Greeting Chicago Chapter Members,

The 56th Annual Seminar is right around the corner on Monday, April 4th and the theme this year is Building Excellence Through Innovation, Inspiration, and Insight. The main focus is to explore and discuss innovations and provide insight into the profession in order to lead you on the path to excellence. The Annual Seminar team is doing a fantastic job in bringing together a slate of thought leaders and tailoring content to meet the diverse experiences of our members. This event provides our Chapter members the unique opportunity to learn from top-notch speakers through a variety of tracks and sessions and to obtain up to 8 CPE.

This year also marks the 75th Anniversary of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). Since 1941, the IIA has helped shape the profession and grown to become the profession’s most widely recognized advocate, educator, and provider of standards, guidance, and certifications. Its globally recognized code of ethics and International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing guide internal auditors worldwide in carrying out their jobs. Today, The IIA serves more than 180,000 members from more than 170 countries and territories. To celebrate this momentous occasion, the IIA’s 2016 International Conference is taking place in New York City, July 17–20, 2016.

At the end of May our 2015-2016 chapter year will come to a close but until then our committees have been hard at work pulling together a variety of training opportunities. Please be on the lookout regarding our upcoming events and don’t miss out on registration:

February 11: NextGen - Industry and Services: Perspectives from Both Sides of the Profession

March 14 & 15: New Audit Manager Tools and Techniques (2nd one-day class added)

March: Manager Roundtable

April 4: Annual Seminar - Building Excellence Through Innovation, Inspiration, and Insight

May: CAE Roundtable

May: Annual Meeting & Election of New Officers

Over the next few months we will be nominating our new Officers and Board of Governors for the 2016-2017 Chapter Year. I hope you will consider applying to volunteer with the Chapter as it’s never too late!

It has been a great pleasure to work with such a wonderful, dedicated group of people and to serve the as your President this year. As a team member, I am proud of all our accomplishments and look forward to the continued success and accomplishments of the Chapter.

Rebecca Nilson, President
IIA Chicago Chapter

“If you’re not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you’re determined to learn, no one can stop you.”
— Unknown
Don’t miss the upcoming 56th Annual Seminar!

**IIA Chicago Chapter  56th Annual Seminar**

**Date:** Monday, April 4, 2016; 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

**Location:** Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL

We are excited to continue our path to Internal Audit Excellence with our 56th Annual Seminar. We will discuss industry innovations and provide insight into the profession in order to lead you on the path to excellence. We are bringing together a slate of thought leaders and tailoring content to meet the diverse experiences of our members.

The goal of the Annual Seminar is to learn something new and network with your peers.

This year’s Keynotes are:

**John K Coyle,** NBC analyst, Olympic Silver Medalist, Professor of Innovation, speaker and author. John will share his passions and practical guidelines to empower attendees to take extraordinary action to innovate their lives and careers to achieve breakthrough performance and create meaning in the process.

**Our very own Mike Joyce.** Help us in congratulating Mike for his new role as, Chairman of the IIA North American Board of Directors for 2015-16. During the general session, he will share insights on how internal auditors, uniquely positioned can ‘Make Your Mark’ in our professions, organizations, and community.

**Finally, don’t miss Dan Thurmon’s presentation come to life in the afternoon.** Dan is the author of two books, a renowned speaker, and a recognized expert in delivering peak performances – on stage and in the workplace.
Welcome New Members

Members are what make a professional organization successful. The Chicago Chapter would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members who recently joined the Chapter:

