implementations; and implemented governance processes across multiple industries.
ISACA John W. Lainhart IV Common Body of Knowledge Award

Recognizes an individual for major contributions to the development and enhancement of the common body of knowledge used by the ISACA community.

Jack Freund, Ph.D., CISA, CISM, CRISC

“For contributions in developing the CRISC Certification and for ensuring the integrity and quality of the CRISC Certification exam content.”

Jack Freund, CISSP, CISA, CISM, CRISC, CIPP, PMP, is a leading voice in cyber risk measurement and management who has worked in technology for 20 years, spending 11 of them specializing in cyber risk and information security. Jack currently serves as director, cyber risk, for TIAA, a Fortune 100 U.S. non-profit financial services firm. Jack has a Ph.D. in information systems, a master’s degree in telecommunications and project management, and a bachelor of science degree in computer information systems. Jack was named a senior member of the ISSA, IEEE and ACM, and is an IAPP Fellow of Information Privacy.

He is a professional advisor to RiskLens and a contributor to the FAIR Institute. He has volunteered on ISACA’s CRISC certification committees and working groups since the certification’s inception. Jack has served as a visiting professor and academic advisory board member for public and private universities. Jack is a frequent speaker at regional and national conferences. His writings have appeared in the ISSA Journal and the Bell Labs Technical Journal, and he regularly writes for the @ISACA newsletter. Jack’s book on quantifying risk—Measuring and Managing Information Risk: A FAIR Approach—was inducted into Palo Alto Networks’ Cybersecurity Canon in 2016.
Nikesh Dubey, CISA, CISM, CRISC, CISSP, CCISO

“For sustained contributions to the IT governance, risk, and compliance community through innovative concepts, tireless drive, leadership and passion.”

Nikesh Dubey, CISA, CISM, CRISC, CISSP, CCISO, is an experienced information security and GRC professional. Nikesh has looked closely at the core issues, drivers, real-world challenges, implementations and expectations of various GRC and information security programs on several continents. He has authored articles published globally through the ISACA Journal on innovative concepts in the areas of measuring top management’s commitment, and emerging technologies and their associated risks. At a time when IT governance was still at a nascent stage, he single-handedly advocated the benefits of adopting governance frameworks like COBIT® to organizations. He was the finalist for the CISO of the Year Global Award in 2013 given by the EC Council for his contributions to the information security industry. A strong advocate of governance and assurance principles, he serves as the CISO for AGC Networks (USA) and is leading AGC’s security advisory services for North America.
ISACA Chair’s Award

Recognizes an individual who has made an exceptional impact on ISACA or the business technology profession. This award is presented at the discretion of the ISACA Chair.

Gail Coury, CISA, CISSP, CISM

“For inspirational leadership and dedication to advancing women in technology and for supporting the formation of ISACA’s philanthropic strategy and activities.”

Gail Coury, CISA, CISSP, CISM, has more than 20 years of experience in information security infrastructure systems and network management, security technical consulting, information systems auditing, and programming for industries including technology, airline reservation systems, insurance, banking, and retail.

Gail leads the information security function for Oracle Cloud globally, which includes SaaS, PaaS, IaaS, and managed cloud services, and is responsible for Oracle enterprise and development security. In all these areas, she is responsible for security strategy, security solutions, managed security services, operational compliance, customer security services, and regulatory compliance. She is the former CISO for PeopleSoft and former CISO for J.D. Edwards.

Gail has an Executive MBA from Stanford University and an undergraduate degree in computer science from Clarke University. She is an active member of ISACA and has participated in both the Women's Leadership Council / SheLeadsTech program, as well as in the formation of ISACA’s philanthropic strategy.

Gail is an active member in the ISSA CISO Executive Forum and the ISSA CISO Advisory Council. She has been selected to the ISSA Honor Roll—a lifetime achievement award.

