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CDOIQ Society

"Of the members, by the members, for the members"

About us

The CDOIQ Society is a global community dedicated to empowering Chief Data Officers, senior data executives, and AI leaders through ethical, innovative, and impactful data leadership. Guided by experienced global thought leaders, the Society advances the profession by fostering enterprise transformation, trusted data practices, and sustainable business value. Through collaboration, education, certification, and real-world expertise, the CDOIQ Society provides professionals with proven frameworks, peer engagement opportunities, and practical resources to successfully navigate the evolving landscape of data, analytics, and artificial intelligence. By connecting visionary leaders and promoting global best practices, the Society supports organizations and individuals in driving meaningful innovation and achieving long-term success in the digital era.

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The CDOIQ Society Proseminar Series follows a community-driven and inclusive approach to identifying and inviting speakers, ensuring a diverse range of perspectives and expertise.

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6. Access to session recordings

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Carl Gerber
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Dinesh Thangaraju
Head of AWS Data Platform, Amazon Web Services

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3	August 30, 2025 – 2nd year	Gilles	Simler	Business Intelligence Solutions	Manager
4	August 13, 2025 – 2nd year	Jim	Mitchell	TCS	VP - Systems & Data Governance
5	August 13, 2025 – 2nd year	Beth	Falder	Nuvance Health	AVP Data & Analytics
6	August 13, 2025 – 2nd year	Paul	Dietrich	Collibra	VP Sales EMEA
7	August 13, 2025 – 2nd year	Jessica	Krosschell	Ellucian	Senior Director, Business Intelligence Analysis
8	August 13, 2025 – 2nd year	Dinesh	Thangaraju	Amazon	Sr Software Development Manager, Head of AWS Data Platform
9	August 13, 2025 – 2nd year	Robin	Rappaport	IRS - RAAS	Technical Project Manager
10	August 13, 2025 – 2nd year	Mark	Krzysko	ClarityIQ	Founder
11	August 13, 2025 – 2nd year	Anton	Ranesis	Retired USAID FSO	Foreign Service Officer
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13	September 30, 2025	Lydia	Taghavi	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	Director, Open Data Division
14	October 8, 2025	Andrew	Gray	Inception Analtytics	Independent Consultant
15	October 13, 2025	Terese	Neivelt	PwC	Head of Risk Operations/ Chief data officer
16	October 13, 2025	Kendle	Sims	Shirley Ryan AbilityLab	Vice President, Data and Analytics

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19	October 22, 2025	Jonathan	Catling	Independent Consultant	Information Science Consultant
20	October 22, 2025	Drew	Kennedy	Data Convergence	Data Governance Consultant
21	November 5, 2025	Asit	Mehra	QuantumZero	CEO
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23	November 19, 2025	Michelle	Dunivan	Best Friends Animal Society	Sr Director, Insights & Analytics
24	November 21, 2025	Thomas	Gsponer	STADL Partners GmbH	CEO
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28	December 10, 2025	Leticia	Naqvi	Apple Inc.	People Analytics Research Manager
29	December 10, 2025	Evan	Alini	Vanderbilt University	Program Director of Data Training and Tableau Administration
30	December 16, 2025	Malcolm	Hicks	Self	Chief Data Officer
31	December 16, 2025	Katie	Manty	Omnicom	SVP Omnichannel Marketing
32	December 17, 2025	Arvind	Murali	IAMSMARCHITECT LLC	CDO
33	December 24, 2025	Megha	Negendra Wells	SWECO	Technical Director - Information Management
34	January 7, 2026	Chris	Sherman	Sutton Bank	VP, Data Governance Officer
35	January 8, 2026	Jennifer	Pougnet	Digital Statecraft Academy Cambridge Fellowship	Fellow

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39	January 19, 2026	Martin	Gonzalo	Softtek	Data & AI Offering Director
40	January 19, 2026	Katrina	Castillo	IEEE	Chief Data Officer
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43	February 9, 2026	Daniel	Maroslavac	Porsche	Manager Comnected Car
44	February 12, 2026	Andrew	Ngui	City of Kansas City	Chief Digital Officer
45	February 19, 2026	Joseph	Gulisano	JPMorganChase	CIB Payments Data Governance Leader
46	February 24, 2026	Joyce	Snelders	Deloitte	Senior Manager
47	February 25, 2026	Azhar	Rahman	Computech Careers INC	President
48	February 27, 2026	Mohit	Arora	Numeriphi	Partner
49	March 3, 2026	Kuldeep	Singh	HIKE2	Chief Data Officer & Director
50	March 4, 2026	Anjali	Singh	Bank OZK	SVP, Data Engineering
51	March 15, 2026	Tammy	Baker	Contractor	Data Strategy and Governance Lead
52	March 16, 2026	Piyush	Mittal	Ignitia AI	CTO and CAIO
53	March 16, 2026	Eric	Ferguson	Wilson Bank & Trust	Director Digital Data & Analytics
54	May 06, 2026	Imdadulla	Shaik	MetLife	Sr Director
55	April 13, 2026	Dharmesh	Purohit	John Deere	Engineering leader Data and AI
56	April 13, 2026	Luciano	Ferreira	FLLR Consulting	Data Governance Technical Manager
57	April 28, 2026	Vikas	Misra	EXL Service	Senior Vice President
58	April 30, 2026	Edward	Lowry	None	None
59	May 14, 2026	Nicholas	Zopoula	Meadowbrook Rehabilitation Hospital	Culinary Kitchen Assistant
60	June 2, 2026	Elena	Alikhachkina	NASD	Non-executive Director, CDAO
61	June 6, 2026	Geoff	Wilson	daigx	Program Manager
62	June 8, 2026	Stephanie	Sell	Servier Pharmaceuticals	Head of US Data and Analytics IT