Anastasia Davlatov
Dipesh Patel
Kelly Dollard
Sofiya Akhmedova
Joel Lamm
Jamie Welter
Kristen Yang
Dana Patera
Lauren Patera
John Popow
Kramjit Virk
Eric Zarcone
Kjersti Drott
Erin Milligan
Gretchen Quillin
Prerna Russell
John Foley
Jason Hanavan
Johnathon Klyczek
Antoinette Aquino
Tortorella
Kathleen McCoy
Jeffrey Thilmany
Eric Eversman
Christine Gallagher
Jason Sordini
Amro Abulaban
Victor Borrull
Michelle Liebold
Tyler Young
Aaron Brooks
Hafez Damulira
Timothy Forbes
Rebecca Halteman
Tim Coonan
Marissa Schlagenhauf
Christie Bae
Nancy Brooks
Taylor Cottam
Austin Cyphers
Yousuf Hussain
Kevin Leuck
Karrington Lewis
Thomas Luka
Keqi Meng
Adam Price
Julia Rossdeutcher
Jennifer Smiglielski
Edward Antanitus
Ian Blackwell
Justin Cook
Joel Dubin
Asma Heptulla
Nicholas Lu
Susan Mc Rann
Quinn Pelletier
Zachary Plantz
Kathleen Severyn
Faizan Tai
Geswein Zackary
Noshin Sheikh
Henry Fonanigh
Rade Jovanovic
Matthew Noffke
Sandra Robinson
Stacy Loomis
Benjamin Eder
Yiqi Huang
Sean Kim
Joshua Puterbaugh
Ragy Elmenoufy
Felicia Mansfield
Allison Hurst
Jon Sadayasu
Victoria Seay
Nicolas Sanchez
Bulgan Tserennadmid

Kirstie Banh
Kevin Bogue
Swati Kothari
Rong Liu
Jessica Rios
Yunze Song
Begench Amangeldiev
Matthew Bedan
Alexandre Guillaume
Margaret Ponlatowska
April Williams
Matthew Hammer
Bonnie Stewart
The Chicago Chapter would like to congratulate the following members who recently received their certification:

Conan Wiersema  
Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA)

Puja Shah  
Certified Financial Services Auditor (CFSA)

Anthony Snell  
Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

Lunheng Li  
Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

Amie Laufer  
Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

Meghan Klemm  
Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

Kevin Curtin  
Certified Financial Services Auditor (CFSA)

Katherine Moore  
Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

The IIA Chicago Chapter Women’s Initiative Form focuses on encouraging and empowering women to embark on leadership roles within respective career roles. The committee aims to focus on many areas such as training, best practices, networking that will be an asset as new and experienced auditors enter the workplace. Since the kick-off of the mentorship program in spring 2015, the committee paired the interested mentors and mentees in order to create a new value-adding relationship that will help foster individual professional development, build your professional network, and share best practices.

The committee is currently working on the following initiatives: 1) distributing a survey in order to get the feedback on the initial roll-out of the mentorship program; and 2) Spring 2016 networking event. Stay tuned for more details.

Current Committee Members:
Jill Czerwinski  
Sylvia Delaney  
Jay Dowell  
Deitra Jackson  
Ivona Karpiel  
Angela Maslovskaya  
Darcy Morowitz

The IIA Chicago Chapter Career Assistance Program (CAP) Committee has assisted members during career transitions in the following three ways:

- providing access to training and networking events,
- communicating available job opportunities, and
- offering scholarships to attend educational sessions.

Additionally, the CAP Committee is looking to expand the scope of the program this year to include career advancement within the internal audit field.

CAP uses LinkedIn as the main forum to communicate information from employers and recruiters to members who are in career transition. The Chapter established this LinkedIn group (IIA – Chicago Chapter) to facilitate networking and discussions.

The CAP Committee encourages all to become a member of the LinkedIn group and eligible individuals to take advantage of the training discounts.

Certifications

Career Assistance Program
Managers Forum

Another great Managers Forum took place on November 16th at the offices of KPMG, located at the Aon Center. Our view for the morning as wonderful as Lake Michigan and Soldier Field. Over 60 people were in attendance with two dynamic speakers provided by KPMG:

- **Data & Analytics** – Brian Greenberg, Director, KPMG Advisory Services

As organizations continue to do more with less, it is important to identify ways to continually improve audit coverage and effectiveness to protect your organizations - not only from a compliance perspective but from a business performance perspective. The session focused on enabling an Analytic Mindset and share best practices related to Results Aggregation and Data Visualization to effectively identify and communicate business insight generated from Audit and Analysis results.

