Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to present the latest issue of HUN-REN Connect, which includes a report on the inaugural meeting of the research network’s AI Ambassadors. You will also find summaries of the cooperation agreements signed with the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office and Széchenyi István University, as well as HUN-REN HQ’s position on the adjustment of researchers’ salaries and the reform of institutional operations. Lastly, we highlight some of the key scientific, innovative, and other significant achievements from our research sites.

We believe that our newsletter will contribute to strengthening information flow within the HUN-REN network, fostering mutual understanding of each other’s work.

Best regards,
HUN-REN HQ Communication

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The primary aim of the renewed collaboration between the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) and HUN-REN is to enhance the effective protection and utilisation of intellectual works arising from R&D activities. The formal agreements were signed on 16 April by the presidents of the two organisations, Szabolcs Farkas and Balázs Gulyás. They also committed to mutual support in disseminating knowledge related to intellectual property (IP) protection, with a special focus on the intellectual works developed at HUN-REN research sites and their value-based utilisation.

HUN-REN HQ, Széchenyi István University establish partnership to support research for the future

HUN-REN HQ’s Position on the Reform of Hungarian Research Network and the Adjustment of Researchers’ Salaries

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