She is a frequent speaker at both internal events and local and national conferences. She has appeared in Oracle videos and at Oracle OpenWorld, served as a co-keynote at an ISACA International conference and as a keynote at a Colorado IT Symposium, and has participated in ISACA and ISSA international webinars and local chapter events. Gail also has published articles in the ISACA Journal and ISSA Journal, and has been an active member in the ISSA CISO Executive Forum and served on advisory councils for both ISACA and ISSA boards.
ISACA Chapter Awards

ISACA is proud to recognize the most active and engaging chapters, programs and volunteer leaders who, by supporting the membership and professional community locally, also support ISACA’s purpose, promise and values. Nominations are evaluated by peer-reviewers, and recipients are approved by the ISACA Awards Working Group. Recipients are selected by chapter size when adequate nominations are received.

CHAPTER SIZE CATEGORIES
Small = 1 – 100 members
Medium = 101 – 300 members
Large = 301 – 800 members
Very Large = 801+ members

K. WAYNE SNIPES BEST CHAPTER AWARD
Recognizes chapters that exceed service goals by actively supporting local membership and thus ISACA.

INNOVATIVE CHAPTER PROGRAM AWARD
Recognizes an outstanding program implemented within an ISACA chapter that demonstrates an innovative approach to member engagement, continuing education or community outreach.

Very Large: ISACA Atlanta Chapter
Innovative Program: Columbus Security Series

Large: ISACA Pittsburgh Chapter
Innovative Program: Pittsburgh Information Security Awareness Conference

Medium: ISACA Bahrain Chapter
Innovative Program: Promoting IT Governance and COBIT® 5 to Recent University Graduates

Small: ISACA San Salvador Chapter
Innovative Program: Student Congress on Security, Audit and Risks of Information Technology

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INNOVATIVE CHAPTER PROGRAM AWARD

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER LEADER AWARD
Recognizes a Chapter Leader for his/her effective and inspiring leadership within the chapter resulting in increased member engagement and a positive impact on ISACA’s professional community.

Donald C. Mapes, CISA, CIA, CRMA
ISACA Denver Chapter | Very Large
In recognition of his unwavering commitment to service to the ISACA Denver Chapter and impactful contributions to the local community.

Daniel Mayer, CISA
ISACA Israel Chapter | Large
For more than 35 years of continuous contributions to the ISACA Israel Chapter and ISACA International, and for providing leadership and inspiration to generations of Chapter Leaders.

Sanja Kekic, CRISC
ISACA Belgrade Chapter | Small
For leadership in the ISACA Belgrade Chapter and for constantly promoting ISACA and its core values.
ISACA Certification Exam Top Scores

ISACA recognizes the individuals who achieve the top score in each of the ISACA certification exams: CISA, CISM, CGEIT, CRISC, CSX Practitioner. Recipients are recognized in the year following the exam.

CISA (tie score)
Don Morgan
Guy Buxton, AIFS, CPFA

CISM
Alexey Baksalyar, CISA, CISM

CGEIT
Rolf Rexson Serrao, PMP, ITIL, CSM, CSO

CRISC
Robert GC Blyth, MA, DPhil, FCA, CISA

CSX Practitioner (tie score)
Koby Zvirsh, CSXP
Spyridon Dosis, CSXP

2018 ISACA Awards Presentations

GLOBAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND CERTIFICATION EXAM TOP SCORES

- May 2018
  - Euro CACS
  - Edinburgh, Scotland
- October 2018
  - CSX Europe
  - London, United Kingdom

CHAPTER AWARDS

- October 2018
  - Global Leadership Summit
  - Chicago, Illinois, USA

How you can participate

Through its Awards Program, ISACA seeks to recognize outstanding thought leadership, professional contributions, and volunteer service and to inspire future generations to get involved. Nominations come from within the membership to recognize achievements across ISACA’s professional community. Volunteer peer reviewers evaluate all nominations and select recipients who have demonstrated a positive impact on advancing ISACA’s purpose, promise and values.

JOIN US!

- Nominate an outstanding colleague for an ISACA Global Achievement Award.
- Nominate your chapter, an innovative program within your chapter or one of your dedicated Chapter Leaders for an ISACA Chapter Award.
- Volunteer to review award nominations.
- Promote the accomplishments of the recipients.

Learn more about the ISACA Awards Program at www.isaca.org/awards.