

Holistic Information Security Practitioner Institute



OVERVIEW OF HISPI MEMBER BENEFITS

Trusted Voice:

However you get involved with the HISPI as a white paper author, conference organizer, forum developer, peer-review participant, committee member or one of the many other ways available, you are helping to enhance the voice of the organization, its recognition and the respect that comes with being a member. In print, online, and in person, when the world is looking for answers concerning information security, the HISPI is a trusted source.

- **HISPI** promotes a holistic approach to information security program management by providing certification opportunities in information security, information assurance and governance.
- **HISPI** focuses on international standards, best practices, and comprehensive frameworks for developing robust and effective information security programs.

Global Reach:

HISPI is a worldwide community where practitioners' share data driven ideas of what works, what doesn't, and what is needed in the field of information security. Being a member gives you instant access to HISPI professionals and SME's through your local community, various events and your professional network.

Whether you are in the USA, EU, Middle East, Asia, Africa or South America, HISPI members enjoy the lowest membership fee of any other professional organization of its' kind which equates to a higher value/cost ratio for your membership dollars.

From continuing education courses and certifications, to conferences and educational forums, you can learn more, be creative, and achieve more of what matters in your career and life's mission through HISPI membership.

The objectives of HISPI include:

- To bridge the current gap between existing professional certification programs by proactively promoting the need to develop comprehensive and holistic information security programs amongst information security, audit and compliance professionals representing various sectors internationally.
- To promote cost-effective training and certification to information security, audit and compliance professionals, particularly Public Sector and Higher Education employees, where budget constraints can be a barrier to obtaining such quality training and certification.
- To provide a vendor neutral forum that will facilitate the sharing of knowledge, ideas and other positive initiatives for enhancing the current state of information security in various sectors internationally.
- To research and develop an integrated system for widely accepted best practice frameworks that are applicable to Information Security such as ISO/IEC 27002, ISO/IEC 27001, COBIT, COSO, ISO/IEC 20000 (ITIL), NIST Guidelines, FIPS 200 (NIST 800-53).
- To foster collaborative efforts across various sectors internationally, particularly government, law enforcement and commercial sector.
- To foster a positive code of ethics amongst information security, audit and compliance professionals.
- To reduce the cost of meeting legal, regulatory and contractual requirements pertaining to information security, across various sectors internationally.
- In addition to the existing partnership with British Standards Institute (BSI) Americas, to also partner and collaborate with other reputable organization.

Member Only Download Section:

You gain access to training discounts, podcasts where you can earn CPE's at the click of a mouse and free valuable content donated by members and supporting organizations that would cost hundreds or even thousands of dollars if purchased. In some cases this information is only available through HISPI.

Live and Virtual Round Table Forums:

The HISPI Information Security Forums are groups of enthusiasts and professionals involved in information security, networking, system administration, engineering, implementation and IT environments that come together to help secure our information security world through "leading by example". This is done through:

- Networking with fellow information security professionals;
- Collaborating and Learning about security practices and standards;
- Scaled discussions that can help the expert and novice security professional
- Sharing knowledge of security technologies;
- Sharing experiences;
- Contributing expertise and solutions relating to information security issues.

The Information Security Forums meet each month to focus on a wide range of security issues, new standards, controls, emerging security threats and vulnerabilities, breach issues and trends, defense techniques, strategies, laws and regulations and recent trends in information security.

Virtually, members can access on-line member discussion groups where you can share your ideas, ask questions, submit news articles or start discussion threads.

HISPI Center of Excellence:

The newly designated Center of Excellence serves as a body of knowledge and support for the HISPI. The COE is an example of our commitment to our members, the community and our continued growth.

The COE will be offering not only the HISP courses at a scholarship supported price, but other supporting continuing education courses, module specific lab sessions and other options to prepare you and/or support the HISP certification.



Future Benefits:

In the coming months new benefits will be added for members. Some examples include:

HISPI Job Site – Career opportunities for students and professionals.

Mentoring Connection – An online “Ask the Expert” program to foster mentoring relationships between HISPI members.

Awards – Recognize the accomplishments of your peers.

Scholarships – Supporting the next generation of practitioners with an HISPI scholarship.

SME (Subject Matter Expert) Database – A service that will be available for matching technical experts with clients.

Today's Practitioner – Monthly e-news letter devoted to the issues affecting HISPI members, their employers, careers and the information security industry.