

**13th Meeting of the INTOSAI Standing Committee on EDP Audit:
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Report on intoIT: Paper by SAI-UK

1. This paper reports progress on *intoIT*, the Committee's journal. We aim to publish a new edition twice yearly containing a mix of news, views and comments on the audit and use of IT in the public sector worldwide.
2. Previously, the Committee agreed that, although any relevant articles would be welcome, each edition of the Journal should attempt to pursue a theme and would continue to include a country focus article.
3. Overall support for the Journal from Committee members continues to be disappointing. To fill the gap we have expanded measures adopted previously:
 - used reprints (with permission) from other publications and sought other authors so that we have a reasonable number of articles on a theme and mix of topics, for example the article from the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants in Edition 19;
 - approached other (i.e. non-INTOSAI) audit offices for permission to republish their material, for the same reasons;
 - used contributions from non-INTOSAI audit offices in order to pursue a theme in each edition. For example the theme of "hacking" in edition 19, in addition to a lead article from SAI India, relied substantially on material provided by the State Auditors for North Carolina and Kentucky, and from the UK National Infrastructure Security Co-ordinating Committee;
 - We have contributed a disproportionate amount of the material ourselves, which runs the risk of giving the Journal too much of a UK feel.
4. We continue to be surprised that country focus articles are so difficult to obtain despite their giving high profile publicity to the SAI concerned. Member countries that have not yet contributed a country focus article are listed at Annex A. Obviously these are our first target for a contribution, particularly those countries that are not regular contributors to the journal. Also, a number of promises for articles made at the last meeting of the Committee have yet to be fulfilled. These are listed at Annex B.
5. Since the 2003 meeting in Oslo we have published one further edition:
 - Edition 19 (Jan. 2004): containing - editorial (SAI UK); country focus (SAI UK) lead article by on hacking (SAI India); information security vulnerability assessment (State Auditor of North Carolina); Trojan horses and kernel root kits, intrusion detection and intrusion prevention systems,

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email spoofing (all UK NISCC); network intrusion (State Auditor of Kentucky); risk based sampling using COBIT (SAI Norway); COBIT (SAI UK); gathering electronic evidence (reprint from CA Magazine published by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, arranged by SAI Canada); freedom of information (Auditor General of New South Wales); software testing standards (reprint from Professional Tester magazine); GAO Working with Congress (GAO); a chilling thought (SAI UK).

6. Providing that we can obtain sufficient material, edition 20 (July 2004) is likely to take electronic records and document management as its theme. We have no country focus article as yet (please volunteer!), and only one promise of an article from SAI UK, so there is plenty of scope for contributions.
7. To make this edition worthwhile we must have some contributions from SAIs, even if they are not about the main theme. The varied diet of articles for different parts of the world is one of its strengths and a greater contribution from INTOSAI members would help ensure it had more the appearance of a “house magazine” than is currently the case.
8. The steady increase in the Journal’s circulation continues. We now distribute to 180 SAIs, 120 state audit offices and receive a small but steady stream of requests from individuals to be added to the mailing list. Many more copies of the Journal are downloaded from the Committee’s web site.
9. The Committee is invited to:
 - Comment on the approach and content of the recent edition and make any suggestions for improvement;
 - Commit – and I mean really commit to deliver - at least one article, or a short news article, a year to support the journal. SAI contributions currently come from a very small number of countries – if the Journal is to continue to thrive is must be actively supported by all Committee members.
10. The deadline for articles for receipt of articles for edition 20 will be the end of May, but we will only publish if we have sufficient material.

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Annex A

IT Committee member countries that have not contributed country focus articles

Antigua and Barbuda

Austria

Bhutan

Canada

Costa Rica

Columbia

Cuba

Ecuador

France

Israel

Lithuania

Netherlands

Norway

Peru

Russian Federation

Slovakia

Sweden.

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Annex B

Promises of articles yet to be fulfilled

Originally proposed for Edition	SAI	Article	Notes
18	Bhutan	Report on ASOSAI work	
17	Poland	Digital signatures	
18	Poland	Use of XML	
19	Oman	CAATs for non financial audits	
19	USA	Cost Estimating Training Module	But “Working with Congress” article submitted and published
19	Norway	E-government audit project	But article on “Risk Based Sampling Using COBIT” submitted and published.
20	Netherlands	Work of EUROSAI Working Group	
20	Sweden	Country Focus	Follow up article to that on “better managed investment in IT-based business development” in Edition 18 received for inclusion in Edition 20