- **Fraud Risk Assessment – Best Practices**, Peter Bradford, Managing Director of Forensic Services, KPMG

The discussion focused on fraud risk assessment best practices, practical tips and a bonus focus on IT risks related to Fraud Risk Assessments.

We are looking in the March/April timeframe for our next event. If you would like to host a future Forum or interested in presenting, please contact one of the event organizers:

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Heather Signore  hsignore@eqr.com
This issue’s spotlight is on Jay Dowell. Jay is Senior Internal Auditor at Groupon, Inc. (GRPN), a publicly traded local e-commerce company headquartered in the River North Community of Chicago, IL. Prior to working at Groupon Jay began his career as a Government Auditor for the State of Missouri, and most recently worked at US Food in their Internal Audit Department. He has worked at Groupon for nearly 2 years, where he originally focused on SOX and Financial audits; but now leads the Operational Sub-Department of Internal Audit. Jay has been an active member of the IIA Chicago Chapter since 2012. Serving on various committees such as the Social Events, Career Assistance Program, Women’s Initiative Forum, and now co-chairing the Annual Seminar, Jay loves to give back to his chapter. A CPA, he received an Accounting Degree from Southern Illinois University and a MBA from Webster University. Jay is currently working to obtain his Certified Internal Auditor designation.

Why did you decide to co-chair the Annual Seminar this year?
Volunteering with the IIA has become a passion of mine since I first joined the Chicago Chapter. Attending the Annual Seminar is always a highlight of my professional year; therefore, I thought this year would be a great year for me to increase my involvement. There was no better way for me to do that to co-chairing the Annual Seminar. This year like any other, I look forward to the day of training, networking and connecting with friends who are a part of this great profession. But this year will be just that much sweeter since I get to see the end result of all the hard work me and the other volunteers have put into this year’s Seminar. As an added bonus co-chairing has given me the opportunity to give my input and my own special touch to the already successful event. Last but most definitely not least, I got a chance to get to know the awesome professionals who volunteered with me this year.

How will this year’s Annual Seminar differ from the ones in prior years?
Following in the footsteps of those who have chaired the Annual Seminar in past years is no easy feat. As such, I and the other chairs wanted to make sure this year’s event is as successful previous ones; while hoping to continue to grow it for the future. This year’s theme is, “Building Excellence Through, Innovation, Inspiration, And Insight”, and we have tried to cater the sessions to help audit professionals do just that in a very forward thinking manner. Our goal this year was to strike a balance of excellent keynote speakers, great technical sessions, and exciting soft skill sessions; that are both fun and beneficial. This year I hope the attendees get a lot of value from the seminar and really enjoy the balance we attempted to strike.

Why and how did you get involved with the Chicago Chapter?
I think it is extremely important to get involved in more than just the day to day of one’s profession. Getting involved in a professional organization provides the opportunity to meet new people; but what makes volunteering for an organization of your profession so great is you get to meet new people who understand and relate to what you go through on a day to day basis. When I moved here from the St. Louis area in December 2011, I was looking for ways to get involved. In April of 2012 I attended my first Annual Seminar and almost immediately I reached out to the Chapter to find out how I could help the chapter. I believe there is a genuine sense of pride and fulfillment we all get when volunteering and giving back in any capacity. As an added bonus, serving the IIA Chicago Chapter provides volunteers the opportunity to lead, and assist in driving our profession forward.

What has been your most rewarding experience as far as volunteering for the chapter is concerned?
There has been so many; with the most recent one being bestowed the honor to serve as Co-Chair of the Annual Seminar. Therefore, I apologize for breaking the rules; but I have to point to at least two. One, assisting the Woman’s Initiative Forum; in awarding the Inspirational Woman of the Year Award last year. Being a part of that was special because it showed the Chicago Chapter is a leader in our profession in more ways than one. Two, giving out scholarships to new graduates and members in transition. Rewarding scholarships help move the profession forward by investing in our members to help continuously expand the capacity of our field.

