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The ASIS EMEA Bureau invites members to submit updates or articles to share with ASIS members in the Middle East.

Please note that board certified professionals are entitled to up to 9 CPE credits per article.

The deadline for the next issue is March 10.

In this issue: ASIS Middle East 2014 draws more than 560 attendees from the Middle East and beyond. Industrial Control Systems in the Middle East are expected to be increasingly targeted by cyberattacks. Yemen could become a federation of six regions. The United States and Iraq will collaborate to protect oil infrastructure.

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ASIS Middle East 2014 Draws Record Attendance

ASIS International held its 5th Middle East Security Conference & Exhibition on February 16-18 at the InterContinental Dubai Festival City, United Arab Emirates (UAE). ASIS Middle East 2014 took place under the patronage of His Excellency Sultan Bin Saeed Al Mansoori, minister of economy of the United Arab Emirates, and under the honorary chairmanship of His Excellency Lieutenant General Dhahi Khalfan Tamim, deputy chair of police and general security. The event gathered a record attendance of 566 senior security professionals from 32 countries.

On Sunday February 16, the programme started with a workshop on Security Risks in Emerging Markets.

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ASIS President Richard E. Widup, Jr., CPP, welcomes delegates

On 17 February, His Excellency Abdulla Sultan Alfani Alshamsi, UAE assistant undersecretary for industrial affairs opened the conference and exhibition on behalf of the Emirates' minister of economy. The opening took place in the presence of His Excellency Major General Khamis Mattar Al Mazeina, general commander of the Dubai Police, who attended on behalf of the honorary chair of the conference, His Excellency Lieutenant General Dhahi Khalfan Tamim, deputy chair of police and general security.



UAE Assistant Undersecretary for Industrial Affairs H.E. Abdulla Sultan Alfani Alshamsi opens the exhibition on behalf of the minister of economy.

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The conference continued with the keynote presentation of Abdulrahman Wuhuib, senior vice president, downstream, Saudi Aramco, who spoke about the mitigation of 21st century threats for resilience and continuity.

On the second day, Professor Dr. Martin Gill, criminologist and managing director of Perpetuity Research and Consultancy International made a keynote presentation explaining how offenders beat around security measures.



ASIS President Richard E. Widup, Jr., CPP and Professor Dr. Martin Gill at the ASIS 5th Middle East Security Conference & Exhibition

The conference was closed by Prof. Dr. Leonard Yong, senior consultant of EuroMaTech Training and Management Consultancy who spoke about the application of emotional excellence at the workplace.

The conference also featured 33 high-level educational sessions provided by high-level speakers that included Alanood Arabiah, business analyst, Saudi Aramco (KSA), who spoke on "Bringing the Organization into the Security Continuity Mindset;" Torsten Wolf, group head of crime and fraud prevention of Zurich Insurance Company (Switzerland) made a presentation titled "A Framework For Managing Crime and Fraud;" Dominique Woloch, regional security director of Sanofi (UAE); discussed "Counterfeit Medicines, a New Threat for Generations;" Lieutenant Commander Peter Harriman of the Royal Navy of Great Britain spoke on marine trade operations; and Simon Howse, director of security, Middle East and Africa, Marriott International (UAE), who spoke presented a crisis management case study.

In addition, sessions designed especially for chief security officers (CSOs) were organized by the CSO Roundtable, the ASIS forum for the most senior security professionals from the largest and most influential organizations in the world.

The event also featured an exhibition in which 45 sponsors, exhibitors, media, and supporting organizations presented their products and services to security professionals.

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ASIS Middle East 2014 - Meeting of the Middle East Advisory Council



The ASIS Middle East Advisory Council (MEAC) met at the ASIS 5th Middle East Security Conference & Exhibition.

