



Call for Papers ISSA 2026

The 25th International Symposium on cyber Security and Assurance

Venue: Durban Area (TBC)

Date: 29 November 2026 to 2 December 2026 (exact date TBC)

ISSA, (previously known as *Information Security South Africa*) founded in 2000, is an annual international conference that brings together researchers, academics, students, and industry practitioners from across the fields of Cyber Security, Cyber Security & AI, Information Security, Computer Security, Network Security, and Digital Forensics. Over the years, ISSA has grown into a respected platform for collaboration and knowledge exchange within the global cybersecurity community. The conference is co-organised by the Department Computer Science of the University of Pretoria, Centre for High Performance Computing (CHPC), Data Intensive Research Initiative of South Africa (DIRISA) and South African National Research Network (SANReN). ISSA runs as a parallel stream at the well-established annual Centre for High Performance Computing Conference: (<https://chpcconf.co.za/>).

TOPICS: Topics include but are not limited to:

- Cyber security
- Information Security
- Network Security
- Computer Security
- Digital Forensics
- Cyber security aspects of Bots & Botnets
- Innovative risk assessment methods
- Zero Trust Security & continuous validation of trust
- Cyber security standards, regulations and frameworks
- Security in Cloud Computing
- ChatBot security
- Insider Threats
- Honeypots
- NIDS
- GANs and Malware
- Privacy & ethics
- Cyber security Education
- Cyber security & AI - including LLMs
- Data sets for Cyber security & ML
- Digital Forensics & AI
- Cyber warfare
- Chaos engineering & Cyber security

PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: All papers must be formatted strictly according to the conference template (<https://www.springer.com/kr/authors-editors/conference-proceedings/conference-proceedings-guidelines>). The papers can be a maximum of 11 pages (inclusive of references). **Any submissions that do not adhere to the Springer formatting and length requirements will be desk-rejected and not submitted for review.**

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

Prof Jan Eloff (UP, RSA), Prof Hein Venter (UP, RSA), Prof Reinhardt Botha (Nelson Mandela University & Noroff University College, Norway), Prof Mariki Eloff (UP, RSA), Prof Renier van Heerden (UJ, RSA), Dr Heloise Meyer (CSIR, RSA), Prof Steven Furnell (Univ of Nottingham, UK), Prof Simone Fischer-Hübner (Karlstad Univ, Sweden), Prof Nathan Clarke (Plymouth Univ, UK), Prof Karen Renaud (Univ of Strathclyde, Scotland), Prof Dieter Gollman (TU Hamburg, DE), Prof Jacques Ophoff, Abertay Univ, Scotland)

PAPER REVIEW PROCESS: All submissions will be double-blind reviewed by at least two subject expert reviewers. Papers are reviewed on the basis that they are written by the authors themselves (no GenAI tools), they do not contain plagiarised materials and have not been submitted elsewhere. Submit your anonymised paper via EasyChair: <https://easychair.org/conferences?conf=issa2026>. Accepted and registered papers from the 2026 ISSA conference will be published by Springer CCIS (pending). CCIS is abstracted/indexed in DBLP, Google Scholar, EI-Compendex, Mathematical Reviews, SCImago, Scopus.

IMPORTANT DATES: Deadline for Full Paper submission **10 September 2026**; Notification of Acceptance **15 October 2026**; Final Paper submission **30 October 2026**; Conference date **TBC**

REGISTRATION: Registration details will be available at: <https://issa.sanren.ac.za/>

CONTACT US: For any queries, please email us on: issaconferences@gmail.com