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Vice President of Professional Development Current term thru December 2027

The VP of Professional Development will recommend, initiate, and oversee programs for professional development within the area of Information Security to include monthly meetings, security conferences/seminars, and interaction with peer organizations. The VP of Professional Development will work with the VP of Outreach to schedule any speakers identified by that officer during that officer's outreach duties.

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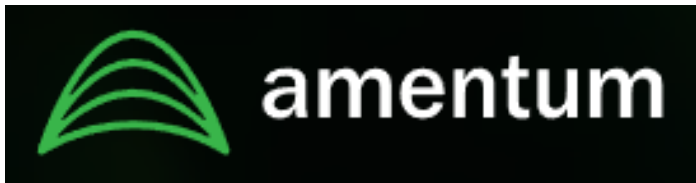


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Responsibility of each member to submit their CEUs

Certificate of Attendance available upon request

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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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APRIL — 2026

Baltimore

Official Cybersecurity Summit

Earn CPE/CEUs with full attendance



Tuesday, April 28, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST

Baltimore Marriott Waterfront

700 Aliceanna Street

Baltimore, MD 21202

The 3rd Annual Baltimore Official Cybersecurity Summit is the must-attend event for CISOs and senior leaders looking to strengthen resilience, reduce risk, and align security with business goals. Join top executives, innovators, and experts for a full day of actionable insights, cutting-edge solutions, and high-impact networking. Experience interactive panels, exclusive solution showcases, and strategic discussions that go beyond theory to deliver real-world results, all complemented by a catered breakfast, networking lunch, and closing cocktail reception.

Claim your complimentary ISSA Central Maryland pass with code **CSS26-ISSACENTRALMD**

Register Here: <https://cyberriskalliance.swogo.com/baltimore-2026>

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CISSP Study Group

Norseman Defense Technologies | 10981 Guilford Rd | Annapolis Junction, MD 20701

Each Tuesday at 5:00 PM -8:00 PM (EST), September 01, 2026 - December 08, 2026 (skips 3 Nov 26)

Why attend?

Gain credibility as a security expert.

Become a more marketable/hirable candidate.

Become/remain contractually compliant (DoD 8570.01 Manual / DoDD 8140)

Improve IT security skills and enhancing productivity.

Save money over “boot camp” style courses.

Our Study Group fosters a learning environment to better absorb and understand the material.

Our approach simply makes the information more useful and easier to interpret!

You can attend each session in-person in Annapolis Junction MD, or attend virtually on line. Your choice.

Meals are included each night for in-person sessions

Bonus: Pass your exam within 6 months; get a free year of ISSA membership on us!

Cost: just \$450

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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

[Learn More and Nominate](#)

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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.

<https://www.infosecinstitute.com/partner/issa/>

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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 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
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
July 22, 2026	Gabby Hagar	CodeHunter	
August 26, 2026			
September 23, 2026	Mike Fine	East Majors	

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May 27, 2024

Dr. Baljeet Malhotra, CEO/ Founder TeejLab

Dr. Baljeet Malhotra is an award-winning researcher and a global tech leader known for his work in Open Source and API Risk Management. He founded TeejLab in 2019 and steered the team to build API Discovery and Security™, world's first end-to-end API Risk Management platform. Prior to TeejLab, he established the R&D unit of Black Duck Software in 2016 (acquired by Synopsys for \$565 million). He also served as Research Director at SAP and Senior Software Engineer at MahindraTech.

Dr. Malhotra received a PhD in Computing Science from the University of Alberta and a Post-Doctoral from the National University of Singapore. He won several awards including NSERC (Canada) scholar and Global Young Scientist (Singapore). He concurrently held Adjunct Professor positions at the Universities of British Columbia, Victoria, Northern BC and NYIT. He has given numerous ISACA, ISSA, IIA, ISC2, OWASP talks globally, and published several papers and patents at international venues.

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Topic: The API Security Blueprint – From Basics to Advanced Defense

Led by Dr. Baljeet Malhotra, an internationally recognized expert in API Discovery, Security and Governance, this presentation will be focused on understanding and implementing robust API security programs. Participants will start with the foundational principles of API security, including authentication, authorization, and data protection. The presentation will then progress to advanced strategies, such as securing API gateways, preventing common vulnerabilities like injection attacks, and leveraging tools for monitoring and threat detection

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Sameer Ahirrao, Founder & CEO Ardent Privacy

Mr. Sameer Ahirrao is an experienced security leader who brings 25 years of experience in building effective enterprise security and privacy programs. Prior to founding Ardent, he worked with enterprises such as Symantec, Deloitte, and Lockheed Martin implementing, engineering, and auditing security and privacy programs. He holds Bachelors of Engineering in Electronics and Telecommunication and holds various security accolades such as CISSP, CISA, CCSP, and more. He has served as a subject matter expert for ISC2 and is a frequent speaker at local and international security conferences. He also serves as an IAPP advisory member and holds patent on data minimization.

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Topic: Discovering Shadow AI with DBoM (Data Bill of Materials)

Secure AI adoption is going to be biggest challenge for all organizations in 2026. AI adoption comes with several challenges and major roadblock is unavailability of enough options to secure AI to keep with pace of adoption . Building block of AI security and governance is controlling sensitive enterprise data going to AI applications, creative data inventory and Bill of Materials for data inherently solves that problem . In this session we will navigate how data bill of materials can help solve AI governance and also adoption of future innovative technologies.

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