63	June 30, 2026	Susan	Lin	Nova Southeastern University	Executive Director of Data & Analytics
64	July 16, 2026	Karly	Gula	Healthcare and Health Tech Advisor & Consultant | Data & AI Strategy	Advisory
65	July 20, 2026	Andrea	Wehrung	Vessco Water	VP, Data and AI
66	July 21, 2026	Andrew	Crisp	United Community	Director, Enterprise Data and Analytics
67	July 22, 2026	Aaman	Lamba	Birlasoft	AVP, Partner
68	August 3, 2026	Neysha	Pagan	Artiszen	Owner and CEO
69	August 4, 2026	Karen	Haro	Data to Decisions Consulting	Founder, Principal
70	August 6, 2026	Stephen	Gatchell	Ortecha	Partner
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January 2026	Carl Gerber	Doug Laney	Agentic AI: The Road to Fully Autonomous Organizations
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WELCOME

Welcome and Opening Remarks



Dr. Richard Y. Wang
Founder and Executive Director
Chief Data Officer &
Information Quality Program



Carl Gerber
FMR Audit Chief Data Officer
KPMG

Dr. Richard Y. Wang

Founder and Executive Director, Chief Data Officer & Information Quality Program

Richard Y. Wang is Director of the Chief Data Officer and Information Quality (CDOIQ) Program. He is a pioneer and leader in the research and practice of Chief Data Officer (CDO). Dr. Wang has significant credentials across government, industry, and academia. He conceived and chaired the Inaugural MIT-Army CDO Forum, and established the CDO Forum as an annual event at MIT. In addition, he has been chairing the Annual MIT CDOIQ Symposium since 2007. Dr. Wang was a professor at the MIT Sloan School of Management for almost a decade. From 2005-2009, he was appointed as a Visiting University Professor of Information Quality, University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He is an Honorary Professor at Xi'An Jiao Tong University, China.

Dr. Wang has put the term Information Quality on the intellectual map with myriad publications. In 1996, Prof. Wang organized the premier International Conference on Information Quality, which he has served as the general conference chair and currently serves as Chairman of the Board. Dr. Wang's books on information quality include Journey to Data Quality (MIT Press, 2006), Information Quality: Advances in Management Information Systems (M.E. Sharpe, 2005), Introduction to Information Quality (MITIQ Publications, 2005), Data Quality (Kluwer Academic, 2001), and Quality Information and Knowledge (Prentice Hall, 1999).

Prof. Wang has been instrumental in the establishment of the Ph.D. and Master of Science in Information Quality degree program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, the Stuart Madnick IQ Best Paper Award for the International Conference on Information Quality, the comprehensive IQ Ph.D. dissertations website, and the Donald Ballou & Harry Pazer IQ Ph.D. Dissertation Award.

Dr. Wang is the recipient of the 2005 DAMA International Achievement Award. Previous recipients of this award include Codd for inventing the Relational Data model and Chen for the Entity Relationship model.

In 2005, he received a certificate of appreciation from the Director of Central Intelligence and a thank you letter from the Director of National Intelligence. From 2009-2011, Dr. Wang served as the Deputy CDO and Chief Data Quality Officer of the U.S. Army, for which he received letters of appreciation from the Army's Chief Information Officer, and the CIO at the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He received a Ph.D. in Information Technology from the MIT Sloan School of Management in 1985.

Carl Gerber

FMR Audit Chief Data Officer, KPMG

As Audit Chief Data Officer (CDO), Carl works closely with Audit Leadership to deliver a data and analytics strategy to enhance the audit experience, sustain quality, and engage our people.

Carl has more than 37 years of data and analytics experience, transforming enterprise data processes to power firms at both global and domestic Fortune 500 Companies. He leads analytics initiatives that deliver actionable insights for top-line revenue growth and operational efficiencies. Carl has deployed enterprise data services including data stewardship, business glossary, data privacy, data quality, master data management, data archive and data migration.

