

Marcelo Rodriguez appointed as new President of ISMA Board of Directors, as the organization lays out plans to prepare for CSOs' evolving role

[London UK, July 1, 2026] – As global risks continue to intensify and the role of corporate security becomes increasingly vital, the **International Security Management Association (ISMA)** today announced the appointment of **Marcelo Rodriguez** as the new **President of the ISMA Board of Directors**, effective July 1, 2026.

The appointment reflects ISMA's ongoing commitment to shape the future of the Chief Security Officer (CSO) role. As VP & Global Head of Security, Safety, and Travel at Assurant, Inc., and with more than three decades of experience spanning law enforcement, corporate security, and enterprise resilience, Marcelo brings a renewed focus on building the future capacity of the profession.

The appointment comes as ISMA celebrates the completion of the first cohort of ISMA's IGNITE program, designed to provide the future CSOs with the tools, networks, and expertise needed to meet the evolving demand of the role.

Marcelo Rodriguez said:

"Today's security environment is more complex and interconnected than ever, spanning geopolitical, cyber, physical, and supply chain risks. CSOs are navigating this dynamic landscape while also serving as strategic advisors to the C-suite and board. The role has never been more strategic, and expectations have never been higher. Today's security leaders can't just manage risk, they must be truly integrated business partners to the organizations they serve."

"At ISMA, our role is to equip and elevate this community, bringing leaders together, advancing best practices, and helping shape the future of our profession. IGNITE is an important step in that work. We're focused on preparing the next generation of security leaders not just to navigate today's challenges, but to lead confidently into what's ahead."

Alongside the ISMA IGNITE program, ISMA is continuing its commitment to strengthen the foundations of the network and reinforce its strategic role in the wider community. This includes continuing to grow relationships with other bodies, such as the Munich Security Conference whose CEO, Benedict Franke, spoke at ISMA's member meeting in Munich in February.

ISMA's confidential, member-driven network has been a long-standing pillar in enabling senior security leaders to learn from previous, navigate current, and prepare for future shared challenges. Today's announcements reaffirm that purpose and ISMA's long-term commitment amid intensifying external demands.

Notes for Editor:

- **About ISMA**

The International Security Management Association (ISMA) is the leading strategic global association for senior corporate security executives. With members across the globe, ISMA provides a trusted platform for collaboration, professional development, and industry leadership in corporate security, risk, and resilience.

- **ISMA IGNITE Program**

IGNITE is a nine-month leadership development initiative launched in 2025 to accelerate the next generation of CSOs. The program includes peer exchange, senior mentorship, and strategy workshops focused on emerging risks and enterprise leadership.

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