



## New York Metropolitan Chapter

**December 2015**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

[Marguerite McCarthy](#)



This issue of the newsletter brings you tidings of the Chapter's membership meeting and holiday event on December 17, education classes scheduled for January and February, and visits to several universities planned for 2016. Updates are provided on the recent certification exam review classes, broadcast around the world by webinar, and the most recent university event on cybersecurity.

The Membership and Certification sections include helpful tips and links for renewing your membership and certifications, reporting your CPEs, and maintaining your ISACA profile. Note, the email address in your ISACA profile is used by the Chapter to keep you informed of Chapter events. Lastly, but important and interesting, the Technology section provides timely information on the risks of Internet-connected children's toys and recent data breaches.

On behalf of the ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter's Board of Directors, I wish you a wonderful holiday season - and health, happiness, and success in the new year.

### **2015-2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Event and education class details and registration links are provided, when available, on the Chapter website and in the Committee sections of this newsletter (see below). View Hot Topics and Events on the home page of the [Chapter website](#).

December 17 || **Winter Membership Meeting and Holiday Event** - December 17, 2015 at Ernst & Young, Times Square, New York City.

January 6-7 || **Education: [Data Analytics and Internal Audit](#)** - January 6-7, 2016 in New York City. Two full days of onsite training.

March 16 || **Recognition Event for Certification Recipients and Past Presidents** - March 16, 2016 at The Union League Club, New York City.

April 14 || **Spring Membership Meeting** - April 14, 2016.

June 23 || **Annual Gala and Wasserman Award Dinner** - June 23, 2016 at The Union League Club, New York City.

### **EDUCATION**

[Alexander Abramov](#)



The Education Committee is putting together a diverse education schedule to support professional development of IT Audit, Risk, Security, and Governance professionals. For more information about the Education Committee, if you would like to host a class, or have a suggestion for training, contact [Education@isacany.org](mailto:Education@isacany.org).

The Education Committee is looking for volunteers. Email to [volunteer@isacany.org](mailto:volunteer@isacany.org) to learn how to get involved.

***Upcoming Onsite Courses in New York***

***Data Analytics and Internal Audit - January 6-7, 2016***

New York City, NY

Data Analytics and Internal Audit, a 2-day education class, will teach the essential background information, resources, tools, and techniques necessary to analyze data and provide insights to internal audit. The course is applicable to internal and external auditors, finance professionals, and IT staff. This class is taught by Mary Breslin of CPE Interactive. 16 CPE.

### **Controls, why they are wasteful, distracting, give a false sense of security, and how to fix them - February 9, 2016**

Location pending confirmation, *New York City, NY*

This class is taught by B. Barnier, ValueBridge Advisors. 8 CPE

## **MEMBERSHIP**

[Teena Bacchus](#)



### **Upcoming Membership Events**

#### **December 17, 2015 - Winter Membership Meeting and Holiday Networking Event - Ernst & Young - 5 Times Square, New York, NY 10036, 42nd Street and Seventh Avenue - 6pm to 8:45pm**

Come and celebrate the holidays with your colleagues and friends. In addition, get that last CPE you may need. Nikhil Lene, EY's Financial Services Strategic Insights Leader, will present "Demystifying FinTech - Fact vs. Fiction". This presentation will cover issues facing the technological innovations in the financial sector, focusing on IT risks, security and governance areas. Benefits of attending include 1 CPE, networking, food, and beverages. Fees are Members \$15, Non-Members \$25, and Students \$10. [Click here for more information and registration.](#) Hope to see you all there.

### **Save the Date**

#### **Membership Meetings and Events**

- Mar 16th - Certification Recipients (2015) & Past President Recognition Event - Union League Club - 37th Street and Park Ave
- April 14th - Spring Membership Meeting - Citi -388 Greenwich Street (Greenwich Rooms)
- June 23rd - Annual Gala and Wasserman Award Dinner - Union League Club - 37th Street and Park Ave

Please check the Chapter Home Page under Hot Topics for upcoming 2016 membership year events.

### **Membership and Certification Renewal**

The online membership renewal process is now available. Memberships expire, certification renewals and CPE reporting for the 2015 year are due on December 31st. If you would like more information on the reporting process or on CPE opportunities to fulfill your requirements, visit:

<http://www.isaca.org/Certification/Pages/How-to-Earn-CPE.aspx>

**Member Get a Member ENDS SOON!** The 2015 program offers rewards for recruiting new members - top rewards are 10in bladeless fan, high performance camera and binoculars, smartwatch, etc. Visit ISACA's website for details on how the [Member Get a Member](#) program rewards you when you influence others to join ISACA. This program runs until December 31st.

### **Maintain your ISACA® Profile and Contact Information**

Update your ISACA profile: Login at [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org). Click the My ISACA tab, click myProfile, and then click on the "Account - Certification CPE - Demographic Info" tab. Click the Edit button at the bottom of the display to make changes.

**Recommendations and suggestions** are welcome for new events, speakers, sponsors, venues, and topics for meetings and conferences. Email your suggestions to [membership@isacany.org](mailto:membership@isacany.org).

**Members @ A Glance** Visit the [Members @ A Glance](#) webpage for a quick reference guide to the benefits the New York Metropolitan Chapter offers.