As part of the US Firm's data and analytics strategy leadership team, Carl is working together with CDOs from Tax, Advisory, and KPMG US, to deliver firm-wide data management, data governance and data literacy capabilities.

Carl is active in the data and analytics industry via the MIT Chief Data Officer and Information Quality (CDOIQ) Symposium and is an Ally for Women Leaders in Data and AI.

Carl honorably served as a Captain, Communications & Computer officer in the United States Air Force, Tactical Air Command, where he developed an Executive Information System of mission readiness key performance indicators for the Commander and staff.

AUGUST
2025

PRESENTATION

Modernizing your data strategies in an era of exploding demand for Generative AI

Speaker **Mark Ramsey, Ramsey International LLC**

Lead **Ram Kumar, CDOIQ Society**

Abstract

In the era of exploding demand for Generative AI, organizations face unprecedented challenges and opportunities in modernizing their data strategies. This session will explore how a robust data foundation—encompassing governance, quality, integration, and analytics—is essential to unlock AI's full potential. Dr. Ramsey will share his insights on the immediate actions Chief Data Officers should take to transform data practices, build scalable and trustworthy data architectures, and leverage AI-driven innovations. Attendees will learn how to stay competitive by aligning their data strategies with the rapid growth of Generative AI, ensuring operational efficiency, new revenue streams, and sustained leadership in a data-driven organization.

Biography

Mark Ramsey

Managing Partner
Ramsey International LLC



Dr. Mark Ramsey is a globally recognized authority in modern data platforms, large-scale analytics architecture, and the strategic application of Generative AI. With over 35 years of experience, Mark has designed, delivered, and optimized some of the world's most impactful enterprise data platforms, enabling organizations to accelerate innovation and unlock transformative business value. As Managing Partner of Ramsey International, Mark leads the design and deployment of advanced data and AI solutions for global enterprises seeking to maximize the potential of their data assets. He is renowned for his expertise in architecting and operationalizing modern, hybrid multi-cloud data platforms that support analytics, machine learning, and the latest advances in Generative AI.

Mark's leadership was instrumental in the rapid delivery of AbbVie's award-winning ARCH (AbbVie Research Convergence Hub) platform, a modern, cloud-based data ecosystem developed by Mark and the RI team. This platform broke down silos and doubled R&D productivity by accelerating drug discovery and clinical innovation. Recognized by Bio-IT World for its innovative practices, ARCH exemplifies Mark's ability to deliver production-grade, scalable platforms that drive measurable impact in highly regulated, data-intensive industries. Additionally, Mark and the RI team have worked with more than half of the Top 10 pharmaceutical organizations in the design and delivery of their large-scale modern data platforms, and have also worked with organizations in finance, insurance, telco, retail, healthcare, and government.

Previously, Mark served as the first R&D Chief Data & Analytics Officer at GlaxoSmithKline, where he architected the R&D Information Platform (RDIP) as a cornerstone of GSK's data-driven strategy. As the inaugural Chief Data Officer for Samsung Telecommunications America, he led the development of large-scale analytics solutions to drive business growth. At IBM, Mark spearheaded the global Business Analytics & Optimization business, scaling it to over $1 billion in annual revenue across 150 countries. A prolific inventor, Mark holds 28 patents in data analytics, optimization, and AI, including foundational work on integrating data mining with parallel relational databases and advanced analytics for user behavior monitoring. He is a trusted advisor to CDOs and technology leaders navigating the rapidly evolving landscape of Generative AI and enterprise data strategy.

Mark holds a Ph.D. in Applied Computer Science, a Master's in Computer & Information Security, and a Bachelor's in Computer Science. His technical depth, visionary leadership, and proven track record in delivering large-scale, modern data platforms make him one of the most sought-after experts in the field today.

SEPT.
2025

PRESENTATION

The Business Case for Attacking Data Quality Pro-Actively

Speaker **Tom Redman, The Data Doc**

Lead **Ram Kumar, CDOIQ Society**

Abstract

By now everyone knows that AI succeeds or fails on the quality of answers/inferences/predictions it returns. (Poor) data quality also gets in the way of day-in, day-out work and good decision-making. The usual response is to try to find the errors and clean them up. It is time-consuming, expensive, and frustrating. And plenty of errors leak through. No wonder people don't trust data.

Fortunately there is a better way: Pro-actively finding and eliminating the root causes of all those errors! Saves time and money. Builds trust. And people like the work!

In this workshop we'll craft the business case for data quality by comparing "clean-up" versus "eliminating root causes." The goal is to help participants grow increasingly intolerant of bad data and start addressing the issues pro-actively

Biography

Tom Redman

The Data Doc, President
Data Quality Solutions



Dr. Thomas C. Redman, "the Data Doc," President of Data Quality Solutions, helps companies of all sizes, chart their courses to data-driven futures, with special emphasis on quality and analytics. Tom's recent book, *People and Data: Uniting to Transform Your Business* (Kogan Page Publications, July 2023) makes the transformational advice that companies must get everyone involved in their data programs. He has a Ph.D. in Statistics and two patents.