What do you personally like about the internal audit profession?
What I love about our profession is, I know exactly how I am contributing to my company’s overall goals. Rather it be through SOX and Financial Audits, which are critical in ensuring financials are filed timely and controls operating effectively; or Operational engagements which help to uncover key process improvements that make the company operate more efficient and effective while mitigating risk; I always know what I have to bring to the table. That is why I take pride in what I do, and get a sense of fulfillment and joy from it.
We dedicate this section to auditors who are using their talents in other capacities to bring value to an organization. Now, they share their experience on what they learned as internal auditors and how that experience helped them to successfully manage their current relationship with the Internal Audit function within their organization.

This issue features Nicole Reed, the Sr. Manager – Finance, Accounting and Controls for The KraftHeinz Company Global Export business unit. Nicole has over 12 years of experience in Internal Audit, including Sarbanes-Oxley compliance, risk assessment, operational engagements and financial analysis for companies such as Macy's Corporate, Kellogg's, and Kraft Foods. Nicole has actively participated with the IIA Chicago Chapter over the past three years and proudly serves on the Innovator Newsletter Committee.

How did the time spent in internal audit prepare you for your current role?
My current role requires me to support our global business. Internal Audit was my first exposure to international markets. This experience broadened my perspective on different methods of doing things and taught me how to identify potential risks especially in emerging markets.

What was the most important opportunity that internal audit offered you?
My experience in Internal Audit provided me the opportunity to expand my network, learn almost every aspect of the business, and present to and influence people at all levels of the organization.

How does the impact you make these days on different stakeholders differ from the impact you made as the Internal Audit professional?
These days I am responsible for working with different stakeholders through all phases of the project. This includes everything from identification of bottlenecks and risks all the way to owning, developing, and implementing a solution.

How different was your perception of internal audit when you joined the profession and when you left?
The perception and reality about IA that I still have and always appreciated is that each day is different and you are constantly learning since you are exposed to so many people and processes.

What defines the success of relationship between internal audit and other departments within the organization?
With respect to audits the departments/business hate surprises; therefore, periodic and open communication throughout the process is key. I also believe other departments want to understand how IA can help their business/area. Once IA effectively demonstrates how audit benefits and protects the business the relationship can only get stronger.

Call for Volunteers –
Chicago Chapter Needs Your Help

Are you currently looking to (1) more deeply contribute to your profession; (2) network with other Internal Audit industry professionals; or (3) meet passionate individuals that share the vision of making the IIA Chicago Chapter better every day?

If so, the IIA Chicago Chapter is currently looking for people like you to help out with chapter initiatives, including the participation on various committees as well as assistance with the upcoming Annual Seminar.

If you are interested to learn more details of the current volunteer opportunities, please contact Nate Ruey at Nathaniel.Ruey@rsmus.com.
The Chicago Chapter is lucky to have many seasoned and long-time members. The tenure of our membership distinguishes us from other professional organizations. Join us in congratulating the following individuals celebrating significant milestones as members of the Chicago Chapter:

30 years:
- Wendell A. Bowman
- Michael F. Pryal
- Edward J. Kroeger

25 years:
- Linda M. Flores
- Robert C. Flannery

20 years:
- Daniel F. Levenson
- David T. Dinh
- Daniel J. Gaffney
- Kim Marie Fugiel
- Keith Stanley Wrobel

15 years:
- Aldrenza F. Wright
- Susan H. Meduga

10 years:
- Arne Brage
- Leslie Perry
- Stanley J. Ryniewski
- Beverly Maguire
- Selamawit Lulu
- Kristin Lindquist
- Frank Rosellini
- Mayra Galvan
- Chukuemeka David Nwosu

5 years:
- Timir Patel
- Eric Simaga
- Michael Thornton
- Justine Kawa
- Eric Cimbala

