

REPORT OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR 2022 - 23

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen:

It gives me immense pleasure to place before you the Honorary Secretary's report of our Chapter activities for the year 2022 - 23. I would like to highlight some of the achievements of our Chapter and update you on the regular activities.

1. Membership Renewal

We are immensely happy to state that our chapter membership renewals stood at 73.48%. As of 30th June 2023, we are standing at 1374 members, and we are increasing steadily with great support from all of you.

The renewal percentage for the past three years are:

- **2023 Renewal Percentage: 73.48 %**
- **2022 Renewal Percentage: 76.40 %**
- **2021 Renewal Percentage: 76.05 %**

India has 12 Chapters as of now. Our chapter's membership renewal rate is amongst the highest in the region.

As notified in the last year AGM, we continue to report errors to ISACA Global regarding membership data (such as valid member data not found in the global membership roster, discrepancies with the renewal rates etc.,). We once again thank our members for bringing these errors to our attention and we are rigorously following up with ISACA Global for resolution.

2. Chapter Compliance Updates

On compliance matters, our Chapter compliance reporting are up to date with the following completed:

1. Monthly GST Filing
2. Statutory requirements of 'The Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975' including mandatory submission to Registrar of Societies

3. Filing of Annual Income Tax Returns
4. Annual ISACA Global Reporting

3. Chapter Activities

Now coming to our regular activities, I would like to describe them under the following major heads

- I. Professional Development activities comprising monthly meetings, certification meets, workshops, seminars, and annual conference
- II. Education initiatives which include exam review courses, training programs, and student bodies.
- III. Marketing, engagement with academic institutions, and associations with other professional bodies and stakeholders

a. MONTHLY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS (PDM's)

Every month we have been conducting the professional development meeting bringing on board speakers from across industries to address our members on issues of topical interest in Information Security, Information systems audit, Cyber Security, Risk management, Artificial Intelligence, Data Privacy, Third Party Risk Management and related subjects. These meetings are increasingly being well attended by our members. The security news roundup by Madras University students also generates a lot of interest among our members.

We have put our best efforts to conduct physical PDMs every quarter to facilitate networking among members. We explored hybrid (both physical and virtual) mode during April and May 2022, however we did not continue due to technical challenges and low turnout of members physically. All our virtual PDMs during this period were attended by about 150+ members on average and about 100+ members attended our physical PDMs. The seamless registration and CPE certificate process continued to benefit our members as they were able to download their CPE certificates instantly after the PDM was over.

We are also actively reaching out to our members using the social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Telegram, LinkedIn, YouTube,

Twitter etc. This has helped us still more in reaching the members actively.

The detailed listing of meetings held between Apr 2022 and Mar 2023 can be, found in **Annexure 1**.

b. SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

ISACA Chennai Chapter always strives to provide insights into the evolving areas and issues of topical interest by organizing seminars/conferences in such topics.

ISO/IEC 27001 Lead Auditor and Transition course

The lead auditor and transition course in partnership with Intertek Academy was designed to prepare the participants to audit against the ISO 27001 standard and also to come up to speed on the 2022 updates made to the ISO standard. The participants gained a comprehensive understanding of the best practices of information security management and learned the key changes to the standard.

Due to popular demand, the transition course was conducted a couple of times – the first one on Dec 26th and the second one on Feb 20th. The ISO 27001 Lead Auditor Program was conducted on Jan 21st. There were a total of 62 participants covering all the 3 courses. The participants received certificates from Intertek post successful completion of the ISO 27001 transition program. The participants who completed the ISO 27001 Lead auditor program received International Register of Certificated Auditors (IRCA) certificate.

Compliance Perspective of the New Data Protection Act of India (DPA 2021)

We partnered with Madras Management Association and FDPPI for this seminar on the new Data Protection Act of India. The seminar addressed the following topics:

1. A General Introduction of the Law - DPA 2021
2. Key Legal issues that emerge out of the law
3. Critical Technology Challenges before the industry
4. Professional opportunities and Disruptions created
5. Existing Compliance Frameworks and New Codes of Practice

This event was well attended by our members.

Software Bill of Materials for Auditing Security and Licensing Risks webinar

A virtual webinar was conducted on Nov 3, 2022 by Dr. Baljeet Malhotra of TeejLab. Software Composition Analysis (SCA), Open source Libraries, API ecosystems, Static/Dynamic Applications Testing (SAT/DAT), API Discovery and Technical Due Diligence, Continuous API Monitoring and Assessment were some of the topics discussed during the webinar. A hands-on walkthrough of the API Risk Management platform developed by TeejLab was part of the webinar. Attendees created their user accounts and had practical exposure of the platform and its use cases.

This free program was attended by over 100+ members virtually.

c. Risk aware business in a RUPT world – ISACA Chennai Conference 2022



Last year, we were back to physical mode of our flagship annual conference after conducting virtual for the last two years – ASIA CACS 2020 and ICC 2021. The conference was themed digIT – The Pandemic Push – a very apt theme that got aligned with the current trends.

As usual, the conference was preceded by three workshops (Demystifying Cloud Security and Audit, PIA Masterclass and FAIR Model) for which about 150 delegates registered.

