

## 10 Reasons to Join ISSA

1. **VOICE OF THE SECURITY PRACTITIONER** – The ISSA is an unbiased third party made up solely of security practitioners and, as such, is not motivated by politics nor profits; only the ethical professionalism of our members and their dedication to protecting information resources in a professional manner. We are “The Global Voice of the Information Security Profession”.
2. **LOCAL CHAPTERS** – No other professional information security organization provides local networking and educational opportunities. The ISSA’s local chapters and its members can become one of your strongest allies when support is needed to get your job done. Visit [www.issa.org](http://www.issa.org) to find a chapter near you.
3. **PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING** - Take advantage of local ISSA Chapter meetings and the ISSA Annual Conference to meet your peers and exchange information. Learn what other IS professionals in your area are doing, and share your experiences and successes with colleagues in other ISSA chapters. Contacts developed through networking are extremely beneficial for benchmarking security practices and as a resource for you to validate security product functionality.
4. **EDUCATION** - The ISSA Chapter meetings, regional events, and the annual conference serve as vital educational and professional resources, offering in-depth and timely information about our industry. They provide an opportunity to obtain skills and solutions to further your success. Educational opportunities include comprehensive workshops, seminars, exciting guest speakers, and presentations on new technologies in the industry. ISSA also provides members additional discounts to international security conferences.
5. **CERTIFICATION** - The ISSA is a founding contributor of the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium (ISC<sup>2</sup>), which offers the only comprehensive certification of Information Security Professionals. The CISSP Certification provides you with tangible proof of professional competency and serves as a key component in professional skills development. It also increases and demonstrates your knowledge in the field, provides personal and professional enrichment, and can enhance your job security and assist in career advancement.
6. **CAREER GROWTH** – The networking and training you receive through the ISSA will provide a means to identify potential career opportunities and may get you known to those in hiring positions. The ISSA also provides updated job postings on its web site.
7. **LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** - Get involved – promote information security in your company, industry, and your community. At the local Chapter and ISSA Board levels, you can participate, learn, and help spread the word about the vital importance of information security. Members can earn CPE credits for participation on ISSA Boards.

8. RECOGNITION - Become an ISSA author or speaker. ISSA welcomes articles from members for publication on the ISSA web site and in *The ISSA PASSWORD*. Share your ideas about security, management, solutions, and innovation. Making a presentation about how you have applied security technology to address risks or ways you have adapted practices to solve problems helps other ISSA members and will identify you as an information security professional who is willing to share ideas and experiences. Plus, you can earn CISSP CPEs.
9. ACCESS TO INFORMATION – The ISSA web site, **www.issa.org**, provides a one-stop site for information professionals to quickly find useful information on security technologies and practices. The *ISSA PASSWORD* is the Association's monthly magazine that provides members with up-to-date technical, association, and chapter news.
10. ENDORSEMENTS FROM PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF - Some great people are saying some wonderful things about the ISSA. Take a look at who they are, and at what they said in the "Quotes from Members" section of our web site.