



Information Security
Specialist Group



Secretary's Report – 2019-2020

In this, my fourth year (not consecutive) as ISSG Secretary, I am extremely pleased to report another very successful and active year for the group.

Your committee held seven meetings since the last AGM (Dec, Jan, Mar, Jul, Aug, Oct, Nov), all of which were well-represented by committee members. Unsurprisingly, most of our meetings have been run via teleconference which always adds a touch of unpredictability. In our last meeting, we managed to split the committee across two separate teleconferences for the first 10-15 minutes.

This year's programme has yet again proved to be extremely popular comprising, at least initially, a mix of evening and daytime events. In common with all other security events since March the ISSG has switched to on-line events, usually using the BCS GoToWebinar system that we are using today.

It's a tribute to our committee in terms of their specialist knowledge and their networks of contacts that our events cover such a wide range of topics and are always so well attended. The programme is well underway for 2020/21, with five events already in the planning stages. 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 this extremely difficult 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.

The committee is extremely grateful to our Chairman, Ian Fish, who works tirelessly to provide direction and maintain our relevance and effectiveness. Ian also finds time to write a forward to the security section of each edition of ITNOW on behalf of the ISSG.

Steve Sands,
ISSG Secretary