The meeting gathered (starting on the top left) **Omar Al-Hazmi**, Chairman, ASIS Jeddah Chapter, **John Cowling**, assistant regional vice president (ARVP) and Vice Chairman of the ASIS

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ASIS International News

ASIS PCB President: Blurring Lines Between Public, Private Sectors

ASIS Professional Certification Board (PCB) President Owen J. Monaghan says that one of his goals for his current term, which will run through the end of the year, is to increase the number of security professionals who are ASIS-certified. Monaghan, who is also the assistant police chief of the New York City Police Department and is the first active-duty police officer to serve as president of the PCB, says one reason why he wants to promote ASIS certification is because he has benefited from having a Certified Protection Professional (CPP) designation himself. Monaghan says that having this designation gives the private sector partners he works with in securing infrastructure, events, and venues the assurance that he is knowledgeable about security issues. Certification can benefit other security professionals as well, Monaghan says, because PCB's certs are kept up-to-date with changing skill sets and because they are relevant for any industry. In addition, security professionals who are certified have demonstrated that they have a "passion for knowledge" that is valuable in the workforce today, Monaghan says.

Source: Security Director News

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Leaders

SRVP's Column: Introduction to ME Dynamics

It brings me great joy to welcome all of you to the inaugural edition of ASIS International's ME Dynamics. This monthly newsletter is dedicated to the hardworking men and women security practitioners in our region.

As the Middle East continues to grow economically, there is a greater need to nurture and develop security professionals. Over the past decade the security profession and our economy have grown to unprecedented levels, and as the global economy becomes more interrelated, we

ASIS International invites members to submit articles that will be published in the future editions of *ME Dynamics*.

Whether it is a case study, an article about legislation in your own country, or an opinion piece about threats and opportunities for the security profession -- any article that shares knowledge and best practices with other ASIS members is welcome.

Board certified professionals are entitled to up to 9 CPE credits per article.

General writing guidelines:

- Articles must be in English only.
- Articles should not exceed 500 words.
- Sales or marketing submissions will not be accepted

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ASIS/IE Business School Executive Education Program: Learn to Be a Strategic Business Leader



IE Business School, Madrid

ASIS International will once again partner with Madrid-based IE Business School, one of Europe's leading business educational institutes, to deliver Effective Management for Security Professionals. This four-day, executive education program has been customized to introduce mid-to-senior level security practitioners to the dynamics of business fundamentals.

"The understanding of the bigger corporate picture, and hence the business's security and risk management requirements, is key to implementing and managing an effective corporate security strategy, as well as earning the long-term support of senior management," states program graduate Michael Otto, corporate security officer, Novartis International AG. "The program and attendees' discussions provide guidance, as well as suggestions as to how best to achieve this objective."

Program participants will develop a strategic understanding of the role of security management as an enabler of business success and acquire the knowledge and skills needed to present a sound business case for their security initiatives.

The program will take place June 3-6, on the IE Business School campus. Prospective students can find more information on the program at www.asisonline.org.

Registration:

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- €3.600 for ASIS members
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Roy Bordes Award Application Now Open

The Roy Bordes Award for Physical Security provides the winning chapter with a customized, two-day, locally delivered, physical security education program. Established in 2008, the award pays the cost of instructors, their travel and accommodations, and collateral materials. Award funds are limited, necessitating that additional meeting expenses will be the host chapter's responsibility. All chapters are invited to compete for the award, however, preference will be given to developing chapters that are working to expand membership and educational offerings. Chapters may submit one application annually. The award application period ends March 11.

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A committee comprised of members from the ASIS International Board of Directors, ASIS Foundation Board of Trustees, and the ASIS Professional Certification Board will review applicants and select the scholarship recipients.

Applications will be accepted through April 15.

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Headlines

Industrial Control Systems in the Middle East Must Protect Against Cyberattacks

Gulf News reports that the protection of sensitive data is of increasing importance following a set of attacks that have targeted oil and chemical companies.

