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## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on February 1, 2006 at the CBFS. There was a detailed presentation by Mr. Subramaniam for those interested in taking up the CISA and the CISM examinations. He highlighted the benefits of obtaining these certifications both for the employers and the employees, the process of registering for these courses and the study aids available for preparing for these certifications.



The guest of the evening was H.E Saad bin Saad Al Shahry,

Member of Majlis A'Shura and Chairman of the Legal Committee.

The Secretary, Mr. Kishor Rabi outlined the growth of the Chapter. He listed out the educational events of 2005.

Mr. Balasubramanian on behalf of the Nomination committee for the 2006 elections made a short presentation of the election process.

Mr. Muralidhar Venkateshan, presented the best ever Accounts of the Chapter which was passed by the Members.

Mr. Antony Isaac, took over as the new President from Mr. Mohamed Nayaz. Mr. Hamza Moosa Baqar Al Lawati took over from Mr. Nabil Abdullah Al Raisi as the Vice President.

The Board was expanded to 21 from 18. The outgoing Board members Ms. Nalini Subramanian, Mr. Vijay Kamat were thanked for the services rendered in the previous year.

Mr. Isaac Antony, the new President said that the ISACA Muscat Chapter with the support of the CBFS would strive to promote the cause of IT Security awareness by conducting quality educational programs, seminars and courses.

"Our focus this year would be to encourage more Omani professionals to take advantage of the benefits of the Chapter and prepare them for the

CISA and CISM certifications," he said.



Subramaniam with CISA/CISM presentation



Murali presenting the Accounts



Bala announcing the Election results



Handing over Nayaz to Antony as Gokul, Badri and Nachiappan look on



## Review classes for June 2006 examinations

The Chapter would be starting Review classes for the June 2006 CISA and CISM examinations.

The classes would be held in the spacious premises of CBFS, Ghala Heights. Normally the classes are held on Thursdays,

between 5 PM to 7 PM for the CISA course. The timings for the CISM course would also be on the similar lines.

Candidates should await notification from the respective coordinators.

Classes are not a supplement to

preparation.

The course schedule would be sent in advance and the candidates are expected to read and attend classes.

**The New Board –2006!**



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President



Hamza  
V. President



Kishor  
Secretary



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CISA Coordinator



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**CISA / CISM—June 2006 examination**  
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**Examination Registration deadline: April 5, 2006**

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## President's message

ISACA is wedded to a great objective: Serving IT Governance Professionals. Four powerful words each having its own powerful meaning at the micro level and having an explosive message at the macro level.

- **Serving:** All great systems survived because people served its cause with a succession plan;
- **IT (Information Technology):** IT has now become a buzzword for tools that manage information;
- **Governance:** An orderly form of functioning so that deviations can be noticed and corrected (audit and security).
- **Professionals:** People who profess to abide by the values of integrity, dedication and commitment.

In Muscat, the torch of that powerful message was lit in the year 1999 by a small band of visionary professionals. This year 2006, the torch was handed over to an expanded team of 22 professionals as caretakers and propagators of that message. We have a responsibility therefore in Serving IT Governance Professionals.

We have the blessing of the College of Banking and Financial Studies. We have 234 registered members in our Chapter. We have members from various industry segments. We have the support of the Omani business community. We have a

great desire to learn and teach. With these factors at work we are well positioned to build a society of IT PROFESSIONALS who will serve our society and Oman.

The Programs and Education Committee has planned exciting educational events that will tickle our mental appetite. The Newsletter Committee will revamp the website to make it a one-stop source for all Chapter communication; The CISA and CISM Coordinators/Volunteers will spare no efforts in preparing interested students for the certification examinations.

It may be laudable objective this year to reach out to as many Omani youngsters as possible. It may be appropriate for each member to introduce one Omani member to the Chapter and encourage them to take up the CISA and CISM certifications. In five years we will have a vibrant society of Omani IT professionals serving the intellectual needs of the nation.

ISACA, Muscat Chapter is intended to be, has to be and should prove to be an indispensable THINK TANK of our E-Society for the benefit of Oman. Let us put our hands together and make it happen.

