



Vancouver Chapter

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VANCOUVER CHAPTER COMMITTEES

Following are the Chairs and committee members for each committee as agreed at our first board meeting of the new year.

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Jean Michel

We are always looking for help with the various committees. Committee members do not have to be members of the board, so let us know if there is an area where you would like to help out. Contact the committee chair directly or send an email to:

information@cfevancouver.com

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As has been the practice for the last few years, the Vancouver Chapter contributed towards the chapter President's attendance at the annual CFE conference which was held in Washington DC this year. On July 25th, the day before the main event, Jeff Kubiszyn, Chapter Development Manager, hosted a meeting attended by the chapter Presidents. The meeting was attended by approximately 60 people including representatives from China, Austria and other countries.



One of the topics of discussion was the challenge for chapters to identify volunteers for the board of director positions. Without exception, all of the chapters are struggling with this problem and for the most part, the same people are carrying the load. Listed below are reasons to consider when deciding if you want to volunteer.

Why Not:

- Just not interested.
- Nobody asked me.
- Worried about commitment.
- Fear of failing.
- Don't see the opportunity to make a difference.
- I'm just here for the food.

Why:

- Become a better person.
- Give back to the profession or the community.
- Make a difference.
- Develop skills.
- Refine negotiating/delegating abilities.
- It is my turn.

In the next couple of months we will again be looking for people to step forward. We are anticipating a number of vacancies this year for a variety of reasons. Some people cannot continue to commit for another year because of their workload, other priorities, employment changes or they are simply not motivated to stay on. Many of the current board members have been volunteering their time for several years which is commendable but a time comes when new talent is needed.

The Vancouver Chapter has won different awards for excellence and is recognized by Austin as one of the stellar performers when it comes to providing a quality product for the local members. To continue with this tradition I urge all of you to strongly consider volunteering this year so the torch can be passed to the next generation of directors. ■

*Kim Marsh CFE
President, Vancouver Chapter*



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Our monthly luncheons are held, unless otherwise indicated on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

That said, **the September luncheon is on the last Wednesday** in order to accommodate our speaker.

Our venue of many years has been closed so for this month we are moving to the **Empire Landmark Hotel at 1400 Robson Street**. See details on page 3.

When: Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Time: 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Vanessa Giuliani, Senior Fraud Consultant, Equifax Canada

Topic: See description, page 4

Where: Empire Landmark Hotel, 1400 Robson Street, Vancouver.

Price: \$25 members/students, \$35 non-members

Contact Jean Michel to register today, send email to: cfevancoover@yahoo.ca

Visa™ and MasterCard™ accepted.

NOTE: After more than 7 years without a change, we have had to increase our luncheon prices by \$5.

The board sincerely hopes this will not prove an obstacle to attendance.



An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

- Benjamin Franklin

...so don't miss our educational luncheons!

JUNE SPEAKER SUMMARY

We were pleased to welcome Nigel Holmes, Certified Forensic Examiner and Security Specialist, TCS Forensics Ltd as our speaker at the June luncheon. His interesting and important information regarding threats and mitigation of those threats for our home wireless networks was well received by our membership.

The following summary was also prepared by Nigel.

Securing your wireless networks at home.

Securing your wireless network at home has never been more important with the rise of identity theft and online credential theft occurring more frequently. Having an open or unsecured wireless network at home can ultimately lead to a violation of your personal and / or confidential information, which could allow an attacker to exploit your personal information.

Below are some simple steps that everyone at home should check to ensure their wireless network is secure. If you are unsure whether or not your wireless network is secure or encrypted, then chances are you have no wireless encryption enabled at home.

What is wireless encryption? Wireless encryption is a mathematical algorithm designed and utilized to encrypt data between your wireless device (laptop) and your wireless router making it hard for an attacker to view communications (ex: online banking transactions) between your wireless device and the router.

Are there different types of wireless encryption? Yes, there are many methods to encrypt wireless traffic these days. The more common methods supported by readily available routers are WEP (wired equivalent privacy), WPA (Wi-Fi protected area), and WPA2 (Wi-Fi protected area that introduces new algorithms). We always suggest securing your home network with WPA or WPA2, as they provide the best at home encryption. WEP has known vulnerabilities that can now be 'cracked' within minutes leaving you susceptible to an online attack.

