Emerging Trends in Internal Audit Research 2016
– Cybercrime and Cybersecurity

Date: Monday, 26 September 2016
Time: 14:00 (registration) till 17:00.
Venue: University Residence, Lija
Price: EUR30 (regular) EUR20 (students)
CPE: 2.5 hours CPE (Core Competency)
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The Subject. Cybercrime has become one of the most high impact risks faced by most organisations. The overwhelming number of cybercrime incidents has forced Boards to keep this area on their radar and address it from an operational and strategic viewpoint.

The speakers will delve into three important aspects:

Recent Research on Internal Auditing at the University of Malta: Mr Baldacchino will give an overview of the 2016 postgraduate research studies focusing on internal auditing and control at the Department of Accountancy, within the University of Malta. Topics include studies on the current perceptions of internal controls, the consolidation of control units within credit institutions, the independence of the internal auditor, internal control on record keeping and the Internal Audit function within areas of the public sector.

The Internal Audit Role in assessing a firm’s Cybersecurity: As news of cyber attacks increasingly feature in the headlines, one may start to question what the internal auditor’s role is with respect to cybersecurity. This study, carried out by Ms Farrugia, delved into the attitudes of Maltese internal audit functions towards assessing cybersecurity, to identify any barriers which might hinder internal audit functions from assessing cybersecurity risks and to recommend some improvements in this area.

Practical Example Of Risk Management & Internal Audit: Malta is currently the smallest EU Member State in both population and area. Malta’s small size hasn’t, however, protected the Maltese population from new crimes that are being brought through the digital age. This presentation will provide an overview of the Malta Police Force’s efforts in tackling cybercrime by providing practical examples of proactive and reactive measures that have been introduced throughout the past years. The presentation, by Inspector Zammit, will also serve as an eye-opener about the potential ‘new’ risks that are being faced due to this ever-increasing phenomenon as well as providing basic tips on how cyber-incidents can be prevented and addressed.
A biographical note on the speakers

**Peter J Baldacchino**  Peter J Baldacchino is Head and Senior Lecturer at the Department of Accountancy and Financial Advisor to Rector, University of Malta. He is a Chartered Certified Accountant and research postgraduate of Loughborough School of Business and Economics. His publications in refereed journals have a small-state perspective and focus on corporate governance including internal and external auditing, financial strategy and co-operative accountability. He is an Accountancy Board member, and chairman of its QAOSC. Furthermore, he has extensive director and consultancy experience, currently holding positions as Director of the University Group of companies and the Central Bank of Malta as well as a member of the Cooperatives Monitoring Board.

**May Louise Farrugia**  May Louise Farrugia graduated from the University of Malta in 2014, whereby she obtained a Bachelor in Commerce degree, majoring in Accountancy and Banking & Finance. She has also recently completed her Master in Accountancy degree. May is currently working within the Assurance department of PwC Malta.

**Timothy Zammit**  Timothy joined the Malta Police Force in 2003, upon successfully completing the Basic Training Course at the Academy for Criminal Justice, in the rank of a Police Constable. He was assigned to the Economic Crimes Unit with the main area of interest being Money Laundering investigations. He was posted to the Cyber Crime Unit in 2007, shortly before being promoted to Police Sergeant. Timothy received extensive training, both locally and overseas, in internet investigations and the analysis of digital evidence seized during criminal investigations. He was also involved in the design and implementation of an educational awareness programme given to the general public, schools and the media, and contributed in the setting up of a Child Abuse Internet Filter for Maltese internet users, in collaboration with local internet service providers, that has been active since 2009. He was promoted to the rank of Inspector of Police in 2011. Timothy was entrusted with the operational management and co-ordination of cases and initiatives involving the Police Cyber Crime Unit. He was also designated as a contact point for Cyber Crime in several policy-making working groups and operational teams within law enforcement networks.
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Signature Date

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