OCT.
2025

PRESENTATION

All In on All Forms of AI

Speaker **Tom Davenport, Babson College**

Lead **Ram Kumar, CDOIQ Society**

Abstract

Increasing numbers of CEOs are declaring that their companies are "all in on AI." Tom Davenport has researched this concept and described it in a book by the same name. In this presentation and discussion he will describe the attributes of companies that are highly committed to AI, discuss all-in approaches to analytical, generative, and agentic AI. and present several leading examples of such firms. He will also describe the attributes of AI leadership–both for CEOs and CDAOs–and provide examples of successful ones.

Biography

Tom Davenport

Distinguished Professor
Babson College



Tom Davenport is the President's Distinguished Professor of Information Technology and Management and the Faculty Director of the Metropoulos Institute for Technology and Entrepreneurship at Babson College, a Visiting Professor at the UVA Darden School of Business, a Fellow of the MIT Initiative on the Digital Economy, and a Senior Advisor to Deloitte's Chief Data and Analytics Officer program. He pioneered the concept of "competing on analytics" with his best-selling 2006 Harvard Business Review article (and his 2007 book by the same name). He recently co-authored the book is *All Hands on Tech: The AI-Powered Citizen Revolution* (with Ian Barkin), and he has also co-authored the book *Agentic Artificial Intelligence*. He has published 26 books and over 300 articles for Harvard Business Review, MIT Sloan Management Review, and many other publications. He writes columns for Forbes, MIT Sloan Management Review, and the Wall Street Journal. He has been named one of the world's "Top 25 Consultants" by Consulting magazine, one of the top 3 business/technology analysts in the world by Optimize magazine, one of the 100 most influential people in the IT industry by Ziff-Davis magazines, and one of the world's top fifty business school

professors by Fortune magazine. He's also been a LinkedIn Top Voice for both the education and tech sectors.

NOV.
2025

PRESENTATION

Contextualize. Productize. Monetize.

Speaker **Derek Strauss, Gavroshe**

Lead **Ram Kumar, CDOIQ Society**

Abstract

In the modern business landscape, organizations are inundated with vast amounts of data generated from customer interactions, operational processes, and external partnerships. Despite this abundance, many struggle to convert this data into actionable insights and tangible financial gains.

AI-driven Knowledge Governance is emerging as a transformative framework, utilizing the Data Liquidity Protocol (DLP), which revolutionizes data governance by embedding cryptographic proofs directly into data products. This ensures that every data product is verifiable, secure, compliant, and monetization ready.

DLP is unique because it binds five essential cryptographic proofs to every data product:
• Proof of Integrity: Ensures data provenance and quality.
• Proof of Ownership: Provides enforceable control over data assets.
• Proof of Security: Implements layered cryptographic protection.
• Proof of Compliance: Embeds privacy-preserving proofs to comply with regulations.
• Proof of Value: Measures ROI from every data use case.

By combining Knowledge Governance with DLP, organizations can automate compliance, manage risk, enhance data quality, unleash innovation, and unlock new revenue streams. This synergy allows organizations to transform raw data into valuable, marketable assets without exposing sensitive information or violating regulatory standards.

Biography

Derek Strauss

Founder, CEO & Principal
Gavroshe



Founder, CEO and Principal Consultant of Gavroshe. Former Chief Data Officer at TD Ameritrade for approximately 5 years; was responsible for Data Governance, Data Science & Advanced Analytics, Data Architecture & Management, and Development and Maintenance of Enterprise-class Data Assets. A career of over 3 decades, mainly in the Data Management and Information Resource Management (IRM) fields. Established Office of the CDO, Data Resource Management, Architecture and IRM Functions in multiple large Corporations. Established and managed numerous enterprise programs and initiatives in the domains of Big Data, Advanced Analytics, Business Intelligence, Data Warehousing, Data Quality Improvement and IRM. Bill Inmon's Corporate Information Factory and John Zachman's Enterprise Architecture Framework have been the foundational cornerstones of the above work. Served as VP Programs for DAMA SW Ohio. Active member of MIT's Chief Data Officer initiatives, and Founding Member of the International Society of Chief Data Officers. Co-authored "DW 2.0: The Architecture for the Next Generation of Data Warehousing" Inmon, Strauss and Neushloss (Book published 2008 by Morgan Kaufman, Series in Data Management Systems).

