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Sr. Network Engineer (R0150745) - Ft. Meade, MD

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Network Engineer Level 2 (R0151404) - Hanover, MD

Sr. Software Developer (R0151449) - Ft Meade, MD

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Responsibility of each member to submit their CEUs

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Central Maryland Chapter new meeting location!

HubSpot - The Gathering Place on the Gateway

**6724 Alexander Bell Drive, Suite 105
Columbia, MD 21044**

Effective January 28, 2026

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ISSA Senior Members

ISSA recognizes members who have been with the organization for at least five consecutive years and have demonstrated at least 8 years of relevant cybersecurity experience.

Senior Member status is the first step towards fellowship and requires at least 5 years of membership. More about [ISSA Fellows Program](https://issa.org/fellows-program) (<https://issa.org/fellows-program>). Senior Members are:

- invited to our awards gala event to be recognized in the year that they become a senior member
- listed on our website as recognized senior members of the organization
- recognized as eligible to become a Fellow of ISSA in the future.



Senior Member Qualifications

- 5 years of ISSA membership
- 8 years of relevant professional experience

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ISSA Fellows Program



The ISSA Fellows Program formally recognizes significant contributions to the cyber community, cyber profession, ISSA leadership and sustained ISSA membership. The elite status of Distinguished Fellow designation is limited to only 1% of ISSA members and Fellow status is limited to 2% of the ISSA membership.



Fellow Qualifications

- 8 years of association membership
- 12 person-years of relevant professional experience
- 3 years of volunteer leadership in the association
- 5 years of significant performance in the profession such as substantial job responsibilities in leading a team or project, performing research with some measure of success or faculty developing and teaching courses

Distinguished Fellow Qualifications

- 12 years of association membership
- 16 person-years of relevant professional experience
- 5 years of sustained volunteer leadership in the association
- 10 years of documented exceptional service to the security community and a significant contribution to security posture or capability

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Welcome, ISSA members

As a member of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA), you are part of an elite community of cybersecurity professionals committed to advancing the industry. At Infosec, we share ISSA's commitment to promoting a more secure digital world through education, collaboration, and professional development.

We proudly offer exclusive discounts on our security training solutions and services to ISSA members. This special partnership reflects our shared dedication to empowering security professionals and strengthening organizations' cyber defenses.

ISSA members are eligible for a discount on Infosec's training offerings. ISSA non-member subscribers are also eligible for discounts. Use your code during checkout or share with your rep to receive your discount.

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ISSA Central Maryland Networking Event

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Jailbreak Foodworks

9445 Washington Blvd N Ste F, Laurel, MD 20723



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Regional Security Conference for Baltimore, MD

25-26 April 2026

Sheraton Baltimore North
903 Dulaney Valley Rd
Towson, MD 21204

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ISSA Special Interest Groups (SIG)

<https://www.members.issa.org/page/ISSASpecialInterestGroups>

ISSA has many opportunities for members to form and participate in global initiatives and working groups. As a member, you can choose to be active in one or more of these Special Interest Groups (SIG).

- **Board of Directors Special Interest Group**
- **Cyber Resilience Special Interest Group**
- **Emerging Technologies Special Interest Group**
- **Privacy Special Interest Group**
- **CISO Special Interest Group**
- **Women in Security Special Interest Group**

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Free Security Training

Free training on current topics of interest (i.e. Artificial Intelligence) and certifications (Microsoft, CISSP, CEH, Cloud, etc.) are provided by several companies supporting the cybersecurity community. Links to several offerings can be found on the ISSA Central Maryland Chapter/Training web page:

Training - Central Maryland Chapter of ISSA

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Upcoming Summits



Summit & Training events provide an immersive training experience that arms attendees with deep-knowledge and actionable information and has a lasting impact on their careers and their organization's security programs. <https://www.sans.org/cyber-security-summit>

Event	Location	Dates
SANS OSINT Summit & Training 2026	Arlington, VA & Virtual	Mon, Mar 16 - Sun, Mar 22, 2026
SANS Cybersecurity Leadership Summit & Training 2026	Arlington, VA & Virtual	Tue, Mar 17 - Sun, Mar 22, 2026
SANS AI Cybersecurity Summit 2026	Arlington, VA, US & Virtual	Mon, Apr 20 - Mon, Apr 27, 2026
SANS ICS Security Summit & Training 2026	Orlando, FL & Virtual	Mon, Jun 8 - Tue, Jun 16, 2026
SANS Cloud Security Exchange Summit & Training 2026	San Francisco, CA, US & Virtual	Mon, Aug 17 - Sun, Aug 23, 2026
SANS Security Awareness & Culture Summit 2026	Las Vegas, NV, US & Virtual	Wed, Aug 19 - Fri, Aug 28, 2026
SANS DFIR Summit & Training 2026	Arlington, VA, US & Virtual	Thu, Oct 15 - Thu, Oct 22, 2026

