



Information Security
Specialist Group

Secretary's report 2024

In my third year as ISSG Secretary, I am extremely pleased to report another very successful and active year for the group.

Your Committee held 5 Committee meetings since the last AGM in November 2023 (Feb, Apr, June, Sept and October) and 4 future planning meetings, all of which were well represented and supported by committee members. The future planning meeting is specific to the organisation of events and future planning of themes for the group.

We all lead busy lives and so all the Committee and future planning meetings are held online which is proving very successful as the Committee is well spread across the UK.

Our events cover a wide range of topics and are always well attended. We undertook 14 events in 2024 whether ISSG or jointly run by other groups, as set out in the Chairs report, many diverse areas and very informative. We were fortunate to be able to attend at the BT Showcase premises and had various speakers from the BT group and those present found the topics most rewarding as well as the hospitality provided. Our thanks again to BT. We also ran an event from Manchester to attract those from the North West; we are always looking to promote similar out of London ISSG events. We are also looking to extend our fireside chats which have proved popular this year. So, watch this space. It goes without saying, that all ISSG events are organised and run by committee members.

I would like to thank the Member Groups team at BCS HQ, and particularly our co-ordinator Marie Setterfield for her incredible support throughout the year. Much of the work in administering and organising events is carried out for us by Marie and the rest of the Member Groups team, without which, many things simply wouldn't have happened. I would also like to thank the London BCS team who work behind the scenes on our Hybrid events in London and prove their worth and always are most obliging whether in providing technical support or those dealing with the refreshments after our events.

I would also like to thank Steve Sands our Chair, for his assistance this year and for the whole of the Committee in making my job easier. Our Chair, has undertaken a considerable amount of work this year to ensure the ISSG reflects what you, the membership, wish to see and hear about. We are always grateful for any feedback on what events you are looking see going forward by the ISSG. Please let me know if there is any topic you wish to see us deliver upon.

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