- Sherry Chen
- Sabrina Seminetta
- Mike Hazel
- Stefanie Bramwell
- Carmen Zitella
- Evonne Thompson
- Ian Mendoza
- Bradley Kohrt
- Jill Czerwinska
- Chris Wilkinson
- Michael Del Giudice
- Raj Chaudhary
- Steve Gerschoffer
- Alicia Poluga
- Jared Hamilton
- Micah Wenz
- David McKnight

Please ensure your member profile is updated by visiting http://www.theiia.org in order to continue receiving Chicago Chapter announcements and communications.
CAE Roundtable

The Chicago Chapter held a CAE Roundtable on January 19, 2016. This roundtable was hosted by DePaul University. Dick Anderson (DePaul) and Yulia Gurman (RPAI) facilitated the roundtable discussion. The event had a record attendance of 56 CAEs. The focus of this roundtable was on the four topics selected by the participants:

1. Audit areas for 2016
2. Innovations in Internal Audit
3. Audit Committee reporting trends and best practices
4. Data Analytics/Data Visualization

During the roundtable participants were broken into small groups to exchange thoughts and experiences on the topics above and later shared insights with the entire group of participants.

CAEs identified the top three areas of focus for 2016 as follows:

Human Resources/Talent Management: attracting and retaining top talent for the Organization and specifically for the Internal Audit team.

Cybersecurity: how quickly do companies react to the rapid changes in the cyber space? Are we educating Board of Directors and the Audit Committee on the cybersecurity risks and what is relevant to your Company?

Third Parties Management: remains an area of focus for 2016 as most organizations engage multiple third parties to assist with various critical functions of the business.

In addition to the audit areas of focus we talked about innovations in internal audit and what are Internal Audit teams doing to be more innovative.

Audit Committee reporting trends and best practices discussion focused on how CAEs report out issues and management action plans, issue categorization and educating Audit Committees on the emerging risk areas and potential impact to the organization.

Data analytics was the last topic and discussion focused on finding the right talent to develop a data analytics program and making sure CAEs and audit teams are educating stakeholders on why data analytics program is critical and how they can benefit from it. We talked about dedicated teams of Data Scientists at bigger audit shops and how they are contributing to the success of the data analytics programs.

In addition, Sandra Shelton – KPMG Endowed Professor of Accountancy provided an overview of DePaul Internal Auditing Education Program and covered a few significant accomplishments.

Save the date for our next CAE roundtable that will take place on May 16th, 2016. We hope to see you there!

CAE Roundtable mission statement:

“The CAE roundtables offer a unique and valuable opportunity for CAEs to discuss common concerns and challenges, to share lessons learned, to brainstorm with their peers on solutions and best practices, network with peers, and encourage interests and advancements towards the profession.”
Insights into the Internal Audit Profession

**Where do you go for internal audit related content?**
Many would respond “The IIA” or possibly the ACFE, AICPA, MIS Training Institute, FEI, CEB, Big 4, and others. Any of which can be great sources of content providing insights into the profession and training on best practices.

There are other sources available that provide thought leadership advice from those who’ve achieved real-world success. One such source has a steady stream of content, is free, and allows you to ask questions directly to the author. Recent articles include:

- How to sell your internal audit finding
- Internal Audit Survival Kit!
- Creating an Internal Audit Plan
- 10 internal audit qualities for smaller businesses
- 5 Common Mistakes in Internal Audit Reporting
- Internal Audit: The Business of Adding Value

It is great content, quick to read, and easy to find… on LinkedIn. Simply search “Internal Audit” on LinkedIn and narrow the search to posts. The link above and here does it for you. What is even better about the content on LinkedIn, it is written by people just like you, who are willing to connect and discuss the content they just published. Is there a better way to learn first-hand, real-world strategies that can be immediately implemented?

Try it for yourself, you might be surprised by the answer.