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ISSA Central MD 2026 Meetings and Events

Date	Speaker	Organization	Topic
February 25, 2026	Jessica Nemmers	Flair Data Systems	Focusing on Resiliency in 2026
March 25, 2026	Oleksandr Godzilevsky	RAP Consulting LLC	Decrypting the Cost of Cyber Risk
April 22, 2026	Sameer Ahirrao	Ardent Privacy	Discovering Shadow AI with DBoM
May 27, 2026	Dr. Baljeet Malhotra	TeejLab	The API Security Blueprint
June 24, 2026	Matt Leuschner	Cisco Systems	The Evolution of Network Engineering

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Oleksandr Godzilevsky, RAP Consulting LLC

Mr. Oleksandr (Alex) Godzilevsky is a seasoned Intelligence and Cyberspace professional with more than 24 years of experience across the Department of Defense (DoD), the Intelligence Community (IC), and U.S. Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM). His career spans strategic and tactical planning, mission management, intelligence and language analysis, special mission unit support, and full-spectrum cyberspace operations.

He has over 14 years of hands-on expertise in analysis, reporting, OPLAN development, tasking, and signals intelligence, as well as deep involvement in Program, Planning, Budgeting, and Execution (PPBE) across multiple national security directorates. Mr. Godzilevsky played a key role in shaping the Cryptologic Cyber Strategy for NSA/CSS, represented the DoD at the NATO Cyber Security Summit, and served as a technical mentor to the Dutch Defense Cyber Command.

He holds an MBA from the University of Maryland; a Master of Science in Management and a Bachelor of Science in Slavic Languages and Culture from Excelsior College; and is a Distinguished Graduate of the Defense Language Institute. He also maintains certifications including PMP, JCOPC, CMMI, and is a Fellow of MIT's Seminar XXI program.

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Decrypting the Cost of Cyber Risk: How CIFER Quantifies Cybersecurity as Financial Exposure

Cybersecurity is chronically underfunded not because leaders don't care, but because its financial impact has remained largely invisible. CIFER—the Cybersecurity Impact & Financial Estimation of Risk system—was developed to close that gap. Built on 19 critical risk, threat, and mitigation variables, CIFER translates technical cybersecurity conditions into a quantified financial loss estimate, allowing organizations to understand their true exposure in dollars rather than abstractions. This session will outline why traditional approaches fall short, how quantified cyber risk changes executive decision-making, and why SMEs, insurers, and even enterprises can benefit from financial-based risk modeling in an era of escalating cyber threats.

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Jessica Nemmers, CISO, Flair Data Systems

Jessica Nemmers is the Chief Information Security Officer and Field CISO at Flair Data Systems, based in Plano, Texas. In her position, Jessica serves as a trusted advisor to organizations in multiple industries, guiding them on all aspects of cybersecurity; from building protection and resiliency strategies to implementing controls that meet compliance requirements.

With 30 years in IT and Cybersecurity, Jessica's passion for security took root working with the datacenter operations team at Perot Systems (now NTT Data). She later became the first CISO at Commercial Metals Company (now CMC), where she built a cybersecurity program from the ground up. She went on to serve as Chief Security Officer in the financial sector at Elevate Credit, further solidifying her expertise in cyber risk management. As a board member and seasoned security leader, Jessica collaborates with executives and boards to bridge the gap between cybersecurity and business strategy, ensuring informed decision-making around cyber program investments.

Jessica is a co-author of *The CISO Mentor*, written to educate and support the next generation of cybersecurity leaders. Jessica has been recognized as a trailblazer for women in technology by the Dallas Business Journal and named among the "Dallas 500" most powerful business leaders in North Texas by D Magazine. Known as "The Ballerina Turned CISO," a reference to her prior career as a professional ballerina, Jessica's unique journey has fueled her passion for mentorship and support of women in technology and those transitioning into cybersecurity from other professions.

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Focusing on Resiliency in 2026

Now is the time to shift the cybersecurity conversation from prevention alone to surviving inevitable attacks in an era of AI-driven threats. This presentation explores what true resilience looks like in practice and how well-designed Cyber Incident Response, Business Continuity, and Disaster Recovery Plans must enable organizations to continue to operate when systems, data, and communications are disrupted.

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