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Title: ISACA MY Chapter - Get to Know the Members (#3)

Dear Members,

Its time to introduce another member in our Get to Know the Members space! Meet Mr. Murari Kalyanaramani, our ex-board member and the current SIG 1 member for Virtualization and Cloud Computing Security. Murari has been with ISACA for more than 14 years now. Let's hear him sharing some of his experiences previously when he was in ISACA BOD and also some background of himself.

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1. Please share with us a little background about yourself

On the professional side, I have 14 years broad commercial and consulting experience in Information Security, Outsourcing & Supplier Management, IT Service Management, Business Continuity, IS Auditing and IT Risk Management. On the personal side, I am happily married with 2 children; a 4 year old boy and a 1 year old girl

2. Please tell us on how you first got involved in ISACA and what was your first impression of it?

I started my career in PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and it was the norm for IS auditors to join ISACA and eventually sit for the CISA certification exams. I attended a couple of evening talks in my first year as a member and regarded it as a great opportunity for professional networking especially for someone starting off their career in the IS auditing profession. I am still in touch with a number of people I met during these sessions 14 years ago!

3. What do you find most challenging about getting involved in ISACA work?

One should never underestimate the level of involvement, time commitment and discipline involved in being a chapter officer or a member of an international committee. Balancing work priorities and ISACA involvement has been my biggest challenge

4. Apart from being the BOD, please tell us on your other involvement in ISACA i.e sub-committees, SIG etc?

Apart from serving on the ISACA Malaysia Chapter BOD (2007/08), at a chapter level I have taught at CISM review classes, been a CISM mentor and am a member of the Virtualisation SIG. At the international level have served on the Professional Standards Committee (2009 to 2012) and the Professional Standards and Career Management Committee (2012 to 2013). My involvement in ISACA has truly helped me to shape my career and enhance my abilities in the audit, security, risk and governance subject matter areas.

5. Any unforgettable moments happened during your involvement in ISACA?

There are a few memorable moments during my journey and experience with ISACA:

- **Receiving the ISACA CISM Geographic Achievement Award for Asia in 2007**
- **Having the ability to truly influence and shape the profession by serving on the international committees**
- **The personal gratification of seeing a number of people I had introduced to ISACA and encouraged to pursue certifications or serve on the BOD, grow and excel professionally over the years**

6. How do people commonly describe about yourself?

In the professional sense, someone with a high level of integrity, says it as it is, uncompromising on quality of delivery & results and a strong people manager

7. What do you do during your leisure time?

With young kids, leisure time is a luxury!. I spend whatever free time I have reading on various topics, ranging from current affairs, technical journals, autobiographies and fiction and when I can, volunteer as a facilitator, with a social venture think tank, as part of their leadership programme which combines developing leadership and business skills with designing socially responsible projects across Asia

8. What is the one thing which most people would be surprised to know about you?

I am a deeply spiritual and religious person. On the lighter side, I actually got detained on one of my business trips to a Northern African country in 2006 on suspicion of being a wanted terrorist. People who know me well enough can attest that I am not of an unsavoury kind!

9. What is your personal philosophy about life?

I will borrow a line from a Robert Frost poem; “Two roads diverged in a wood and I - I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference”. Never be afraid to try something different, challenge the status quo and take calculated risks as you never know, the benefits could be greater than expected

10. Any message to members about getting involved in ISACA BOD or any other volunteer work in general?

Although it is a great opportunity for professional development and provides an ability to “give back” to the profession, you must be willing to give 110% as you will be regarded as an ambassador for ISACA and are responsible for shaping the profession at both the international and chapter level.

That's all the insights on another ISACA Malaysia chapter's member: Murari for now. As always, if you know any interesting ISACA members with hidden talents and not camera-shy, feel free to drop a note to the board or Seelan and he/she may be appearing in the next Get to Know The Member space!

Best regards,

On behalf of ISACA Malaysia Chapter.