The IIA Chicago Chapter has a professional networking group within LinkedIn and we encourage you to join:

https://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=1123977
The IIA’s CIA Learning System®

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First published in 1973, Larry Sawyer’s work has helped guide many internal auditors and shaped the profession. While the foundation principles of internal auditing remain core, the ever-changing global business environment requires that internal auditors continue to adapt their position as value-adding partners in their organizations or risk becoming obsolete.

Sawyer’s philosophy was that internal auditors should watch for emerging trends while keeping pace with changes in The IIA’s *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* (Standards), IT, legislation, and regulations — and to respond effectively to international events and evolving governance and risk management mandates. This 6th edition of Sawyer’s seminal work is a 3-volume set, making the content more navigable for the reader, and each volume includes an index and glossary for easy reference.

Volume 1: Internal Audit Essentials
Volume 2: Internal Audit Processes and Methods
Volume 3: Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance Essentials
IIA Chicago Chapter Annual Event at Pops

On January 14, 2016 the Chicago Chapter celebrated the holiday seasons with members who have made significant contributions to the Chapter through their hard work and dedication. The annual event was hosted by the Chicago Chapter Board of Governors and held at Pops for Champagne in Chicago. Thank you to all who attended and to everyone who helps contribute to the Chapter’s success.
Upcoming Event

New Audit Manager Tools and Techniques
Monday, March 14, 2016

Transitioning from staff auditor to manager of an audit team means learning and mastering an entirely new skill set. Audit managers must not only be efficient auditors, but also effective communicators, teachers and active listeners. This course focuses on providing new managers with the tools they need to lead effectively in an internal auditing environment.

Through practical exercises and case studies, participants will learn how to manage the roles and relationships of the diverse parties involved in the auditing process. Participants will learn how to maintain lines of communications with the CAE and executive management and problem solve while motivating a team and delegating tasks.

This is a National IIA core milestone class being brought to Chicago in an efficient one day seminar. This class, when delivered to New Managers who must typically travel to IIA HQ, would be much costlier. The seminar is intended for New Managers or experienced Senior Auditors who are taking on management duties for eventual transition to Audit Managers. This is a necessary class for the development of management skills. All attendees will receive, and work from during class, a New Manager Workbook.

Date: Monday, March 14, 2016

Time: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Lunch to be provided (Registration and Continental Breakfast from 8:00 am - 8:30 am)

Location: Offices of CBOE (Chicago Board of Options Exchange) 400 South LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois 60605

CPES: 8 Credit Hours

Cost: $200.00 for Members/$225.00 for Non-Members

**The March 14th class has a capacity of only 35 attendees - so register early!** (Based upon the level of interest, we may open another class on March 15th. After we reach capacity for the March 14th class, any additional registrants will be put on a waitlist.)

About the Speaker - Robert Mainardi, CFSA, CRMA, MBA

After 21 years of working in Internal Audit profession in the financial services industry, Robert started his own company which develops and facilitates custom internal audit training as well as evaluating, creating and implementing formal audit methodologies. Prior to starting his company, Robert was the Vice President of Internal Audit for Penn Mutual and was responsible for direction and oversight of of the Internal Audit Department.

Mr. Mainardi’s expertise and experience in continuous auditing has recently been recognized by Wiley & Sons in his published work, “Harnessing the Power of Continuous Auditing.” He is an active member of the IIA and has been a Distinguished Faculty Member for almost 20 years.

As a professional speaker and consultant, Mr. Mainardi leads client programs to:

- Develop and maintain world class internal auditing functions
- Create, implement and maintain continuous auditing programs
- Draft, finalize, and issue high impact audit reports
- Establish and facilitate ERM programs
- Construct, execute and manage audit performance dashboards
- Improve communication and client relationship development
- Plan and execute quality assessment reviews

For more details and/or to register: http://www.etouches.com/155571
Upcoming Event

2016 General Audit Management Conference

March 7–9, 2016  Gaylord Texan Resort / Dallas-Ft. Worth Texas

General Session Announced:

Call to Arms: The Role of the Chief Audit Executive in the (Ongoing?) Cyber War

The Honorable Theresa Grafenstine, CIA, CGAP
Inspector General of the House Office of Inspector General
U.S. House of Representatives

Grafenstine, who is responsible for planning and leading independent, non-partisan audits, advisories, and investigations of the financial and administrative functions of the U.S. House of Representatives, will provide an overview of classic breach tactics, describe what good security and controls look like, and discuss how the U.S. House of Representatives’ Office of the Inspector General has taken a proactive role in helping the House to address cyber threats.

