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Growth is the Goal for the (ISC)² Netherlands Chapter



WITH 533 CURRENT MEMBERS, (ISC)² Netherlands Chapter, based in Slochteren, has a strong base, but chapter leadership is not resting there. They've set a goal to have 1,000 members by the end of the year. An ambitious goal, to be sure; it's part of a one-year plan to:

- increase the number of active volunteers to 25
- increase the number of sponsors to 10
- organize additional events, workshops and webinars
- cooperate with other chapters
- maintain and improve their relation with EMEA
- begin participating in the Center for Cyber Safety and Education's Safe and Secure Online[®] program

The key to engaging information security professionals, says chapter president Heinrich (Henk) Klöpping, CISSP, CCSP, is to focus on usable information. "We try to present actual, real-life examples and provide information that can be applied in real-life situations. For example, during our next event, we will have a young gentleman who has actually hacked the controlling units of solar panels—and of a type that is very common in my country."

In order to produce exciting events that would help grow the chapter and expand its impact, more active volunteers were needed. Chapter leadership reached out to membership with a survey that resulted in a list of people who had the time and interest to do the work. "Volunteer Days" are held to organize and motivate the "workforce" to help broaden the chapter's scope and activities.

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With an active and engaged—and growing—membership, (ISC)² Netherlands looks to enhance its mission with Safe and Secure Online and to become a central point for sharing crucial updates on information security. ■

▼ Q&A

Heinrich (Henk) Klöpping, CISSP, CCSP, president, (ISC)² Netherlands Chapter

What are the greatest challenges the chapter faces in growing membership?

Ensuring that every person in the Netherlands that has an interest in information security knows our chapter exists and how to register as a member. This especially holds true for (ISC)² members. We know there are roughly 2,280 CISSPs in our country. It would be great to see them all register as members of our chapter and if possible, join our volunteer workforce. So, if any Dutch members of (ISC)² read this, who are not members of our chapter yet, go to <https://registry.chapter.isc2.nl> and register!



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What advice would you give to other chapter leaders who are looking to increase the membership?

In short: If you're not a legal entity, become one. Structure your organization, set up an online registry and proper website, ask the EMEA

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regional office and other chapters to help you and reach out to both members and non-members. And last, but certainly not least, organize good events.

In reaching out to the membership in general, what suggestions do you have for them to grow and strengthen their own chapters?

Visit our events, help organize them, become an active volunteer. You may think there is not much you can do; but, rest assured, there is! From writing articles, blogs or recording vlogs, to visiting schools, developing learning materials or translating existing materials, and much, much more.

What are some of the major issues your members are interested in?

Currently, IoT and GDPR are quite hot. The application of existing frameworks and standards to new technologies and situations is also a topic. Then international espionage, especially online attacks and interventions by foreign nations and what to do about it, are becoming of increasing importance. Privacy is a big theme for 2018.

On the subject of GDPR, any observations you'd like to share?

GDPR has at least one big advantage: It stimulates interest of many companies in information security and offers great opportunities for our workforce. Given the huge number of companies involved, there is an equally large need for information security and privacy specialists.

This is also a great opportunity for (ISC)² as we offer a long-standing, well-respected series of certifications, helping to ensure the quality of candidates for new positions like the DPO [data privacy officer]. It is also, as far as I know, the first time we will have something that may, in practice, work as a global data protection law, as almost every country in the world actively trades with EU countries and hence, is required to handle EU citizens' data according to the GDPR. The new regulations taking effect may initially result in problems, as we still struggle with a shortage of sufficiently skilled information security workers, but I'm sure that in the end, the GDPR will bring a positive change, worldwide. ■

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