

WITSEC PROFESSIONAL DAY 2026 – SCIENTIFIC SECTION

Call for Papers

This year The Women in IT Security (WITSEC) is once again organising a Cyber Month Professional Day (<https://witsec.hu/witsec-szakmai-nap-2026/>), which will include a dedicated **Scientific Section** for the first time. The aim is to create a focused, high-quality professional forum for doctoral students conducting research in the field of cybersecurity. Our goal is to provide PhD students from Hungarian and European universities with an opportunity to present their research findings and engage in professional discussions. Hungary's experts and researchers in the field of cybersecurity are internationally recognized, whom you can also meet in person at this event and exchange experiences with.

Who should apply?

We welcome applications from all PhD students whose research is related to any aspect of cybersecurity. Applications are welcome from doctoral students at any stage of their research.

Announced Topics

- Information Security Management and Risk Management
- Cyber Warfare, Hybrid Threats, and Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Network Security, Cryptography, and Application Security
- Compliance of Artificial Intelligence Applications with Current Standards and Regulations (EU AI Act, ISO/IEC 42001)
- Current Challenges in Cybercrime
- Security Awareness, Cyber Hygiene and Education
- Cyberpsychology in Cybersecurity
- Cybersecurity Regulations and Law, including Data Protection and Information Security

Application Requirements and Submission Guidelines

Presentations will be **20 minutes long**, followed by a **5- to 10-minute** discussion (Q&A). To apply, please submit an abstract of **1,500 to 2,500 characters (excluding spaces)** using the attached template (https://witsec.hu/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Abstract_Sample_Eng_WITSEC.docx) The abstract should clearly outline the purpose, methodology, and main findings of the research.

- **Submission instructions:** Please submit abstracts to science@witsec.hu.
- **Language of submitted abstracts, posters, papers, and presentations:** Hungarian or English
- **Language of the conference:** Hungarian or English (depending on the language of the abstract)
- **Deadline for submitting abstracts or poster summaries:** September 1, 2026
- **Deadline for paper submission: December 15, 2026**

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Poster session:

The conference organising committee welcomes applications from all doctoral students who wish to present their research in poster format.

The poster session is open to all research and practical fields related to the main theme of the conference.

Submission Guidelines

To submit a poster proposal, please send the following to science@witsec.hu:

- the proposed title of the poster,
- a 200–300-word abstract,
- the name(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of the author(s), and the contact information of the corresponding author.

Please submit the final poster in PDF format by the specified deadline, using the template available on the website (https://witsec.hu/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Poster_Sample_WITSEC.pdf) The file name must clearly

indicate the author's name and the poster title, with a maximum length of 15 characters.
The author(s) are responsible for printing the poster.

Important Dates

- **Deadline for submitting abstracts or poster summaries:** September 1, 2026
- **Notification of acceptance:** October 1, 2026
- **Conference date:** October 29, 2026
- **Deadline for paper submission: December 15, 2026**

Venue: National University of Public Service, Ludovika Campus

Participation is **free** for presenters, but registration is required.

Following the conference, a volume of studies based on the presentations will be published. The authors of the three posters voted best by the audience will be given the opportunity to have their work published in the collection. The deadline for electronic submission of posters is October 26, 2026.

For further information and the detailed programme, please visit <https://witsec.hu/> or contact us at science@witsec.hu.

We look forward to welcoming you to the WITSEC Scientific Section!

The Organizing Committee