

Your New Orleans IIA Chapter wishes you a Happy New Year!

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(<http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm?act=home.page&cid=35>). Or you can just copy and paste the link into your internet address window.

Computer-Based Certification Testing Delayed

Computer-based testing for the IIA certifications is delayed until May, 2008, along with other program enhancements, including year-round testing. IIA scheduled the implementation of computer-based training for February, 2008, with pre-determined testing windows. With this delay, the system will be implemented in May with no testing-window constraints. According to IIA's announcement, "Upon registering, a candidate will have six months to sit for the exam. Candidates who do not pass an exam part must wait 90 days before being allowed to retest." For more information, please visit the IIA's website at www.theiia.org/certification.

Common Body of Knowledge (CBOK)

IIA conducted the CBOK to create "a global baseline that comprises the attributes of an effective internal audit activity; the skills, competencies, and knowledge of internal auditors; the tools and techniques for internal audit practice; and emerging roles for internal audit practitioners." To download a free copy in pdf format, please visit <http://www.theiia.org/research/common-body-of-knowledge/>. In addition, IIA is implementing a "CBOK of the Month" initiative in 2008 and will focus on key areas of CBOK.

IPPF Standards

The Internal Audit Standards Board (IASB) approved the public viewing of the IPPF Standards for 90 days beginning in January, 2008. Please review this important document and send any comments and/or suggestions to guidance@theiia.org. The IASB will consider information they receive and disposition of comments will be made available upon request. If any changes are substantive, the revised documents will be reissued for further comment. The IPPF Standards can be viewed at <http://www.theiia.org/guidance/standards-and-practices/professional-practices-framework/ippf-project/>.

New Orleans IIA Chapter Meetings

Our January meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2008, at Bourbon House. James Sayles, VP, Chief Risk and Compliance Officer, Favored Solutions, LLP will present Understanding Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) – In-depth: Using the Right ERM and Compliance Framework as a Catalyst for Mitigating Business and Information Risks while Improving Audit Outcome. See the New Orleans IIA Chapter website to register - <http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/home.page/cid/35>. Deadline for registration is Noon on Monday, January 14.

Spreadsheet Compliance Presentation

The Spreadsheet Compliance presentation, whitepaper, and analysis report given by Doug Berryhill of Compassoft at our October meeting is available on our chapter website - <http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/members.library/cid/35>.

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Member Exchange

Want to connect with your IIA colleagues? Visit the Member Exchange <http://www.theiia.org/memberexchange/>. With Member Exchange, you can

- Make connections globally;
- Identify other internal audit professionals with whom to collaborate, share best practices, or brainstorm solutions to common challenges;
- Network with your colleagues pre- and post- IIA events;
- Connect with other IIA colleagues while traveling, attend other local chapter/institute meetings, and expand your network further.

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Seminars/Workshops

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Free CPE on February 20 - IIA New Orleans once again invites its members, other accounting and auditing professionals, and students to a complimentary one hour social and one hour CPE training event at the Royal Sonesta Hotel on February 20th from 5 to 7 p.m. This event will provide a great opportunity to learn what's new, to network with fellow auditors, and to find out about how to become more involved in the chapter. There will be social networking from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. and a "Best Practices in Negotiations" presentation given by Charity Prentice, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Attendance is limited so register now!

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IIA Headquarters is providing this opportunity to our chapter and is also hosting many great seminars in New Orleans during that week. If you are interested or would like more information on the specific courses available, please click on the link below:

<http://www.theiia.org/training/index.cfm?act=seminar.mapstate&location=LA>

Audit Services

Audit Services offers a free, complimentary "Helpers" Newsletter for Internal Auditors accessible at <http://www.auditservices.com/helpers.html>. Also, please note for any members subscribing to their on-line internal audit manual (<http://www.auditmanual.org>), they added a CIA Exam Help tab to assist in preparation for the exam.

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Job Postings

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New Orleans Chapter Monthly Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17, at Zea's on St. Charles Avenue. Our speaker will be Michael Thomas of Crowe Chizek and Company LLC, and the topic will be "Keys for Effective Enterprise Risk Management." Deadline for registration is Noon on Monday, April 14. For registration information, please click on the link of copy and paste into your internet address window.

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The IIA Announces Two New Guides on Assessing IT General Controls and Processes

The IIA released its first series in the Guide to the Assessment of IT Risk (GAIT) in January 2007. On March 17, it released 2 new guides in the series.

- **GAIT Methodology** - a methodology to help organizations identify the key IT general controls (ITGCs) needed for an efficient and effective scope of work for Section 404 of the U.S. Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- **GAIT for IT General Control Deficiency Assessment** - an approach for assessing any IT general controls deficiencies identified during the annual assessment of internal control over financial reporting
- **GAIT for Business and IT Risk** - identifying the critical aspects of IT processes that are essential to the management and mitigation of business risk

The guidance is free and available as a download at the following website:

http://www.theiia.org/go?to=eblast_2008_03_20_gait.

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IIA Research Foundation Information

The mission of the IIA Research Foundation is "to expand knowledge and understanding of internal auditing by providing relevant research and educational products to advance the profession globally." Please review the attached presentation for more valuable information on the IIA Research Foundation.



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