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Dubai Chapter November Meeting



By Peter Page, CPP

The ASIS International Dubai Chapter held its annual general meeting on November 29 just before the UAE National Day long weekend break. The meeting was an evening meeting, kindly hosted by Emirates Group Security in the Emirates Training College auditorium in Garhoud, Dubai.

Costa Boukouvalas, CEO of Agility Grid, provided a presentation on Forensic Search using SNAP as a Technology, and discussed the types of tools that are currently available for stitching together CCTV footage for an investigation. Boukouvalas outlined some of the benefits and drawbacks to this type of technology and detailed how this can work from a technical point of view. He also provided some examples of where this has been successfully undertaken when working with local law enforcement agencies.

A summary of the year's chapter activities was presented to members by Peter Page CPP, chapter vice chair, and an overview of the recent MEAC meeting was provided by John Cowling, CPP, assistant regional vice president, before the election of chapter officers took place. The 2017 incumbent chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer were all delighted to be re-elected for 2018.

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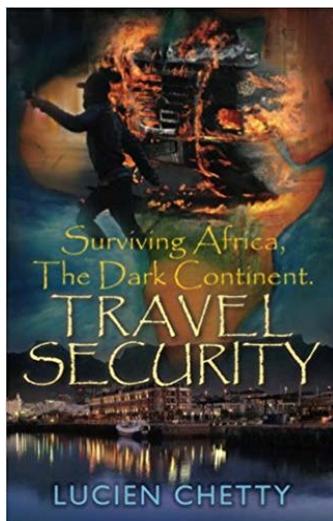
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The chapter was also thrilled to welcome Leonard Ong, CPP, who was in town on business from Singapore. Ong and Peter Page, are fellow members of the ASIS Crisis Management and Business Continuity Council. This provided a great opportunity to strengthen ties between council members by meeting in person, as well as for sharing ideas between chapters and regions.

Peter Page, CPP, is vice chair of the ASIS Dubai Chapter.

New Africa Travel Security Book



By John Cowling, CPP

ASIS International and Dubai Chapter Member, Lucien Chetty recently published [Surviving Africa: Travel Security](#).

Chetty, currently a regional security manager for a large multinational, provides solid and practical travel security advice and guidance. The book is based on knowledge gained from more than 25 years of security consulting across Africa, including providing close personal protection for Western celebrities and politicians, building on his foundations in the South African police service specialist units.

Coupling anecdotes and case studies, Chetty demonstrates the value of pre-trip planning and anticipating the unexpected as key to successfully undertaking business travel and living as an expatriate in Africa. His advice is realistic and achievable not only in Africa but across the globe, making this book essential reading for the security practitioner, the business traveller and the expatriate alike. Available on Amazon and downloadable for Kindle.

John Cowling, CPP, is assistant regional vice-president and member of the ASIS Dubai Chapter.

Articles for the next *ME Dynamics* can be submitted until January 21.

ASIS International News

Soft Target Protection: Focus of December's Spotlight

SECURITY SPOTLIGHT

[Security Spotlight](#) features free ASIS-curated information and resources for security management professionals, including recorded webinar and Seminar sessions, *Security Management* articles, book excerpts, and more. This month features resources on protecting soft targets.

ASIS International's Annual Seminar and Exhibits is Now the Global Security Exchange

On December 5, ASIS International, announced it has changed the name of its

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annual security conference from the ASIS Annual Seminar and Exhibits to the Global Security Exchange (GSX). Building on a 60+ year legacy of security event distinction, the newly branded GSX will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada, September 23-27, 2018, in partnership with InfraGard and ISSA.

"In what will be our 64th year of delivering the security industry's flagship event, the Global Security Exchange, or GSX for short, will build upon the change and reinvention introduced at ASIS 2017," said Peter J. O'Neil, CAE, chief executive officer of ASIS International. "This name reflects the Society's commitment to unite the full spectrum of security--cyber and operational security professionals from all verticals across the private and public sectors, allied organizations and partners, and the industry's leading service and solution providers-for the most comprehensive security event in the world."

GSX will offer a best-in-class environment for education, networking, and business building that will provide year-round benefits for attendees and exhibitors alike. The education program, led by ASIS, InfraGard, and ISSA subject matter experts, will deliver an immersive and interactive learning environment for security professionals at all experience levels. The exhibit hall will be transformed into a learning lab environment, showcasing new and emerging products and technologies such as machine learning, robotics, forensic analysis, and artificial intelligence. In addition, the revitalised networking events will facilitate relationship building and the sharing of best practices with peers from across the globe.

"From the Internet of Everything and soft target attacks to data breaches and drones, the velocity of change and risks knows no boundaries," said Thomas J. Langer, CPP, 2017 president, ASIS International. "GSX fills the industry's need for a global event that brings together the entire security industry, to exchange ideas and lessons learned, keep informed of current and emerging risks, and gain exposure to the emerging technologies shaping society and our workplaces."

While the annual event's new name debuted on December 5, the full rebrand will launch at the 2018 ASIS International Leadership Conference, which will be held January 16-19 in Arlington, Virginia.

Middle East Overview

UAE Denies Attack on Abu Dhabi Nuclear Plant



- [Crime Prevention for Houses of Worship, 2nd edition](#)
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The UAE's National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority (NCEMA) has denied a claim that Yemen's Houthi rebels fired a ballistic missile at a nuclear power plant in Abu Dhabi.

Houthi-affiliated al-Masirah TV claimed on December 3 that a missile had been fired towards UAE's airspace, targeting the under-construction Barakah Nuclear Power Plant.

The NCEMA, in a statement on news agency WAM, denied the claim and said the UAE's defence system is capable of dealing with any threats.

Read more [here](#).

Source: *Arabian Business*

KSA's New Cybersecurity Authority Will Need the Private Sector to Succeed



Saudi Arabia recently announced the creation of a National Authority for Cybersecurity. The Authority aims to enhance the protection of networks, IT systems, and data through regulatory and operational tasks. The Authority will also seek to attract human resources in the cybersecurity field and build partnerships with the private sector.

Read more [here](#).

Source: *Frontera*

Education and Events

New Video Preview for ASIS Europe 2018



[ASIS Europe 2018](#) will take place on April 18-20, 2018, in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Under the conference theme, "Blurred Boundaries - Clear Risks", the programme will tackle the impacts of Big Data and artificial intelligence, plus provide up-to-date risk outlooks, case studies, and analysis across the full range of key security management issues.

The "From Risk to Resilience" event format launched in Milan in March this year will be repeated, with its informative mix of conference, training, technology and solutions, exhibition, and career centre.

Advance rates are available until 8 March.

[Visit the website](#) for full information on the content already confirmed, fees, and practical information.

Global Agenda

April 18 to 20, 2018 -- [ASIS Europe 2018](#), Rotterdam, The Netherlands

September 23 to 27, 2018 -- [Global Security Exchange \(GSX\)](#), Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

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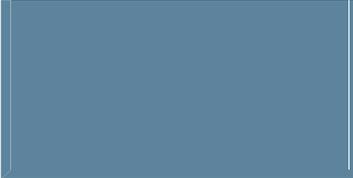
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