The two-day conference at Hotel Crownne Plaza, Alwapet began with a welcome address by President Mr. Mahesh Kalayanamaram, followed by an impactful key note address from Mr. Rajeev Lochan, CMD, Sundaram Finance. Our Chief Guest was Thiru. Mano Thangaraj, Honourable Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services, Government of Tamilnadu. The honorable Minister's speech was a fabulous description of the challenges Tamil Nadu faces in attracting capital due to the shortage of skilled workforce as required by the industry and the various programmes initiated by the state government to bridge the gap. He ended by saying that Tamil Nadu, which had in the past provided a large share of knowledge workers, would soon become a hub of skilled workers. He exhorted the industry and organizations like ISACA Chennai to participate in the efforts. Mr. Rajeev's key note speech set the tone for the conference on how globalization is positively impacting India and the risks associated with such changing trends.

Our conference featured 3 parallel tracks (i) Cloud (ii) Privacy & Governance (iii) Emerging Technologies with 30 sessions. Various eminent speakers, young or experienced shared their perspectives for two days and the delegates had a sumptuous feast of information to carry away.

The grand conference ended with two panel discussions on the themes of Managing Cloud in a RUPT world and Skilling for the Future which were very topical and well received by the audience.

We once again thank all the support from our Chennai Chapter members and corporates, sponsors and others as well as looking forward to an increased level of support in the upcoming conferences.

ICC 2022 highlights

- Grand physical conferece after 2 years
- A remarkable theme matching to the current trends
- 350+ delegates
- 8 sponsors
- Three full day event with pre-conference workshops
- 1 chief guest and 1 key note address
- 30+ talk sessions
- Two-panel discussions

d. FOUNDER'S DAY

This year Founders day was celebrated on Mar 4, 2023. As a practice, we have been inviting speakers who are not from the information security, Audit, and IT Governance fields.

The august addressal by the Chapter President and Senior members was followed by the Guest talks - this time the 2 topics chosen were so diverse and delightful - one was Hidden Science in Art which explored the innate and incisive association between Astronomy, Astrology, Physical Science, and Mathematics by Mrs. Archana Raghuram and the other was on 'Sleep', its quality, quantity, timing and its utmost importance to wellness by Mr. Arvind Ashok. A treat to the mind was followed by a treat to the taste buds with a scrumptious dinner. Family members also participated, as is our practice.

4. EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Continuing the tradition of review programs, we conducted 4 review programs from April 2022 to March 2023:

- April 16, 2022 to May 7, 2022 – CISA
- Aug 20, 2022 to Aug 28, 2022 – CISM
- Nov 5, 2022 to Nov 20, 2022 – CISA
- Dec 17, 2022 to Dec 25, 2022 – CRISC
- Mar 18, 2023 to Apr 2, 2023 – CISA

There were 34 participants in total.

As the COVID restrictions eased down, we have started to conduct the review programs in physical mode on a trial basis starting this year (2023).

5. MARKETING, ENGAGEMENT WITH EDUCATIONAL & OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES

➤ MARKETING

To create visibility for ISACA and our Chapter, we have ordered ISACA Chennai logo embossed stainless steel water bottles through ISACA Global. I wish to inform members that this marketing program is 100% supported by ISACA Global.

6. Chapter social media and Website related

ISACA Chennai Chapter is among one of the most active social media handles having highly active follower base on all major social media platforms. We have a LinkedIn Company page, Facebook Page, a YouTube Channel. The current Number of subscribers in our channels along with last year details are in the table below:

Social media	Current AGM	Previous AGM
LinkedIn	3192	2407
Facebook	1400	1334
YouTube	592	493
Twitter	482	445
Instagram	199	150

We are making all efforts to improve the effectiveness of our social media presence.

I place this report before this august body to deliberate and approve.

Sripathy Raagav K
Honorary Secretary
ISACA - Chennai Chapter

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Annexure 1 - REPORT OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

Details of Monthly Meetings:

Date	Event Name
9-Apr-2022	Payment Systems – India and Abroad by S Panchi Founder and Managing Director, YesPanchi Tech Services Private Limited (Hybrid)
14-May-2022	Information Security Controls and implementation – Changes in ISO 27002 by Madhavan S, BSI India Pvt Ltd. (Hybrid)
11-Jun-2022	New-Age Threats and mitigating techniques by Balakrishnan Kanniah Head – IT Security operations and cybersecurity delivery, Expleo solutions ltd (Physical)
09-July-2022	Information Security Risk Reporting – Management Expectations by KBS Manian, Group Chief Risk Officer & Head of Internal Audit of Apollo Hospitals Group (Physical)
13-Aug-2022	What is AI and how will it affect all of us by Viswanathan Rajeswaran, Capgemini (Physical)
24-Sep-2022	The trust-machine and Security by Dr. Sujata Seshadrinathan, Director, IT, Product and Process at Basiz Fund Services
08-Oct-2022	Cybersecurity in the Manufacturing Industry by Mr. Murugappan Krishnan Director Flex
15-Oct-2022	Bug Bounty Platform of India & Vulnerability Assessment / Penetration Testing Tool suite by Ms. Shifa Cyclewala, CEO Breach Point
12-Nov-2022	APT Attacks and use of CDR Technology by Mr Suriya Prakash and Mr. J Prasanna of Cysecuritycorp
10-Dec-2022	Draft Digital Data Protection Bill, 2022 by D. Lourthu Paul Belson
14-Jan-2023	Effective Implementation of PIMS ISO 27701 by Ganesh Kandasamy, Confinav Consulting Pvt Ltd (CCPL) – Session 1
28-Jan-2023	Effective Implementation of PIMS ISO 27701 by Ganesh Kandasamy, Confinav Consulting Pvt Ltd (CCPL) – Session 2
11-Feb-2023	The New Emergent CISO by Ravikumar Ramachandran
11-Mar-2023	Cyberpsychology and Digital dilemma by Anish Koshy, Standard Chartered (Physical)