DEC.
2025

PRESENTATION

Executive Data Literacy

Speaker **Peter Aiken, Anything Awesome**

Lead **Carl Gerber, CDOIQ Senior Fellow**

Abstract

Everyone wants to use data to add value to their organizations. The really important question is: how can organizations achieve more effectively data practices? This has been difficult to correct because, to quote Einstein: The *significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them*. Poor data education has led to naive understanding that, when combined with a technology-first, bias has prevented the vast majority of organizations from making tangible progress. This, in spite of significant investments in hype such as big data science. Before attempting data improvements, organizations must resolve flawed decision making about data issues. The briefly takes senior executives through a data awareness journey, transforming their thinking about data. It provides an opportunity to better understand the kind of people and process decisions that will most speed-up your organization's ability to better leverage data. Many examples illustrate the material.

Biography

Peter Aiken

Associate Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University
Founding Director, Anything Awesome



Peter Aiken, PhD is an acknowledged Data Management (DM) authority, an Associate Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, President of DAMA International, and Associate Director of the MIT International Society of Chief Data Officers. For more than 35 years, Peter has learned from working with hundreds of data management practices in 30 countries including some of the world's most important. Among his 12 books are the first on CDOs (the case for data leadership), focusing on data monetization, on modern strategic data thinking and objectively specifying what it means to be data literate. International recognition has resulted in an intensive schedule of events worldwide (pre-Covid). Peter also hosts the longest running data management webinar series hosted by our partners at Dataversity. Starting before Google, before data was big, and before data science, Peter has founded several organizations that have helped more than 200 organizations leverage data–specific savings have been measured at more than $1.5B USD. His latest is Anything Awesome.

JAN.
2026

PRESENTATION

Agentic AI: The Road to Fully Autonomous Organizations

Speaker **Douglas Laney**

Lead **Carl Gerber, CDOIQ Senior Fellow**

Abstract

The autonomous organisation represents the next frontier in business transformation, moving beyond advanced analytics, piecemeal AI, and single-function automation. We are on the precipice of true organizational "self-driving" capabilities which will redefine business models and economies. While many enterprises still struggle with basic AI implementations, leading organisations are poised to introduce intelligent systems that can sense, decide, perform, interact, and adapt across entire business functions at digital speed.

Drawing parallels with the evolution of autonomous driving, Laney will define the seven levels of agentic AI – from early-stage chatbots to full business self-awareness and execution – and share new technology providers and business executives can prepare for this imminent inevitability.

Biography

Douglas Laney

Data, Analytics, and AI Advisor, Researcher, and Author



Douglas Laney is a renowned thought leader and advisor on data, analytics, and AI strategy. He is a best-selling author, as well as a featured speaker and business school professor. Laney has been recognized repeatedly as a top-50 global expert on data-related topics and is a three-time Gartner annual thought leadership award recipient. He originated the discipline of infonomics – recognizing and treating data as an actual economic asset. Laney continues to focus on helping organizations and their leadership innovate with and optimise the value of their data assets.

FEB.
2026

PRESENTATION

Breaking Down Data Silos: Building Federated Knowledge Infrastructure for Enterprise Agentic AI at Scale

Speaker

Dinesh Thangaraju, Amazon Web Services

Lead

Carl Gerber, CDOIQ Senior Fellow

Abstract

As organizations race to deploy AI agents across their enterprises, they're encountering a critical bottleneck: fragmented knowledge bases and siloed agent capabilities that prevent comprehensive, cross-domain insights. This presentation explores how to address this challenge through a federated approach to enterprise agentic AI infrastructure. This session examines three fundamental challenges facing enterprise AI adoption:

The Knowledge Fragmentation Problem: Organizations are independently building knowledge bases for specific use cases, leading to duplicated effort, inconsistent data parsing strategies, and context drift as source documents evolve. Each team creates their own chunking, embedding, and retrieval mechanisms without a unified architecture—resulting in AI agents that cannot access cross-functional domain knowledge or maintain accuracy at scale.

The Agent Collaboration Gap: Today's AI agents operate in isolation within their domains. When business leaders ask complex questions spanning customers, pricing, services, and operations, they receive fragmented answers requiring manual synthesis. Without standardized agent-to-agent communication mechanisms, authentication frameworks, or centralized agent registries, organizations cannot deliver the holistic insights that drive strategic decision-making.

The Governance and Innovation Paradox: Enterprises need to enable rapid experimentation while maintaining security, compliance, and user experience standards. Traditional centralized approaches stifle innovation; purely decentralized approaches create chaos. The challenge is building federated frameworks that guide discovery, assessment, incubation, and graduation of AI solutions without creating bottlenecks.

This presentation introduces a three-pillar architecture for enterprise agentic AI:

Unified Federated Knowledge Base: A bottom-up approach where domain teams create specialized knowledge bases that integrate into an organization-wide ecosystem through standardized ingestion pipelines, interfaces for vector databases and knowledge graphs, and evaluation frameworks for accuracy and relevance.

Cross-Domain Agent Collaboration: Technical mechanisms enabling AI agents to discover, authenticate, and communicate with each other—transforming isolated data points into comprehensive business intelligence that spans organizational boundaries.