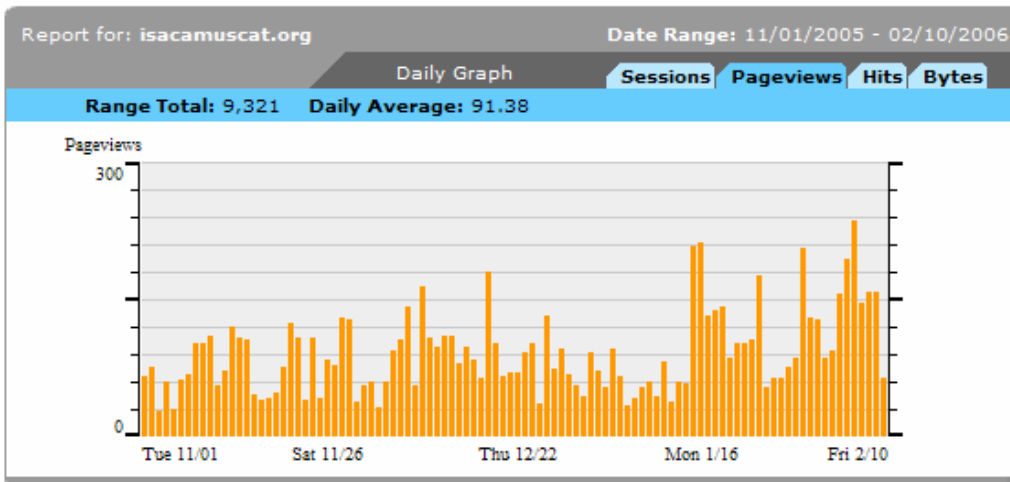
**Antony Isaac**



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This graph shows the traffic trend to the site per day between November 1, 2005 to Feb, 10 2006.

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## About us..

Muscat chapter is one among more than 170 chapters of ISACA established in 60 countries worldwide. ISACA, as an international body has been in existence since 1969. ISACA with a worldwide membership of over 50,000 members is characterized by its striking diversity. Members live and work in more than 140 countries. They work in nearly all industries including financial and banking, audit and consultancy firms, government bodies and educational institutions. This rich diversity enables members to interact with each other. One of the strongest strengths of ISACA is the enormous resources it provides to its members through its website, regular regional and international conferences, free delivery of its technical journal -the *Information Systems Control Journal*, free access to *K-NET* an internet based compendium of reference materials and a bookstore covering the latest developments in the fields of IS assurance, control, security and governance.

Muscat chapter was established in 2000 under the sponsorship of the College of Banking and Financial Studies (CBFS) which is affiliated to the Central Bank of Oman. The chapter has a membership of 234 members. The chapter membership also mirrors the diversity of its parent body. The chapter's mission is to promote education for the CISA and CISM certifications, spread awareness of IS audit and controls, provide a framework for regular meetings and interaction amongst local IS audit and control professionals, thereby helping in raising standards and promoting best practices to manage Information technology effectively in their organizations.

## CISA, CISM—Employ Certified IT Professionals



CISA (Certified Information Systems Auditor) is ISACA's cornerstone certification. Since 1978, the CISA exam has measured excellence in IS auditing, control and security. CISA has grown to be globally recognized and adopted worldwide as a symbol of achievement. The CISA certification has been earned by more than 40,000 professionals since inception. The technical skills and practices that CISA promotes and evaluates are the building blocks of success in the field. Possessing the CISA designation demonstrates proficiency and is the basis for measurement in the profession. With a growing demand for professionals possessing IS audit, control and security skills, CISA has become a preferred certification program by individuals and organizations



Both CISA and CISM certifications have received the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) accreditation.



*This could be you!*



CISM (Certified Information Security Manager) is ISACA's groundbreaking credential earned by over 5,200 professionals in its first two years. It is for the individual who must maintain a view of the "big picture" by managing, designing, overseeing and assessing an enterprise's information security. The program is developed specifically for experienced information security managers and those who have information security management responsibilities. The certification is for the individual who manages, designs, oversees and/or assesses an enterprise's information security (IS). Individuals earning the CISM certification become part of an elite peer network,

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