



Information Security
Specialist Group



Secretary's Report – 2018-2019

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

Your committee held five meetings since the last AGM (Dec, Mar, May, Sep, Oct), all of which were well-represented by members. As in previous years, we continue to see a general increase in the number of members attending via teleconference, however a room is always booked in London for those who wish to attend in-person (although we no longer provide lunch).

This year's programme has yet again proved to be extremely popular, comprising a mix of evening and daytime events. Our events cover a wide range of topics and are always well attended. ISSG events are organised and run by committee members and today's event, kindly supported by my employer, Barclays, is a great example of such. It was filled in record time and is a great example of the time and trouble taken to ensure our events are always engaging, interesting, relevant and hugely enjoyable. The programme is well underway for 2019/2020, with one event, Legal Day already fully arranged and several in the pipeline. Our aim is to maintain a rolling 18-month calendar of relevant events. All events are advertised by our Member's Group Event Co-ordinator using Eventbrite and also (where appropriate) via social media.

I would like to thank the Member Groups team at BCS HQ, and particularly our own co-ordinator Marie Setterfield, for their incredible support throughout the year. Much of the work in administering and organising events is carried out for us by Marie and the team, without which many things simply wouldn't happen and I have had to utilise her skills on a number of occasions as the role of secretary has proved more challenging than I had at first thought.

I will be standing down as Secretary for the next year and dependent on the voting, take on the role of Membership secretary for the ensuing year. Our Chairman, Ian Fish has worked tirelessly this year to maintain the momentum and successes of previous years, and his contribution is greatly appreciated. Please take some time to read the Chairman's report which sets out his plans and objectives for the coming year.

Alan Quinlan,
ISSG Secretary