Good morning everyone, and as the COVID-19 situation carries on, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well. Your Board has continued to be active, and in an effort to support you, we have been one of the first UK Chapters to provide on-line events which can be enjoyed live and on demand via the chapter website.

We eased our way into on-line events and our experience has been positive with plans for more events to come. As part of our plans for 2020/21 season, we hope to continue with some virtual events as well as returning to face to face events once they are possible. We will also explore possibilities for recording presentations from the live events to make these available on demand.

Events

Over the last few weeks, we have successfully held 2 on-line live events.

For our first event, supported by Sapphire in April, we deliberately limited the capacity to 50 attendees. As it was our first venture into this type of event, we wanted to ensure we could “walk before we tried to run!”.  

For the second event supported by Mazars in early May, we increased the capacity to 100 attendees. This event quickly sold out and we’ve since had many members access it on demand!

For both events we took the decision to not have a wait list and there were several reasons for this. That is, they were planned and executed at quite short notice and the administration of a waitlist could not be justified as the sessions would be recorded and made available within a few days. We did record both of these events, they can both be found on our chapter site.

Each of these events have 1 CPE, once you have watched you need to take the survey (included in the links above) as the results (you need a pass mark of at least 2 out of 3) are used by us to upload your CPE. These uploads will be approximately monthly. Please use the email address you have registered with ISACA otherwise your CPE may not be processed successfully.
Future Events

To avoid disappointment going forward, we are delighted to announce that we have increased our license with Zoom to 500 participants.

Our next event will be on 27 May at 10am. Jim Seaman will be presenting on PCI DSS. Please register here.

Also, please hold the date, for 24 June. We are so excited to be hosting our Annual Conference virtually this year, we are planning to hold a ½ day event with 3 speakers (Vernon Poole – updating lessons learnt on the new BAU, Zaza Handy – Windows Tools and Allan Boardman – the relationship between 2nd and 3rd lines of defence). You can register for the event here.

We plan to incorporate a mini AGM to the Conference. Our bylaws do not allow us to hold a Board member vote on-line, so I have asked the current Board to stay as is until January 2021.

We can as part of this, give a quick update on membership, finances and future plans.

SheLeadsTech & CyberGirlsFirst

We are working with ISACA UK & Ireland colleagues on a CyberGirlsFirst initiative to develop a programme of linked videos with interactive activities for students. This is hoped to be ready for launch next month.

We are also working with colleagues in Central Chapter to deliver a UK & Ireland conference on Diversity in the Cyber Age to be held in early 2021. In between now and then, look out for vignettes promoting this event and showing how you can engage in this important agenda for all. The intent of this conference is to cover all aspects of diversity including gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status and/or neurodiversity. If this is a subject close to your heart and you’d be keen to be involved, please feel free to contact Sarah Orton directly.

As part of the programme of webinars, we would also be keen to host a SheLeadsTech panel discussion event early in the 2020/21 season. If you would be interested in being involved in this, again please contact Sarah directly.
Other online training / information

We have seen a few on-line sessions by other providers that look interesting, but as I understand do NOT provide ISACA CPEs.


Verizon - http://go.verizonenterprise.com/p0q00l1trW051o3PFU06M60

Also look out for SASIG webinars.

We are also exploring holding limited capacity meetings, in the form of roundtables for special interest groups, we will keep you posted!!

Finally

I would like to thank your Board for all their hard work especially during this unprecedented time, where there was a need to pivot getting the on-line events up and running

Please all take care and stay safe and we will see you as soon as is possible.

Regards

John