Here are some guidelines for securing your wireless home network:

- Dig up the original documentation that came with your router. Common manufactures for wireless networks are: d-link, Linksys, 3-com, Telus etc... Or you can always surf on over to the manufacture's website for documentation, for example <http://www.linksys.com>.
- Now that you have the correct resources, you will want to look for a section on 'setting up the wireless router to use WPA or WPA2. For this example we will be setting up a Linksys wireless router (Model WRT54g)
- We first enter the routers configuration by entering the following address into our web browser (Internet Explorer) <http://192.168.1.1>. We now have a Linksys configuration screen. We will now click on the 'Wireless tab', and then click on the 'wireless security' tab.
- We can now change the 'Security mode' to WPA Personal, or WPA2 Personal, and set the 'WPA algorithms' to TKIP.
- The next step is the most important step. You will now have to come up with a VERY secure password. We don't want to use an easily guessable password for obvious reasons. Instead we want to create a password that is a minimum of 10 characters that utilizes uppercase characters, lowercase characters, symbols, and numbers. For example, a secure password should look like this: d\$j%^15kWq. After you have come up with your secure password you will simply type it in the 'WPA Shared key' text box.
- Save this 'key' in a very secure place such as a home safe. This password will be needed only on the initial connection to your wireless home network. ►



PD OPPORTUNITIES

CANADA

10th ANNUAL TORONTO FRAUD FORUM

Toronto ON September 29, 2010

IIA CANADIAN CONFERENCE Vancouver BC

(See notice on page 4)

13th ANNUAL ONE-DAY FRAUD PROFESSIONALS' CONFERENCE Ottawa ON October 27, 2010

USA

CFE EXAM REVIEW COURSE Washington DC, September 27-30

DIGITAL FORENSICS TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES New York NY, October 14-15

COMPUTER AIDED INVESTIGATIONS Austin TX, October 18-19

INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES FOR AUDITORS Seattle WA, October 21-22

COMBO COURSE:

- **INVESTIGATING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
- **CONDUCTING INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS**

Orlando FL, November 15-16, 2010

COMBO COURSE:

- **LEGAL ELEMENTS OF FRAUD EXAMINATIONS**
- **INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL FORENSICS**

Las Vegas NV, December 1-2, 2010

PRINCIPLES OF FRAUD EXAMINATION

Austin TX, December 13-16, 2010

For more information and registration details, go to www.acfe.com. Click on **Training & Events**, and then **Calendar of Events** to see all the options available.

For details on early registrations, hotel packages, costs and course outlines, click on the course title links on the [Calendar of Events](#) page.

- Save your setting. After the router reboots, you will have to connect to your home network again, only this time you will have to enter the password you created above. Once connected, you can relax and be assured that your home network is more secure.

We hope the information provided in this document has been helpful in securing your home networks!

If you have any further question, we invite you to contact us at info@tcsforensics.com. ■

NEW TEMPORARY LUNCHEON VENUE

As mentioned in our Monthly Luncheon section on page 2, our long-time luncheon venue, the Hornby Banquet Centre has been closed.

As a result, our luncheon for September (and possibly October) will be held at the Empire Landmark Hotel at 1400 Robson Street at Broughton. The hotel has ample parking which should be a considerable savings for those who drive.

The board has found it necessary to increase luncheon prices by \$5 to \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members/guests to cover our increased costs.

In the coming months we hope to find a more permanent home for our luncheons, and will be letting you know as soon as we do. Thank you for your patience.

Be sure to check the website before each meeting to ensure you are up to date on our location during this time of uncertainty. ■

SFU CO-OP ACCOUNTING STUDENTS

Once again, SFU Business Co-op students are eager to apply their accounting skills in the upcoming fall 2010 and spring 2011 semesters. They are ready to assist you with AP/AR, year-end and more. Students are available for 4 and 8-month work terms starting in September.