According to IDC Energy Insights, the questions relating to security in the industry go beyond traditional IT vulnerabilities and may impact industrial control systems (ICS), which control electromechanical devices, such as valves or switches, on many critical assets. Attacks on such systems are expected to increase in the coming years - especially in Middle East nations such as the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The vulnerability of many industrial control systems used in the UAE's oil industry lie in two key weaknesses:

- First, many of these systems were implemented 10-20 years ago at a time when the risk of a sophisticated attack on ICS was considered low. ICS communications were managed through proprietary, vendor-specific protocols. The standardization of communication protocols at the end of the 1990s made the concept of 'security through obscurity' obsolete, thereby increasing the vulnerability of these systems.
- Second, industrial control systems have gone through a significant period of architecture evolution during the past 10 years to enable additional functionalities and more flexible processes. One of the main evolutions was to enable remote access for maintenance or operational purposes. Similarly, industrial control systems have been progressively connected to various business systems to allow the automatic exchange of information. Both of these evolutions have made ICSs such as SCADA systems much more user-friendly, but also easier to access from the outside and, therefore, more vulnerable to external attacks.

The article concludes that there are several action points for oil companies working to mitigate ICS security risks:

- Companies should carry out a regular assessment of the potential vulnerabilities within the control systems of their most critical infrastructures.
- Oil companies also need to update their identity and access rights strategies as they attempt to secure such systems.
- It is absolutely critical to implement state-of-the-art protection systems for control networks. The available tools include role-based access control software, business continuity applications, and patching and risk monitoring solutions.

- The teams in charge of ICS security and human resources within these firms will need to converge to better educate the workforce at large and increase awareness of the organization's security policies.

Source: Gulf News

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Proposal to Turn Yemen into Federation of Six Regions to be Approved by Referendum

BBC News reported that Yemen will become a federation of six regions - two in the south - Aden and Hadramawt - and four in the north - Saba, Janad, Azal and Tahama.

The proposal has been approved by a committee chaired by President Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi and will be enshrined in the constitution following a referendum. The move aims at ending complaints against centralization that fed rebellions in the north and south, as well as the popular uprising that forced long-time President Ali Abdullah Saleh to step down.

In addition to the six regions, the capital, Sanaa, would be a "federal city not subject to any regional authority" and the constitution would "guarantee its neutrality", said state news agency Saba.

The port city of Aden would also have a special status and be given "independent legislative and executive powers", Saba added.

However, southern leaders rejected the announcement. Many politicians from the south had called for a federation of two regions to put them on a more equal footing with the north while securing their access to a larger share of the country's oil resources, which are located in the south.

"What has been announced about the six regions is a coup against what had been agreed at the dialogue," Mohammed Ali Ahmed, a former South Yemen interior minister who returned from exile in March 2012.

Source: BBC News

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A Wave of Terrorist Attacks Hit Iraq

Al Jazeera reported that a wave of ten car bombs in Iraq killed at least 19 on February 18, one day after another set of attacks that killed 23.

The first set of blasts took place in Baghdad and hit four different locations. At least ten people were killed and 30 were wounded. Two car bombs hit Bayaa, in South Baghdad, and killed five

people. Another series of attacks took place in Hilla, in South Baghdad, killing five people and wounding 22.

Violence in Iraq has reached a level not seen since 2008, when it was emerging from a brutal period of sectarian killings that claimed tens of thousands of lives.

And all of one major city and parts of another in Anbar province, west of Baghdad, have been held by anti-government fighters for weeks.

Al Jazeera stresses that attacks and clashes have killed more than 470 people so far in February and more than 1,450 since the start of the year.

Source: Al Jazeera

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United States and Iraq to Collaborate on Oil Infrastructure Protection

According to Your Middle East, the United States will provide some technical support to Iraq to help the country secure its oil export infrastructure.

Baghdad aims at increasing oil sales to finance the reconstruction of its economy. However, its pipeline infrastructure is affected by repeated terrorist attacks.

Deputy Prime Minister Hussein al-Shahristani, Iraq's top minister responsible for energy affairs, said the cooperation would not involve any foreign troops and would instead be focused on studies being carried out and new equipment being acquired.

"We need modern equipment and methods to protect these pipelines, as well as our southern installations, refineries, and export ports.... [The agreement] is to help develop the methods and use the modern equipment for protecting these sites."

Both exports and revenues declined in 2013 compared to the previous year despite efforts to increase sales -- a drop attributed by the oil ministry to periods of bad weather and poor maintenance, but also to sabotage against the country's main northern pipeline.

Source: Your Middle East

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