Federated Innovation Framework: Secure sandbox environments with structured governance models that accelerate development time by 50% while maintaining enterprise standards for security and user experience.

Attendees will learn:

- Practical patterns for building federated knowledge architectures that eliminate redundant development efforts
- Technical approaches to agent-to-agent communication, including authentication, authorization, and service discovery
- Governance models that balance innovation velocity with enterprise security and compliance requirements
- Implementation strategies for co-owned initiatives requiring commitment across multiple data organizations

This session is essential for Chief Data Officers, enterprise architects, and data leaders navigating the transition from siloed AI experiments to scalable, federated agentic AI ecosystems that deliver measurable business value.

Biography

Dinesh Thangaraju
Head of AWS Data Platform
Amazon Web Services



Dinesh Thangaraju is a technology leader and Certified Chief Data Officer with over 15 years of experience building enterprise-scale software and data platforms. As Head of AWS Data Platform, he leads a globally distributed engineering organization empowering 300+ AWS teams across 10+ countries with scalable, secure data and analytics solutions that enable data-driven decision making.

Dinesh has driven transformations that eliminated data silos, delivered tens of millions in annual cost savings, and enabled 4X platform adoption growth. His leadership supports AWS's $100B+ annual revenue operations through advanced data lake architecture, business intelligence platforms, and operational analytics at petabyte scale, powering data-driven insights and supporting generative AI use cases across the enterprise. He created a unified system that ensures all AWS teams use the same definitions for critical business metrics like Revenue, eliminating confusion and ensuring everyone is working with consistent, accurate data through a balance of team autonomy and central oversight.

Dinesh holds an MS in Computer Science specialized in Data Management and certification on Advanced Databases & Knowledge Discovery from The University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He completed executive education at Stanford Graduate School of Business and earned his Chief Data Officer Executive Certificate from Carnegie Mellon University. As a principal inventor, he holds two US patents in scalable permissions management and data governance frameworks, and has authored multiple independent research papers on enterprise data management and analytics.

MARCH
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PRESENTATION

CDAIO Best Practices Presentation - Establishing the Office & Roadmap

Speaker **Robert Abate, CDOIQ Fellow**

Lead **Ashish Bajpai, Vertiv**

Abstract

The presentations purpose is to enable and empower CDO's with the primary requirements of the position and establish a cadence with business decision makers.This presentation, discussion and audience participation should provide for a number of benefits and this discussion will include the following topics:

- First 30 Days Best Practices
- First 60 Days Best Practices
- First 90 Days Best Practices

Attendees Will Learn:

- Challenges and considerations of a starting CDO
- How to utilize key concepts learned over 10 years by CDO's
- What does the future hold in store?

Biography

Robert Abate

CDOIQ Fellow



Robert Abate has over 40 years of experience in Data Management and is considered by his peers as an industry thought leader and has been cited as an USA industry influencer for CDO's in 2023 and 2024 by DataIQ. As a hands-on, accomplished big data and AI professional, Robert has been credited with building teams that develop and implement revolutionary solutions to complex challenges faced by businesses. He is credited as one of the first to publish on Services Oriented Architectures (1996) and is a respected contributor within the field of Big Data Storytelling, Advanced BI/Analytics, and Real-Time Information Integration and

Governance. He is a Certified Business Intelligence Professional [CBIP] and Certified Data Management Professional.

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PRESENTATION

Data Quality: The Secret Sauce That Makes Artificial Intelligence and All Things Data Taste So Good

Speaker **Danette McGilvray, Granite Falls Consulting, Inc.**

Lead **Ram Kumar, CDOIQ Society**

Abstract

Have you ever heard (or thought) the following:

- What we really care about is AI – what's the big deal about data quality?
- We know our organization has a data quality problem, but where do we start?

Data quality really is the secret sauce that brings together all things data with what is really important to our organizations such as AI, customer satisfaction, efficiently providing products and service, managing risk, etc. Data quality is the underlying flavor that makes everything work better and taste so good, but too many people just can't put their finger on it. Join us as Danette McGilvray shares key ingredients to preparing a delicious dish of high-quality data that will satisfy the appetite of what you care about in your organization – because everything depends in some way on data.

Biography

Danette McGilvray
President & Principal
Granite Falls Consulting, Inc.



An internationally respected expert, Danette McGilvray guides leaders and staff as they increase business value through data quality and governance. This data approach benefits focused initiatives (such as security, analytics, digital transformation, artificial intelligence, data science, and compliance) so that high-quality data will support whatever is most important to an organization, protect its data assets, and help manage risk.

Granite Falls helps connect business strategy with practical steps for addressing specific data quality/governance issues, implementing programs, and improving operational processes. As president and principal consultant, Danette is committed to the appropriate and effective use of technology and to addressing the human aspect of data management through communication and change management.

