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ASIS Asia-Pacific News

ASIS China 2016 Dates and Call for Presentations Announced



Following the success of last December's sell-out inaugural event, ASIS International has announced that the ASIS China 2016 Conference will take place in Shanghai from October 26 to 28.

The Call for Presentations is now open [here](#). Deadline for submissions is April 30.

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U.S. Ambassador John Berry addressed the group.

By Chris Cabbage

After having signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2015, the ASIS International Western Australia Chapter held a joint Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) and ASIS luncheon in Perth in December. The agenda included a high-level security briefing from the U.S. Embassy's Regional Security Office, an update on the latest security issues, and a briefing on oil and gas security from Jacobs Global Security's manager.



An event highlight was a warm and engaging speech from the U.S. Ambassador to Australia John Berry. Perth's key security industry contacts, along with representatives from Australian and U.S. security and law enforcement agencies were in attendance. A light lunch was enjoyed, followed by the chapter's annual general meeting. The chapter's Executive Committee received a letter of thanks from Ambassador Berry. The committee members look forward to organizing more high-caliber events in 2016.

Chris Cabbage is events/web officer for the ASIS Western Australia Chapter and director

the [editor](#) to contribute feedback and make article submissions.

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ASIS Mumbai Chapter AGM Report



By Suraj Shankpal

The ASIS International Mumbai Chapter's annual general meeting (AGM) was held December 4 at Samsung C&T. Wilfred Bradford, chapter vice chair, extended a warm welcome to all the security professionals on behalf of the Mumbai Chapter and provided updates to attendees. Suraj Shankpal, chapter secretary, iterated the agenda points for the AGM.



Sagarika Chakraborty receives a chapter thank-you gift.

The first agenda item was a presentation on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act 2013 by Sagarika Chakraborty, CEO of IIRIS. Chakraborty gave an overview of the act and explained how it impacts the security and safety industry in India. She described the act's core objectives and elucidated the legal definition of the words "sexual harassment" and "workplace" as per the act. Chakraborty suggested various

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ways of creating a safe workplace for female employees and spoke about legislative support already in place. Her presentation was followed by an energetic Q&A session, during which many members spoke about industry best practices for women's safety and shared policies and procedures followed by their organizations on the subject.

The second item was chapter elections, conducted by Percy Jokhi. Wilfred Bradford was elected as the new chair, Purvesh Gada as the new vice chair, Suraj Shankpal as secretary, and Sanjeev Tiwari as treasurer. Various other members were appointed to committee positions.



Dharamveer Singh (left) accepts a gift from the chapter.

In closing, Paul Devassy, ASIS India assistant regional vice president, thanked host Dharamveer Singh and his entire team at Samsung C&T for hosting the chapter AGM. Devassy also thanked the outgoing board and all the hosts of the chapter meetings in 2015 for their support, as well as Percy Jokhi for conducting the elections. Chapter mementos were presented to the speaker and the host as a token of appreciation. The meeting concluded with a networking high tea organized by the host.

Suraj Shankpal is the ASIS Mumbai chapter secretary and executive director of the Global Office of Security for Goldman Sachs in Mumbai.

The submission deadline for the next issue is February 1.

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Each scholarship will allow a prospective student the opportunity to complete a graduate degree in Business and Organizational Security Management (OSM). Recipients may choose to attend a Webster University on-ground campus, Webster University online, or a combination of the two.

Visit the [Foundation website](#) for more information about the scholarships and visit [Webster's site](#) for details on this online degree program.

Viewpoints and Articles

Will the ISIS Threat become a Reality?

By Aniruddha Dandekar

Steadily expanding multinational companies (MNCs) operating on the Indian subcontinent have been relatively insulated against the scourge of terrorism. ISIS brings a new element into this equation. Will this new threat change the existing dynamics that have helped maintain India's undisputed position as a choice business destination in the Asian region?

The U.S. media managed to obtain documents describing the ISIS threat in South Asia. In these documents, ISIS has urged all allied terrorist groups like HUJI, Al Qaeda, and the Taliban, to come under the umbrella of ISIS and fight a jihadi war in South Asia. The document also talks about battle plans and tells readers to "accept the fact that this caliphate will survive and prosper until it takes over the entire world and beheads every last person that rebels against Allah."

