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ASIS Middle East News

Dubai Chapter February Meeting Report



By Peter Page, CPP

The ASIS International Dubai Chapter held its February chapter meeting as a breakfast meeting hosted by Emirates Group Security in the auditorium of the Emirates Aviation College on February 22nd.

The chapter was delighted to host a panel discussion and welcome guest speakers from the CYMASS Conference that was also in town in the same week. CYMASS 2017 focused on the link between cyber threats, trends, and developments and their influence on securing places of mass gathering and was presented by Emirates Group Security and Austability.

The panel was comprised of former senior police officers and federal special agents from three continents as well as a director from the UN Department of Internal Oversight with vast experience in securing high-profile events and international institutions around the globe, plus the safety of children online.

The panel took questions from chapter members about online intelligence gathering, securing places of mass gathering including static locations such as airports and schools and temporary venues like music concerts, and ensuring the safety of children online.

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The chapter was privileged to have access to such senior industry experts as panelists, and the chapter members gained numerous important and valuable insights in these areas. Members were also cordially invited to the second day of the conference after the meeting.

The Dubai Chapter has secured sponsorship for its next breakfast meeting, to be held in March 2017, and planning is well underway.

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

ASIS International News

Cybersecurity: Focus of March's Spotlight

SECURITY SPOTLIGHT

Security Spotlight-Free ASIS-curated information for security management professionals. Past Spotlights include [Crisis Management](#), [Travel Security](#), [Civil Disturbances](#), [Utility Security](#). [View all](#).

ASIS International and ISSA Announce Event Partnership

On February 27, ASIS and the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA), a global organization of information security professionals and practitioners, announced an event partnership that will advance their shared missions -- to heighten the knowledge, skills, and professional growth of security professionals across the globe.

Read the full press release [here](#).

IE/ASIS Program: Effective Management for Security Professionals



[Effective Management for Security Professionals](#), June 5-8, Madrid, Spain is an executive education program developed in partnership with IE Business School in Madrid, one of Europe's leading business schools. The four-day program is delivered by IE Business School faculty members; all are practitioners and experts in their respective fields. Mid- to senior-level security professionals will benefit from participating.

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ASIS members enjoy significant savings on the registration fee. [Learn more.](#)

Achieve Your Goals with ASIS Foundation Awards & Scholarships!

Deadline 29 March: Apply now for 1 of 5 full tuition [University of Phoenix Scholarships](#)

The University of Phoenix will award five full-tuition scholarships for security professionals to complete an undergraduate or master's degree program that furthers their security career.

Webster University Scholarships: [Now Accepting Applications](#)

Webster University will award two full-tuition scholarships to ASIS members to pursue a graduate degree in Business and Organizational Security Management. Recipients may choose to attend on campus, online, or a combination of the two. Deadline is 5 May.

Active Duty Law Enforcement: [Apply Now for an ASIS Certification Scholarship](#)

Sponsored by the Transitions Ad Hoc Council, these scholarships provide an opportunity for ASIS members who actively serve in law enforcement to pursue ASIS board certification. Scholarships cover the cost of application, preparation (online review and reference materials), and testing.

Articles for the next *ME Dynamics* can be submitted until April 9.

Middle East Overview

Meet Al Marri, the New Chief of Dubai Police

[Management, Legal Issues, Security Officer Operations, and Crisis Management](#)

- [Active Shooter: A Handbook on Prevention](#)

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His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, named Major-General Abdullah Khalifa Al Marri as the commander-in-chief of Dubai Police on March 1. He succeeds the late Lt-Gen Khamis Mattar Al Mazeina, who died of a heart attack in November last year. Sheikh Mohammed promoted Al Marri from brigadier to the rank of major-general.

Read more [here](#).

Source: *Khaleej Times*

Gulf States 'at Risk of Cyberattacks'



As technology advances, not all battles are fought on the field any more. Cybersecurity experts opine that many such wars are quietly being waged in the cyber realm in different parts of the world, including the Gulf region. Gulf countries must tighten coordination to fight an increasing number of cyberattacks, experts in Jeddah said on Monday, as one official blamed hackers in Iran. The comments came at an international conference in the Saudi Arabian capital after the Shamoon 2 virus reportedly disrupted labour

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ministry computers in January.

Read more [here](#).

Source: *Gulf News*

Nearly 1,000 Cyberattacks on Saudi Facilities in 2016



Saudi Arabia's institutions and facilities sustained nearly 1,000 cyberattacks in 2016 from hackers seeking to prevent services, steal data, and target infrastructure, according to Saleh Ibrahim Al-Motairi, director general of the National Cyber Security Center.

The Kingdom's Cyber Security Center reports that a number of recent attacks are similar to breaches suffered by some Saudi companies four years ago, with the same modern software, said Prince Bandar bin Abdullah Al-Mishari Al-Saud, assistant minister of Interior for Technology Affairs at the Ministry of Interior. Prince Bander called for the development of the cybersecurity systems in the country,

Read more [here](#).

Source: *Arab News*

Education and Events

Save the Date: ASIS Middle East 2017



ASIS Middle East 2017 will take place from November 5 to 7, 2017, in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.

In support of strategic initiatives across the GCC countries, the ASIS Middle East 2017 program will focus on security as an enabler of economic diversification.

ASIS will create a program leveraging its unparalleled pool of experts from critical infrastructure, oil and gas, manufacturing, finance, and hospitality. The event will showcase leading opinions, analysis, strategic frameworks, and practical experience.

The Call for Papers is now closed and the program is being put together. More information will be available soon.

For questions about the event, please contact middleeast@asisonline.org.

ASIS Europe 2017 - New Event Format Attracting Attention



ASIS Europe 2017, March 29 to 31, Milan, Italy, will cover everything from best practices in global enterprises to career paths for young professionals.

With the focus on today's connected enterprise, it was recently announced that Carlo Purassanta, general manager of Microsoft Italy will provide the opening keynote at the conference. Purassanta will leverage his deep knowledge of rapidly evolving digital businesses to help delegates understand the current and near future needs of businesses, consumers, shareholders, and communities -- setting the parameters within which security professionals need to operate.

At the closure of the early rate period, the conference has received an unprecedented number of registrations from senior security practitioners in large enterprises.

ASIS members are reminded that this year, the new format provides much more than the conference, and registration options span many interests and budgets.

New! The Career Center programme has just been published. It includes career coaching, résumé reviews, sessions for YPs and WiS, advice on preparing for a job interview, information on certification, executive education, and much more -- all part of the Show Pass available free online until March 28 (also includes the Technology & Solutions track and the exhibition).

Training modules available for just €75 each cover key issues in a focused, compact format.

For up-to-date information and registration, visit www.asiseurope.org.

Questions? Please contact europe@asisonline.org.

Global Agenda

March 29 to 31, 2017 -- [ASIS Europe 2017](#), Milan, Italy

June 7 to 8, 2017 -- [ASIS NYC 27th Security Conference and Expo](#), New York, USA

September 25 to 28, 2017 -- [63rd Annual Seminar and Exhibits](#), Dallas, Texas, USA

November 5 to 7, 2017 -- [ASIS Middle East 2017](#), Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

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