Preeminent Cybersecurity Expert and President of ISSA Ira Winkler to Speak at ISSA-LA Fifth Annual Information Security Summit on Cybercrime

Los Angeles – March, 28, 2013 – Ira Winkler, CISSP, president of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA) ® and internationally acclaimed author of several books on information security, will be a featured speaker at the Los Angeles Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA-LA) Fifth Annual *Information Security Summit* on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at Hilton Universal City Hotel in Los Angeles. The theme of the one-day Summit — *The Growing Cyber Threat: Protect Your Business* —reflects the new reality that cybercrime impacts the financial health of all organizations: business, not-for-profits, government agencies, schools and others. The Summit advances ISSA-LA's core belief that *'It takes the village to secure the village'* ^{SM}.

"We are fortunate to have Ira speak at our Summit, since he is one of the most sought after speakers and one of the world's most influential cybersecurity professionals," said ISSA-LA President Stan Stahl, PhD. "In the face of complex cyber threats, Ira really drives home the challenges of preventing cybercrime, providing valuable wisdom and insights to the security, technology and business professionals who are called on to make crucial decisions on information security in their own organizations."

Mr. Winkler has been named a "Modern Day James Bond" by CNN and other media. He is an author of several riveting, entertaining, and educational books, including *Spies Among Us* and *Zen and the Art of Information Security*. A columnist for ComputerWorld, he also writes for several other industry publications. He has been featured in magazines and newspapers including Forbes, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, San Francisco Chronicle, Washington Post, Planet Internet, and Business 2.0. He is also a frequent TV commentator on cyber security. Mr. Winkler also won the Hall of Fame award from the Information Systems Security Association, as well as several other prestigious industry awards.

Mr. Winkler began his career at the National Security Agency, where he served as an Intelligence and Computer Systems Analyst. He moved on to support other US and overseas government military and intelligence agencies. After leaving government service, he went on to serve as President of the Internet Security Advisors Group, Chief Security Strategist at HP Consulting, and Director of Technology of the National Computer Security Association. He has also served on the Graduate and Undergraduate faculties of The Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland.

In September 2012, Mr. Winkler was elected president of the international Information Systems Security Association (ISSA)®, the parent organization of ISSA-LA.

The ISSA-LA Summit is the only educational forum in Los Angeles specifically designed to encourage participation and interaction among all three vital information security constituencies: (1) business executives, senior business managers, and their trusted advisors; (2) technical IT personnel with responsibility for information systems and the data they contain; and (3) information security practitioners with responsibility for ensuring the security of sensitive information.

Registration is open to anyone interested in learning more about information security but is particularly recommended for business and nonprofit executives and senior managers; business professionals in law, accounting, insurance and banking; technical IT personnel; law enforcement professionals fighting cybercrime; faculty and students in college and university cybersecurity programs; and information security practitioners.

The Information Security Summit is part of ISSA-LA's important community outreach program. The goal of the program is to help the community stay safe from cybercrime by enabling the necessary collaboration between business, nonprofit and community leaders, technical IT professionals, and the information security community.