Danette is the author of Executing Data Quality Projects: Ten Steps to Quality Data and Trusted Information™, 2nd Ed. (Elsevier/Academic Press, 2021), which shares a proven method for creating, managing, and sustaining high-quality data. Her approach is used successfully by multiple industries in many countries. Her book is often described as a "classic" or noted as one of the "top ten" data management books in social media conversations. The book is used in university graduate programs and has been translated into Chinese and Japanese. The Spanish translation is currently underway. See www.gfalls.com.

Danette is a co-author of "The Leader's Data Manifesto", a document used to raise awareness about treating data as a business asset. She has overseen its translation into 24 languages. See www.dataleaders.org.BI/Analytics, and Real-Time Information Integration and Governance. He is a Certified Business Intelligence Professional [CBIP] and Certified Data Management Professional

JUNE
2026

PRESENTATION

AI Oversight and how CDOs should engage with Boards of Directors

Speaker **Elena Alikhackina, Infofluence.ai**

Lead **Dinesh Thangaraju, Amazon Web Services**

Abstract

Artificial intelligence is rapidly becoming a board-level issue, reshaping enterprise strategy, risk, governance, operations, and fiduciary accountability. Yet while boards are increasingly expected to oversee AI, many organizations still lack the structures, literacy, and leadership alignment required to govern intelligent systems responsibly and effectively.

This session explores the emerging discipline of AI Oversight and the evolving role of the Chief Data Officer in enabling boards to govern AI with confidence, transparency, and strategic clarity. Drawing from the research and book AI Oversight: A New Mandate for Corporate Directors and Executives, Dr. Elena Alikhachkina examines how governance models must evolve from traditional control structures toward continuous oversight of analytical, generative, and agentic AI systems.

A key focus of the discussion is how the CDO role is expanding beyond data management into enterprise stewardship, board engagement, AI governance, and strategic risk leadership. As organizations navigate increasing regulatory pressure, ethical concerns, model transparency challenges, and AI-driven transformation, CDOs are uniquely positioned to become strategic advisors to boards and executive teams.

Participants will learn:

- Why AI Oversight is becoming a core board responsibility
- How boards should engage with CDOs and AI leaders
- What skills CDOs need to influence and advise boards effectively
- How to translate AI risk and technical complexity into business impact
- Practical approaches for AI governance, reporting, dashboards, and oversight frameworks
- Why AI governance creates a new leadership and board opportunity for CDOs

Designed for board directors, C-suite executives, Chief Data Officers, AI leaders, risk professionals, and governance stakeholders, this session provides practical guidance for building trusted, resilient, and accountable AI-enabled enterprises.

Biography

Elena Alikhackina
CEO and Board Director
Infofluence.ai



Dr. Elena Alikhachkina is a board advisor and former Fortune 500 Chief Data, Digital, and AI Officer with more than 25 years of global executive leadership experience overseeing AI, digital transformation, and technology-enabled value creation in highly regulated healthcare, life sciences, and consumer health environments. She brings deep expertise in AI governance, digital and data oversight, cybersecurity and data privacy, regulatory compliance, and enterprise risk management across multinational organizations. Elena has held senior executive roles at Roche, Johnson & Johnson, GSK, Danone, Nestlé, News Corp / Dow Jones, and TE Connectivity, where she led and governed large-scale AI, data, and digital programs spanning commercial operations, pharmacy-adjacent retail, supply chains, patient and consumer engagement platforms, and enterprise functions. Across these roles, she advised executive committees and boards on responsible AI adoption, automation, advanced analytics, and digital platform strategy, while ensuring alignment with healthcare regulations, GDPR, and global privacy and security standards. In healthcare and consumer health, Elena has overseen the application of AI and advanced analytics in pharmacovigilance, patient engagement, demand forecasting, pricing and promotion optimization, and operational efficiency. At Roche and Johnson & Johnson, she governed multi-billion-dollar digital and data portfolios, establishing enterprise-wide AI governance models, data stewardship frameworks, and risk controls designed to scale innovation while maintaining regulatory and ethical discipline. Her work consistently balanced innovation, patient safety, and compliance. Elena has extensive experience supporting boards through periods of transformation, including oversight of complex cross-border M&A, divestitures, and post-merger integrations across Europe, Asia, and the Americas. Her governance background includes supervising technology and data integrations, assessing AI and cyber risk during transactions, and ensuring continuity of controls in regulated environments transitioning to private equity or public ownership structures. She is the founder of InfoFluence.ai, a digital leadership and AI-readiness platform focused on executive

and board-level capability building, and the creator of proprietary governance diagnostics, including Digital Leadership IQ™ and the AI Data Readiness Score™, which are used to support board oversight of AI risk, value realization, and organizational readiness. Elena is also the author of AI Oversight: A New Mandate for Corporate Directors and Executives, a practical guide for directors navigating AI accountability, governance structures, and regulatory expectations. Elena currently serves as a board advisor to multiple AI and data technology companies and is a member of the National Association of Corporate Directors. She is a frequent keynote speaker on AI governance, digital trust, and leadership in the AI era, advising directors, regulators, and executives globally. Elena holds advanced degrees in engineering, economics, and data sciences, has completed executive education at Wharton, and is NACD-certified in Corporate Board Directorship. She is based in the New York and Connecticut area, USA.

