

Dear Delegates!

I would like to inform you about my tasks as the President of the Faculty of Science Doctoral Students Union.

I prepared the report for February, 2026.

1. Calendar of events

February 2. My proposal to put the KDP transformation on the agenda (Act No. 2025/LVII)

February 3. Correspondence regarding the Cooperative Doctoral Program (Act No. 2025/LVII)

February 3. MAB discussions

February 17. Doctoral degree acquisition procedure – presentation (Hungarian + English)

February 13. EDÖK Presidency meeting

February 24. Institute Council meeting

February 26. Questions to the Minister

There was neither a TDT meeting (Doctoral Council of Natural Sciences) nor a Faculty Council meeting in February, which is why they were not included in the calendar of events.

I performed my duties from abroad until February 5, but this did not hinder my work.

2. Overview of the no. 2025/LVII law

On January 27 and January 30, both the Earth Science Institute Council and the TDT meeting reported on the draft KDP reform, the relevant legislation (2025/LVII. Tv.) was published in the

Magyar Közlöny on June 20, 2025, and in principle entered into force immediately. However, its implementation has only now reached the university level.

The following issues arose in this regard:

- 26§ (5) states that if a doctoral student graduates in less than 4 years, he or she is still entitled to receive the full 4-year doctoral scholarship. However, it is not clear how and under what legal framework this would be possible.
- 30§ (2) describes the framework of the “doctoral training for research excellence”.
- Based on this, the doctoral student is employed full-time in a doctoral position created within the framework of a project-based research support program at a higher education institution or in the HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network, and continues his/her doctoral training in parallel. Although the provision does not clearly regulate it, we know from the press that this means approx. 600,000 HUF extra income for the doctoral student in addition to the doctoral scholarship. There is no information on whether there is a student who has already received a corresponding, full-time employer contract.
- 38§ and 53§ provide a new opportunity for doctoral schools to abandon the credit-based education system. However, the TDT has not yet discussed this. I will propose this as an agenda item at the next TDT meeting, asking the members of the Council what they think about this possibility, and I recommend that my fellow representatives raise this issue in their own doctoral councils as well.
- 38§ also gives freedom of choice as to when the complex exam can be taken. Although the old regulations also allowed it to be taken at any time between the 2nd and 4th semesters, it is conceivable that there is a doctoral school that would use the possibility of modification as a result.
- After my correspondence with the administrator of the EKÖP-KDP, Szilvia Szöllősi, it turned out that there is no question of terminating the EKÖP-KDP, and the KDP introduced in this law offers an additional opportunity to doctoral students.
- The law regulates that the new type of KDP option also applies to doctoral students admitted previously and those admitted in September 2025. However, this has not been available so far, and according to my information, it will only apply to those admitted in September 2025 and those admitted in the future.

3. MAB discussions

My deputy, Balázs Beatrix Boglárka, participated in these discussions, who spoke to me in detail about the event. The event highlighted major differences between the practices of doctoral schools, but a lot also depends on the supervisor.

4. Doctoral degree acquisition procedure – presentations (Hungarian + English)

The presentation was organized by Éva Mercz, who is responsible for this area. I was also a speaker at the event, introducing the operation of the TTK Doctoral Student Self-Government, and I encouraged the participants to feel free to contact us with their problems. More than 130 people attended the Hungarian presentation, while more than 50 attended the English presentation.

5. EDÖK Presidency Meeting

On February 17, the members of the presidency met in person for the first time. The presidency reviewed the current events, and I commented on several topics. We adopted the six-month work plan of the Presidium, decided on the appointment of the presidential representative responsible for international integration, the recruitment of the presidential representative responsible for communication and participation, and the content change goals necessary for the preparation of the amendment to the statutes included in the work plan of the Delegate Assembly.

6th Earth Sciences Institute Council Meeting

At the relatively short meeting, we decided on the development of the curriculum of a new specialization, the appointment of an assistant professor, and other issues affecting only the Institute were discussed. There was no mention of doctoral training.

7th questions to the Minister

We were informed that Balázs Hankó, the Minister responsible for culture and innovation, will visit our university on March 9. I wrote some previous questions for him.

Thank you for reading my report, please contact me with any questions or comments you may have!

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