Co-op students can help you with:

- Accounts payable/receivable, general bookkeeping, payroll and collection, account reconciliations and budget forecasting
- Preparing month-end financial reports
- Analyzing financial statements
- Preparing year-end corporate and personal tax returns
- Providing recommendations regarding computerized accounting system
- Consolidating required financial documentation for companies going public and more

General Salary Guidelines for Co-op Students:

- First Work Term: \$2000-2200/month
- Second Work Term: \$2200-2400/month
- Third Work Term: \$2400-2600/month
- Fourth Work Term +: \$2500+/month

Hiring is easy, the posting process is FREE and there is no obligation to hire if you don't find the right candidate. More information is available on the website:

<http://www.sfu.ca/bus-coop/>.

You can send your job description by email to Tanya Behrisch, Coordinator, CMA Marketing Specialist, Business Cooperative Education, SFU at behrisch@sfu.ca or call her at 778.782.6897. If you have any questions, please contact her directly. ■



FIND A FRAUD EXAMINER

The Vancouver Chapter website www.cfevancouver.com has a section called **Find a Fraud Examiner** where members in private practice or those willing to take outside jobs can advertise.

If you are a CFE and a current member of the Vancouver Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and you would like your name and contact information on our website, please send the following information to us at website@cfevancouver.com and put 'Find a Fraud Examiner' in the subject line.

Name:

- Professional Designation(s):
- Title:
- Company:
- Address:
- Telephone #:
- Fax:
- Cell Phone #:
- Email:
- Website:
- Specialty or Area(s) of Practice: *

** For instance, Forensic Accounting, Risk Consulting, Investigation, Employment Law, etc. We are also happy to accept a short narrative description of your services. Please note that other than name, each of these fields is entirely optional.*

RECENT FRAUD FINDINGS

BC Auditor-General John Doyle produced a 70 page report in late August called *Aspects of Financial Management* which among other things itemizes the lack of sound fraud risk management practices in the provincial government.

Doyle found no "centrally coordinated oversight or management of fraud prevention, detection, investigation or reporting." For the full report, see <http://www.bcauditor.com/pubs/2010/report4/aspects-financial-management>.

Looks like there should be some new job openings for CFEs in the BC Government. ■

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Vanessa Giuliani, a Senior Fraud Consultant from Equifax Canada, will provide a high level overview of a successful consortium fraud model in the financial services sector that was recently implemented. She will then change things up a bit and facilitate an interactive discussion on the latest trends in identity theft, fictitious identity creation and first party falsified applications. ■

IIA CANADIAN CONFERENCE



The IIA National Conference is quick approaching in September and we encourage you to register online at www.iaa2010bc.com, space is quickly filling up. **Don't delay, Register Now!**

An inspiring program is being offered at the 2010 Conference with topics on 1) Internal Audit, 2) Governance & Risk Management, 3) Fraud, 4) Information Technology, 5) Emerging Issues. A pre-conference workshop on **Facilitating audit and risk workshops – the science of consensus** will address the different techniques and practices that enhance your ability as an effective facilitator. In addition, there is the post conference FOCAL (Forum of Canadian Audit Leaders) session for CAEs. This is a great session to hear from high profile CAE's and Audit Committee Members.

Visit the conference website at www.iaa2010bc.com for program updates and exciting developments.

Steps away from the city's business and financial district, the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel is in the heart of Vancouver surrounded by the boutiques of trendy Robson Street and Yaletown, outdoor markets, clubs, art galleries, and theatres, along with a wide variety of local and international dining choices.

A special hotel rate of \$209 is available until **August 27, 2010** for IIA 2010 participants – reserve your room now. ■

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS UP!

The board wants to thank Russ Lefler who with Karrie Kaszczuk's help has implemented a beautiful and functional new website for our chapter.

Go to www.cfevancouver.com and browse through the pages. Have a look at our newest page, **Job Postings**. This is available free of charge to all companies with employees who are members of our chapter. A great resource for those looking for work as well as those looking for specialized fraud personnel. Be sure to notify your HR department about this offer. ■



Don't forget to mark your calendars: the September luncheon is on a different day (29th) and in a different location. Our speaker promises to be memorable, so we hope to see you all there!
RSVP at cfevancouver@yahoo.ca