

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

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Doctoral Students' Union

1 March 2026 – 31 March 2026

1. Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Participants	Notes
2026.03.03.	Brief meeting with Ildikó Horn	Faculty of Humanities Doctoral Students' Union President, Ildikó Horn	phone call
2026.03.06.	EDÖK Executive Board meeting	EDÖK leadership	online meeting
2026.03.09.	Preparatory meeting	faculty leadership	-
2026.03.10.	'My Dissertation in 3 Minutes' competition	participants, jury, organizers	I participated as a jury member on behalf of EDÖK.
2026.03.16.	Preparatory meeting	faculty leadership	-
2026.03.18.	Council meeting of the Doctoral School of Linguistics	council members	-
2026.03.19.	Lecture titled "How to Write an Abstract?" as part of the 4th Trefort Student Conference	participants, organizers (Student Union)	I delivered the lecture.
2026.03.22.	Preparatory meeting	faculty leadership	-
2026.03.30.	Preparatory meeting	faculty leadership	-
2026.03.31.	Faculty Doctoral Council meeting	council members	discussion of the Cooperative Doctoral Programme (CDP)
2026.03.31.	Meeting of the Faculty Scientific Committee	committee members	-

2. Activities

I would like to provide a summary of the main activities and developments from March.

1. Cooperative Doctoral Programme (CDP)

Throughout the month, one of the central topics of discussion was the Cooperative Doctoral Programme, particularly its detailed conditions and regulatory framework. This was addressed both at the level of the EDÖK leadership and in broader faculty discussions. Within EDÖK, we formulated a set of proposed amendments to the relevant regulations. These proposals were presented and discussed at the Faculty Doctoral Council meeting on March 31. I am pleased to report that the council members were highly supportive of our suggestions. In addition, they proposed further refinements, and the jointly developed recommendations will be forwarded to the University Doctoral Council for approval. We are optimistic that this process will help resolve the uncertainties that have surrounded the programme so far.

2. "My Dissertation in 3 Minutes" Competition

The "My Dissertation in 3 Minutes" (elevator pitch) competition took place in mid-March, with a strong number of participants. I attended the event as a jury member representing EDÖK. The competition provided an excellent opportunity to gain insight into a wide range of research topics across the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. The presentations were of high quality, and the event was a very positive experience overall. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners.

3. Trefort Student Conference and Faculty Days Preparation

Preparations for the 4th Trefort Student Conference and the upcoming Faculty Days (Bölcsész Napok) have been ongoing in close cooperation with the Student Union (HÖK). As part of the conference preparation, we organized a preparatory lecture on March 19 titled "*How to Write an Abstract?*". The aim of this session was to support BA and MA students, many of whom may not yet have conference experience—in

preparing their submissions. The lecture lasted approximately 40 minutes and was delivered by me in my capacity as President of the Doctoral Students' Union.

Since then, several coordination meetings have taken place with HÖK regarding both the conference organization and its promotion. At this stage, the focus is on increasing visibility and encouraging participation among undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students. The original abstract submission deadline was set for early April; however, an extension is currently being considered.

In parallel, preparations for our presence at the Faculty Days are also underway. Together with the members of the Doctoral Students' Union, we have planned an interactive stand aimed at increasing the visibility of doctoral studies and our organization. The concept includes a quiz-based activity, and we have already secured the location and submitted our technical requirements. The event is currently in the organizational phase.

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