Defense experts who have assessed this threat, say they believe it will not have direct impact in South Asia. It is also expected that bringing all such groups together would be a challenging task, as every individual group would demand absolute tactical and operational control and that their multiple ideologies would lead to fragmentation. All these actions would result in telegraphing visible ground movement and be easily detected by intelligence units.

In India, MNCs need to understand ISIS tactics. They include, but may not be restricted to:

- Radicalizing youth
- Convincing youth to be trained in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Libya, or Syria
- Sending trained, radicalized youth back to South Asia
- Activating sleeper cells (i.e. Thane in Maharashtra, and Bhatkal in Karnataka, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh)

Even if ISIS achieves little success, the damage the social fabric of the country could reduce the confidence of MNCs to operate in India. Even a moderate success of this strategy could translate to intangible damage to the overall security environment and effect India's reputation as a friendly destination for business.

Among the steps to reduce or minimize this global threat are:

- Continually conduct proactive risk assessments and threat assessments
- Collaborate with government law agencies
- Create robust neighborhood watches
- Hold regular meetings and interactions with civil society groups
- Conduct background checks before hiring and have a follow-up mechanism
- Share corporate intelligence with law enforcement agencies and neighborhood watch committees, and vice versa

In conclusion, it would be pertinent to mention that the very nature of this threat could bring in a new corporate security paradigm. Given the previous challenges faced by law enforcement in handling the morphing face of terrorism, the corporate world should be more proactive and identify risk mitigation strategies that lessen impacts on MNCs.

Aniruddha Dandekar is senior manager GIS at Cognizant.

Asia-Pacific Overview

Australia Isn't Prepared for a Cyberwar



The Australian Centre for Cyber Security (ACCS) has revealed that the Australian government and its civilian organizations, including the Australian Defence Force (ADF) are lagging behind countries such as China and the United States, according to a report by ABC News Australia.

The report was released by Professor Greg Austin who warned that Australia's approach to recently emerged cyberthreats are "slow and fragmented." The country also needs to engage in a "rapid catch-up in capabilities for military security for the information age," according to the professor.

Subsequently, another report by the ACCS has also warned the ADF that it hasn't done enough to test its capabilities in withstanding cyberattacks against the country's weapon systems.

Read more [here](#).

Source: *Lifars*

Indonesia Needs New Approach to Fighting Terrorism



Channel NewsAsia's Sujadi Siswo (left) speaks to Indonesia's Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal, and Security Affairs Luhut Pandjaitan.

One week after a terror attack killed eight people, including four militants, near the Sarinah shopping mall in downtown Jakarta, Channel News Asia's Sujadi Siswo interviewed Indonesia's Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal, and Security Affairs Luhut Pandjaitan to ask him about the country's plans to tackle terrorism.

Read more [here](#).

Source: *Channel News Asia*

China Passes Controversial Counterterrorism Law

China recently passed a controversial new anti terrorism law that requires technology firms to help decrypt information, but not install security backdoors as initially planned, as well as allowing the military to venture overseas on counterterror operations.

Chinese officials say their country faces a growing threat from militants and separatists, especially in its unruly Western region of Xinjiang, where hundreds have died in violence in the past few years.

The law has attracted deep concern in Western capitals, not only because of worries it could violate human rights such as freedom of speech, but because of the cyberprovisions. U.S. President Barack Obama has said that he had raised concerns about the law directly with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Read more [here](#).

Source: *Reuters*

Education and Events

ASIS Middle East Early Registrations Double From 2015



ASIS International is excited to announce that it has received double the number of early registrations compared to the 2015 conference.

Senior security practitioners make up the bulk of the numbers, coming from a range of industries from oil and gas, hospitality, construction. Law enforcement and government are also well represented.

The full event brochure is online [here](#) and the full program is [here](#).

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For further information, please contact middleeast@asisonline.org or visit the [conference website](#).

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Registrations are 30 percent higher than at the same time last year for the ASIS International 15th European Security Conference & Exhibition (ASIS Europe 2016) in London, April 6 to 8.

The learning experience is a unique combination of forward-thinking analyses, hands-on experience, and solutions-driven content. The educational program can be found online [here](#).

With professional tours in advance of the main conference sessions and the addition this year of a dedicated technology and solutions track, ASIS Europe continues to evolve to address the needs of security professionals operating in exceptionally complex and challenging circumstances.

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