**The 2015-2016 Membership Committee - Karen Alexander-Taylor, Rochelle Brenner, Yuliya Krol, and Michael Shanahan - looks forward to meeting and hearing from you!**

## **CERTIFICATION**

[Raisa Serebrenik](#)



The New York Metropolitan Chapter's Certification Committee continues to deliver ISACA® certification exam review classes. We recently completed our Fall 2015 review classes for the ISACA certification exams offered on December 12. All our classes were broadcast globally via webinar, and CISA and CRISC exam review classes were also conducted onsite. Attendees included New York Metropolitan Chapter members as well members of other chapters throughout the world.

The Certification Committee thanks BDO for hosting the Fall 2015 CISA and CRISC onsite classes, and for their ongoing support throughout the year of the Chapter's ISACA certification exam review classes.

Special thanks to the following members of our Certification Committee support team for their hard work and dedication in supporting the Fall 2015 classes: Sam Malla, Mohammad Sohail, Mitesh Parikh, Jaclyn Karboski, Lance Flocco, and Raisa Serebrenik.

Last but not least, a big THANK YOU to Jay Ranade of Risk Management Professionals International, the instructor for the Chapter's 2015 exam review classes, for sharing his knowledge and expertise while keeping the classes engaging and entertaining.

For those of you with ISACA certifications, remember to report your CPE hours for this year. If you have any questions on reporting CPE or renewing ISACA certifications, contact [certification@isaca.org](mailto:certification@isaca.org) for assistance. You can find CPE reporting FAQs at <http://www.isaca.org/Certification/Additional-Resources/Pages/CPE-FAQs.aspx>

If you are interested in pursuing a certification, providing a facility for the upcoming Spring 2016 review classes, or teaching an exam review class, please contact Raisa Serebrenik, Certification Committee Chair at [certification@isacany.org](mailto:certification@isacany.org).

## ACADEMIC RELATIONS

[Maria Sette](#)



### Recent Academic Relations Events

#### Fordham University Cyber Security Presentation

On December 2, the Academic Relations Committee participated at a cyber security student event hosted by the Gabelli School of Business at Fordham University Lincoln Center campus. The Academic Relations Committee members involved in the presentation were Anthony D'Amato, Maria Sette, Paul Fibkins, and Wei Tschang.

Anthony D'Amato, director and co-founder of eDelta Consulting, Inc., delivered an expert presentation on cybersecurity. Materials pertaining to ISACA cybersecurity certification programs and course offerings, and ISACA membership were presented by Maria Sette, our Academics Relations Committee Chair, and Wei Tschang, our Corresponding Secretary. Questions from students were answered by Paul Fibkins, Maria Sette, Anthony D'Amato and Wei Tschang drawing upon their combined cybersecurity experience in government, law enforcement, financial and legal services. We thank Fordham University's Associate Professor and Chair of Information Technology, Dr. Evan Katsamakas, and Adjunct Professor, Mr. Paul Fibkins, for making this event possible.



From left to right: Wei Tschang, Dr. Maria Sette, Dr. Evan Katsamakas, Paul Fibkins and Anthony D'Amato

### Upcoming 2016 Academic Relations Events

- ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter will host its first Student Competition. (Date, Time, Location TBA)
- On-site events are in planning for NYIT, Fordham University, UCONN, Pace University, Touro College, and CUNY in Old Westbury.

## TECHNOLOGY CORNER

[Samuel Tran](#)

### *New Risks of Kids' Toys Connected to the Internet*

In November, security researcher Matt Jakubowski was able to hack into Mattel's "Hello Barbie", an Internet-connected version of the Barbie doll that can converse with kids and record what they say. The data at risk is the home network information and all the recording files at Barbie stores. Because kids confide in the new doll like a diary, attackers may steal identity data such as their names, birth dates, addresses, etc. Privacy activists also raised concerns about the possibility that advertisers may use the recorded data.

VTech, an electronics company known for its vast selection of educational toys and cordless phones, announced their Learning Lodge app store database suffered a data breach on November 14, 2015 that exposed personal information of nearly 5 million parents and over 200,000 kids. The attackers gained access to the database using a technique known as SQL injection.

As more smart toys become part of the Internet-Of-Things, more and more data breaches will affect kids. The cybersecurity community tries to expose the risks of connected toys, but ultimately it is up to parents to make good cybersecurity decisions for their kids.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-vtech-cyberattack-kids-analysis-idUSKBN0TP0FQ20151206#7vOai8CbVmwLsVkv.97>

<http://motherboard.vice.com/read/one-of-the-largest-hacks-yet-exposes-data-on-hundreds-of-thousands-of-kids>

<http://gizmodo.com/the-horrifying-vtech-hack-let-someone-download-thousand-1745321580>

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

[View current job openings](#)

IT audit/assurance, security, risk and related positions in the New York Metropolitan area.

*Employers: List open positions on our website for **FREE!** Openings are posted for 30 days unless you direct otherwise. Send position description and contact information to [jobs@isacany.org](mailto:jobs@isacany.org).*

**NOTE:** job postings can only be seen by registered users logged into our site.

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