Driving Success in a Changing World

For more than 35 years, the General Audit Management (GAM) Conference has been the essential experience for CAEs, audit management, and key stakeholders who want to drive change and deliver results. That tradition of excellence will continue in 2016 with a new theme — Driving Success in a Changing World. The agenda comprises the industry’s best and brightest thought leaders from Fortune 500 companies and more who will share their perspectives on how to best position internal audit leaders for the future.

Register Now
Live the Experience is the theme of SOPAC® 2016, which IIA-Australia will be hosting in Brisbane.

SOPAC® 2016 will offer delegates a program that will focus on the position of the internal audit profession today, in the context of business change, as well as stakeholder and community expectations. It will focus on the subthemes of Learning, Insight, Vision and Engagement.

The program will provide a wide variety of content spread across emerging trends, practical “how to” insights, contemporary audit concepts and soft skills.
Upcoming Event

2016 Gaming & Hospitality Conference

April 6–7, 2016  The Mirage / Las Vegas, NV

Driving Success in Gaming and Hospitality Audit

After researching the needs of our members, The IIA is excited to share that the scope of the annual Gaming Conference is expanding. Beginning in 2016, in addition to providing vibrant and relevant sessions for the Casino & Gaming industry, the conference will include a focus on the Hospitality industry, encompassing front and back of the house operations for hotel and lodging, food and beverage, and event operations. This expanded focus enables us to enhance the educational program and networking opportunities for internal audit professionals facing many of the same challenges.

Register Now

Upcoming Event

Central Regional Conference

May 1–4, 2016  Music City Center / Nashville, TN

Take the Stage

The IIA and IIA–Nashville Chapter are excited to host the 2016 Central Regional Conference. CAEs, auditors, and audit professionals will have the opportunity to learn, share, and network with some of the industry’s most respected leaders. Core topics will include governance and risk management, ethics and fraud, information technology, and emerging trends, as well as specialized topics for the governmental and health care industries..

Register Now
Upcoming Event

**Chicago Seminars**

**May 10–13, 2016**  MicroTek Training Facility  230 West Monroe St., Suite 550, Chicago, IL

Register before March 25 to save.
The following courses are being offered:

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**May 10–11, 2016**  
**Lean Six Sigma Tools for Internal Audit Planning**

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**May 10–12, 2016**  
**COSO Internal Control Certificate**

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**May 10–13, 2016**  
**Auditor-in-charge Tools and Techniques**

Beginning Auditor Tools and Techniques

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**May 11–13, 2016**  
**Data Analysis and Sampling**

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**May 12–13, 2016**  
**Operational Auditing: Influencing Positive Change**

**Lean Six Sigma Tools for Internal Audit Fieldwork**
Upcoming Event

IIA International Conference

July 17–20, 2016  Javits Center / New York, NY

We’re Coming Back to the World’s Greatest City! 
Join Us in New York to Celebrate The IIA’s 75th Anniversary.

The 2016 International Conference theme, “Internal Audit Rising… 75 Years of Progress Through Sharing,” positions delegates as the integral link to a collaborative past and a progressive future of added value and enhanced insights within the context of a changing

NETWORKING.
Plan to engage in the many networking opportunities with 2,500+ colleagues from around the globe.

YES!
Say “yes” to attending the 2016 International Conference in New York City at the Javits Center, on July 17–20, 2016.

CELEBRATE.
Don’t miss the opportunity to take part in The IIA’s big 75th anniversary celebration.
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