ISSA of Los Angeles Holds Fourth Annual Information Security Summit on Protecting Businesses from Cybercrime

Los Angeles –Feb 14, 2012 – The Los Angeles Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA-LA) will hold its fourth annual *Information Security Summit* on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at Hilton Universal City Hotel in Los Angeles. The theme of the one-day Summit is *The Growing Cyber Threat: Protect Your Business*.

"The explosive growth in cybercrime that we noted last year has continued. This year has seen the rise of Hacktivists like Anonymous with cyber attacks against organizations like Sony, Citi, the U. S. Senate, the CIA and the Department of Justice," says ISSA-LA President Dr. Stahl.

"Small companies too are under attack," Stahl continues, "Breach disclosure costs run more than $200 per database record. Bloomberg has reported that online bank fraud losses last year exceeded $1 billion dollars, dollars that banks are often not required to return. These are dollars that businesses can ill afford to lose."

"Yesterday's defenses simply don't work against today's cyber-attacks," Stahl continues. "The most effective defense requires that everyone play their part: Senior management, IT staff and well-trained users. It takes everyone in the organization to secure the organization."

The 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 information security professionals, technical IT personnel, business executives and senior managers, and business professionals in law, accounting, insurance and banking.

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

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About Information Systems Security Association (ISSA)
The Information Systems Security Association is a not-for-profit, international organization of information security professionals and practitioners. It provides educational forums, publications and peer interaction opportunities that enhance the knowledge, skill and professional growth of its members. The primary goal of ISSA is to promote management practices that will ensure availability, integrity and confidentiality of information resources. For more information or to register, please visit: www.issa-la.org .

About Stan Stahl, PhD

Dr. Stahl has been President of ISSA-LA for nearly 5 years and is the architect of the chapter's community outreach program. He is a pioneer in information security, entering the field in 1980. He began his career securing teleconferencing at the White House, databases inside Cheyenne Mountain and the communications network controlling our nuclear weapons arsenal. He is the co-founder and president of Citadel Information Group, Inc., an information security management firm. Dr. Stahl earned his Ph.D. in mathematics from The University of Michigan and spent nearly 15 years teaching university mathematics. He has taught courses in information security, software engineering, project management and computer programming at several universities and colleges. He recently served on the faculty at the University of Southern California in the School of Engineering's Information Technology Program. For More information, visit www.citadel-information.com and http://www.linkedin.com/pub/stan-stahl-phd/0/455/105.