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### **Cybersecurity Expert and President of ISSA Ira Winkler to Speak at ISSA-LA Seventh Annual Information Security Summit on Cybercrime Solutions**

**Los Angeles – February 23, 2015** – 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) Seventh Annual Information Security Summit on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. The one-day Summit, ***The Growing Cyber Threat: Protect Your Business***, highlights the financial impact cybercrime has on all organizations: business, not-for-profits, government agencies, schools, healthcare and others. The Summit advances ISSA-LA's core belief that ***'It takes the village to secure the village'***<sup>SM</sup>.

"We have been fortunate to have had Ira join us at previous Summits, and the responses from attendees have encouraged us to invite him back again to share his knowledge and experience with us," said Richard Greenberg, Summit Co-Chair and ISSA Fellow. "You will be assured to not get a canned presentation, but his personal thoughts and beliefs, resulting in a dynamic and sometimes controversial talk."

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, and he is a frequent TV commentator on cyber security.

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. Currently, in addition to being ISSA President, he is President of the Internet Security Advisors Group and a Director on the ISSA International Board, chairing the Strategic Alliances Committee. He consults to some of the largest corporations in the world, providing strategic consulting services, such as CISO trusted advisor services, high visibility security assessment services, and awareness training. He has also served on the Graduate and Undergraduate faculties of The Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland.

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

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, law enforcement and the information security community.

For more information on the Seventh Annual Information Security Summit and to register visit <http://summit.issala.org>.

#### **About ISSA-LA**

The Los Angeles Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA-LA) is the premier catalyst and information source in Los Angeles for improving the practice of

information security. The Chapter provides educational programs for information security and IT professionals. The Chapter also conducts outreach programs to businesses, financial institutions, nonprofits, governmental agencies, and consumers. ISSA-LA is the founding Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association, an international not-for-profit organization of information security professionals and practitioners. Please follow the Chapter on Twitter at @ISSALA as well as LinkedIn and Facebook.

### **About the ISSA**

The Information Systems Security Association (ISSA)® is the community of choice for international cybersecurity professionals dedicated to advancing individual growth, managing technology risk, and protecting critical information and infrastructure. ISSA members and award winners include many of the industry's notable luminaries and represent a broad range of industries - from communications, education, healthcare, manufacturing, financial and consulting to IT - as well as federal, state and local government departments and agencies. Through regional chapter meetings, conferences, networking events and content, members tap into a wealth of shared knowledge and expertise. Visit ISSA on the web at <http://www.issa.org> and follow us on Twitter at @ISSAINTL.