Cloud computing has emerged as one of the most significant information technology developments over the past decade. Cloud computing provides organizations with access to resources that might otherwise be cost prohibited. This Auditing the Cloud course provides participants with a deeper understanding of cloud related designs, risks, and controls while examining the connection between cybersecurity and cloud environments. Further, this course provides additional insight into cloud related standards and guidelines, and explains how to audit cloud environments.

Course Topics

⇒ The training session hosted by EY is to provide interested students and professionals a background on cloud auditing, including coverage on key cloud topics such as governance, risk management, risk and controls assessment, security, monitoring and regulatory compliance.

⇒ The session will include industry insights and experiences on how organizations have adapted their risk management and auditing practices to account for cloud technologies and solutions. The session will be interactive, and questions/participation is highly encouraged.

⇒ The intended outcomes of the session is that attendees will gain a fundamental understanding of cloud auditing and key considerations for developing a cloud audit plan.

Date: Friday, May 7, 2021
Times: 11:00 am—2:00 pm
Location: Online via Zoom (meeting link will be provided upon registration)
Cost: FREE (for ISACA/IIA members, and SUNY Albany Students)
CPEs: 3 (available only to ISACA and IIA Chapter members)
Registration:
https://www.event.com/events/virtual-event-auditing-the-cloud-ey/-registration-1e4b6ced94fe49809b1555b11de0bd60.aspx?fqp=true
As I come to the end of my term, I find myself reflecting on the end of a challenging year. Things didn’t look anything like I expected, but despite the challenges we were able to shift our programs online and maintain the quality you’ve come to expect from the chapter. As things begin to open back up, I look forward to the potential of in-person events during the upcoming chapter year. And while I will no longer be president, I’m not going anywhere! I look forward to continuing to serve the chapter and its members in different roles in the future.

If you haven’t had the opportunity to tune in to any of the sessions with the new IIA CEO, I highly recommend that you check this one out (The IIA: Our Path Forward in Advancing the Profession). Anthony Pugliese describes his vision of the future of the profession and of the organization. I am excited to see the new initiatives he will bring. Something else to stay tuned for – the IIA is updating its logo and branding in the upcoming chapter year.

As always, please let us know if there is anything you would like to see the Chapter offer in the way of training or other services. We are here for you. And don’t forget that anyone is welcome to join our Board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:45 am.

It has been a pleasure to serve you as Chapter president.  

Best regards,  
Sandy

IIA Webinars

You may want to add this address to your system’s “safe” list. Otherwise, it may go to a spam folder. Three log-in/access emails are sent: 5 days prior, 1 day prior, and 2 hours prior to the start of the webinar. Thank you!

Most organizations are fully aware of the benefits of adopting an Agile methodology but many lack the steps they can take to successfully implement it. This session will provide a step-by-step overview on how to overcome the common roadblocks financial services organizations face when trying to adopt an Agile methodology.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the core basics of the Agile methodology for internal audit practice.
- Identify what to look for within your internal audit department and larger organization to assess if Agile is right for you.
- Understand the initial steps to introduce Agile auditing into your audit team.

**Disruptive Innovation Disrupting Internal Audit**
May 18, 2021
3:30 – 4:30 PM

Organizations are embracing disruptive innovation and internal auditors have the
opportunity to provide meaningful input to the innovation life cycle while ensuring emerging risks are effectively mitigated. But fulfilling these responsibilities can be challenging for the internal audit function if it is not prepared. During this webcast, we will dive into disruptive innovation covering technology, ecosystem expansion, startup investments, and how the internal audit function is evolving to react to these changes.

Learning Objectives

- Identify and discuss the latest disruptive innovations.
- Describe how to develop an internal audit approach to address disruptive innovation.
- Explain how to support the organization without holding it back.
- Analyze client case studies.

In today’s environment, internal audit is vulnerable to complacency and irrelevance. Internal auditors need to break out of their historical frame of reference and be ready to work on what matters most.

According to the 2021 North American Pulse of Internal Audit report, less than 50% of internal audit department leaders consider their functions to be very or extremely agile. Get in the middle of ERM and emerge from the pandemic better equipped for what’s ahead by preparing and positioning yourself to showcase internal audit’s value in new ways. Give yourself a competitive advantage by hearing from a former CAE on the skillsets most desired for the future of internal audit.

In this session, participants will:

- Understand how internal audit functions can be ready to respond to what matters most to their organization.
- Learn why easier is not better, and why harder develops and out-performs.
- Broaden leadership competencies to be most relevant to organizations that want high-performing talent.

Certification News

By Katherine Hogan, CPA, CIA, CFE, CRMA

Happy International Internal Audit Awareness Month!! I hope you’ve all been able to enjoy the nicer weather and the trees and flowers starting to bloom!

What better way to celebrate Internal Audit month than signing up to become a Certified Internal Auditor? If you’re new to internal auditing, it is a great way to learn the profession and if you have a few years’ experience under your belt, then it’s a good way to solidify your knowledge! The IIA is offering a Certification Q & A for those interested – visit the registration page for more details or to register.
The new CRMA exam is now live! If you applied to the program before March 31, 2021, please check your registration information for your exam expiration date. If you missed the application window for the old version, you must meet the update eligibility requirements to apply for the new exam. The good news is that the IIA is currently accepting applications to beta test the new version at a significant discount. Information on beta testing can be found here and information on the eligibility requirements for the new exam can be found here.

Online testing is still ongoing, so you don’t have to put your certification goals on hold while test centers remain closed. More information can be found on the Certification Online Proctoring page.

As always, if you have any questions about information in this article, or about IIA certifications in general, please feel free to contact me at Katherine.Hogan@nystrs.org

Best regards,
Katherine

Certification News (Continued)

Membership Corner
By Christopher Herald, CIA, CGAP

Please join me in welcoming the following individuals to the IIA Albany Chapter:

Theresa A. Anderson
Mary Boehm
Bethany Caldwell
EllieLynn Hawkins
Katherine Huott
Christopher Mefford

Do you have some free time you’re looking to fill? If so, we always welcome additional assistance from our members. If you have thought about helping out our chapter but have been hesitant to do so, send me an email letting me know what you are interested in doing and we can see if it is something that will fit into your schedule.

Chris Herald
Membership Chair
oldsdoc@yahoo.com
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It’s your turn **to speak**

Don’t forget to report your speaking hours to

**Cristina Shord**

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