AI Conf 2026

18.04.2026

09:00 – 09:50	YSU Grand Hall Lobby Registration and coffee
10:00 – 10:30	YSU Grand Hall Opening Remarks
10:00 – 10:10	**Hovhannes Hovhannisyan** Rector of YSU
10:10 – 10:15	**Sargis Karapetyan** CEO of UATE
10:15 – 10:30	**AI Infrastructure of YSU** **Rafayel Barkhudaryan** Vice-rector for Scientific Affairs of YSU
10:30 – 11:20	**Rev Lebaredian, Vice President, Omniverse and Simulation Technology, NVIDIA** AI Agents and the Economy of Tokens
11:20 – 11:40	**Alexander Yesayan** Firebird in Emerging Markets Co-Founder of Firebird.ai
11:40 – 11:55	**From Molecules to Robots: Training AI for the Physical World** **Hrant Khachatrian** Founder of YerevaNN, Head of ML group at YSU
11:55 – 12:40	**GPU-intensive Research in Armenia** Panel Session **Panelists:** • **Hayk Zakaryan**, Head of Computational Materials Science Laboratory, YSU • **Astghik Hakobyan**, Leading Researcher, Center for Scientific Innovation and Education (CSIE) / National Polytechnic University of Armenia

- **Mushegh Rafayelyan**, Head of the Center for Optics and Photonics and PhotonicsAI Lab, YSU
- **Varduhi Yeghiazaryan**, Associate Professor, American University of Armenia
- **Sevak Sargsyan**, Head of Center for Advanced Software Technologies (CAST)

Moderator: Erik Arakelyan, NVIDIA

12:40 – 13:00	Talk
12:40 – 13:00	**How LLMs Are Redefining Speech Recognition** **Vazgen Mikayelyan** Head of Research, Conversational Intelligence Krisp
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:40	**Armen Aghajanyan, CEO of Perceptron AI** The Armenian AI Doctrine
14:45 – 15:20	**Government Programs in AI** Panel Session **Panelists:** • **Gevorg Mantashyan**, First Deputy Minister of High-Tech Industry of the Republic of Armenia • **Sargis Hayotsyan**, Chairman of the Higher Education and Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia **Moderator: Artavazd Minasyan**, Co-founder of Krisp
15:25 – 16:20	Talks
15:25 – 15:40	**Pushing GPUs beyond limits to Eleveight AI** **Arman Aleksanian** CEO and Co-founder Eleveight AI
15:45 – 16:00	**The Physical AI Bridge: Deploying VLA Models from Omniverse and Isaac Sim to ROS 2 Edge Systems** **Gor Vardanyan**

	Founder and CEO Getin
16:05-16:20	**Beyond GPUs: Voice AI at Scale** **Gevorg Minasyan** Lead AI/ML Research Scientist Async
16:25 – 16:50	Fireside Chat Guest: Vahe Kuzoyan, President and Co-founder of ServiceTitan Moderators: Gor Simonyan and Samvel Karapetyan, Students at the YSU Department of Informatics and Applied Mathematics
16:55 – 17:50	Talks
16:55 – 17:10	**New Compute, New Reality** **Nikita Orlov** Staff ML Scientist/Team Lead Picsart
17:15 – 17:30	**The state of Armenian AI** **Hrant Davtyan** Founder and CEO Metric
17:35 – 17:50	**Working Towards Reasoning and Robustness** **Erik Arakelyan** Senior Researcher NVIDIA
17:55 – 18:45	**CS Education after Coding Agents** Panel Session Panelists: • **Karen Keryan,** Co-head of ASDS Master Program, YSU • **Nune Hovhannisyan,** Head of Educational Programs, UATE • **Pegor Papazian,** Chief Development Officer, Tumo • **Veronika Aghajanyan,** Lead of Higher Education and Research Advancement, FAST Foundation

- **Arshak Ulubabyan,** Head of Education Programs, reArmenia Academy
- **Narek Aslikyan,** Founder & CEO of Armenian Code Academy (ACA)

Moderator: Hrant Khachatrian, YSU / YerevaNN

18:45 – 19:00	**Closing Remarks**

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