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PRESENTATION

No Session Scheduled

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PRESENTATION

Quantum Computing Applications as an Accelerator for AI and Machine Learning (AI/ML)

Speaker **Dr. James Meng, UCSD**

Lead **Dinesh Thangaraju, Amazon Web Services**

Abstract

Many important business and scientific problems are too complex for today's classical computers to solve efficiently. These include weather forecasting, cybersecurity, supply chain optimization, traffic and logistics planning, drug discovery, healthcare, financial risk analysis, and investment portfolio optimization. As quantum computing continues to advance, even more business applications are expected to emerge.

Quantum computing is moving from research labs into practical business applications. Recent advances in quantum hardware and software are bringing us closer to quantum advantage—the point where quantum computers can solve certain problems faster, more accurately, or at lower cost than traditional computers. These developments have the potential to transform many industries. Organizations are increasing their investments in quantum computing to accelerate innovation, solve difficult business problems, and prepare for the future. Industry surveys show that quantum computing now represents a growing share of corporate R&D spending, and companies that begin building quantum capabilities today expect significant long-term business value.

This seminar explains how quantum computing can work alongside classical Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) to improve performance for large-scale and near-real-time applications. Participants will learn about practical industry use cases, hybrid quantum-classical AI/ML solutions, and emerging trends in quantum AI acceleration.

Designed for data managers, AI practitioners, technology leaders, and business executives, this seminar provides a practical overview of today's quantum computing landscape and its future potential. Attendees will gain a better understanding of where quantum computing can create business

value and how organizations can prepare for the next generation of AI and advanced computing.

Biography

Dr. James Meng
Senior Scientist, Supercomputer Center
UCSD



James C. S. Meng, Ph.D., MSM is a Senior Scientist at the Supercomputer Center at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), where he has served since 2016. His work focuses on advancing quantum computing and big data analytics, with expertise in the system dynamics of large-scale complex systems, interoperable architectures, data systems integration, and value delivery.

Dr. Meng earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from National Taiwan University, a master's degree in Physics and a Ph.D. in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. He also completed advanced engineering studies in Electrical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and received a Master of Science in Management Science from the MIT Sloan School of Management, where he authored the thesis Innovation Barriers for Large R&D Organizations.

Before joining UCSD, Dr. Meng held several senior leadership positions with the U.S. Department of the Navy. He served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (2010–2015), STEM Executive in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition (2008–2010), Executive Director of Warfare System Engineering and Chief Systems Engineer at NAVSEA (2004–2008), Executive Director of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Keyport, Washington (2000–2004), and Chief Scientist and Department Head for Undersea Weapons at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, Rhode Island (1987–2000).

A prolific researcher and innovator, Dr. Meng has authored more than 30 reports on the practical management of big data analytics and systems, published 21 peer-reviewed journal articles, secured seven patents in electromagnetohydrodynamic boundary layer control and acoustic remote cavitation, and produced more than 200

> technical reports spanning multiple scientific and engineering disciplines.

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PRESENTATION

Making Value Visible: What stakeholders don't see, and how that's hurting your program

Speaker **Gwen Thomas, The Data Governance Institute**

Lead **Ram Kumar, CDOIQ Society**

Abstract

Are your program's stakeholders engaged, enthusiastic, and supportive? If not, there's a good chance they simply can't see the actual impact your efforts have on their own programs and on the enterprise. They see tasks, details, and inconveniences, but they don't see the value meter moving as you work.

Professionals who train to serve in Data Governance, Data Quality, and related fields learn how to DO the work. But they may not be taught that demonstrating the impact of their efforts is PART of the work. And they aren't taught how to make that impact visible to stakeholders who simply can't see it.

This session introduces simple practices that can be built into everyday work. Taken together, they produce what stakeholders expect to see: how your team's contributions are moving the needle in their own success gauges and why they should speak up about the value your program provides.

Biography

Gwen Thomas
Founder
The Data Governance Institute



Gwen Thomas is a pioneer in the field of Data Governance, having founded the Data Governance Institute in 2003, publishing the industry's first framework and set of guidance materials on www.DataGovernance.com. Since then, she has influenced hundreds of data programs, provided training, coached CDOs, and guided many companies through setting up, managing, and updating their Data Governance programs. Thomas also spent 10 years as an in-house data strategist for the World Bank Group's private sector arm and served as a Subject Matter Expert for the ADG_BOK (Applied Data Governance Body of Knowledge).

> Recently, having rejoined the DGI as a Special Advisor, she helped develop its Value-Centered Data Governance Certificate Program.