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Until recently Ian led the global IM audit team at the BOC Group with responsibility for providing assurance over the delivery of core IT services across the Group. The key business system supporting the two largest business units is of course SAP – delivered from a global U.K. ITIL compliant data-centre to approx. 15,000 users worldwide. Thus SAP provides *the* focal point for the IT audit team!

Ian enjoyed a varied IT career at British Airways, mainly within applications development, and then BOC (project management & strategy) before moving into IT audit. A key requirement was to provide the executive board with assurance over a number of SAP programmes being deployed across Asia, South America and South Africa. Over the course of 20+ project and process reviews, along with a highly visible Sarbanes-Oxley assurance programme, it was certainly a challenging time to be leading an IT audit team!

This experience as a ‘practitioner’ within the SAP environment coupled with ongoing feedback from SIG meetings, has helped Ian (and valued helpers) to shape the ACS SIG into an objective & independent forum for user group members to present and share valuable information.