

# The 19th International Conference on Multi-disciplinary Trends in Artificial Intelligence

MIWAI 2026

Halifax In-Person Program – Hosted at Saint Mary's University

## Welcome Message

On behalf of the MIWAI 2026 organizing committee, we are delighted to welcome you to the Halifax in-person program of the 19th International Conference on Multi-disciplinary Trends in Artificial Intelligence (MIWAI 2026). MIWAI is a well-established venue where excellence in AI research meets real-world challenges across control, planning, pattern recognition, knowledge mining, and beyond. This year's conference is hosted locally by the Department of Mathematics and Computing Science, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS, Canada, under the coordination of Local Organizing Co-chair **Pawan Lingras**. While the main technical program runs online/virtual from October 10-12, 2026, we have curated a special in-person gathering in Halifax to foster networking, community, and celebration.

## Conference Overview

**Main Conference Dates:** October 10-12, 2026 (Virtual/Online). All accepted papers are published in Springer LNAI proceedings.

**Keynote Speaker:** Prof. Henri Prade, Institut de Recherche en Informatique de Toulouse (IRIT), France, plus additional keynotes TBA.

**Halifax Hub:** An optional in-person complement for attendees in Atlantic Canada and visiting guests.

**Website:** <https://miwai26.miwai.org> | **Contact:** Department of Mathematics and Computing Science, Saint Mary's University

## Halifax In-Person Program – At a Glance

| Item                                  | Details                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Asynchronous Paper Hosting</b>     | All conference papers will be hosted asynchronously online and accessible to registered participants. Available from Saturday, October 10, 2026 onwards. |
| <b>Asynchronous Industry Showcase</b> | Industry showcase videos, demos, and posters available asynchronously from Saturday, October 10, 2026 onwards.                                           |

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| <b>Welcome Reception</b>           | <b>Saturday, October 10, 2026   12:00 PM – 2:00 PM (Halifax Time, ADT)</b><br>Casual networking reception for Halifax attendees. Venue: To Be Announced soon.                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>In-Person Technical Session</b> | <b>Sunday, October 11, 2026   9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (Halifax Time, ADT)</b><br>Interactive discussion of selected MIWAI 2026 papers, industry perspectives, and local AI research.<br><b>Location:</b> MCDA Learning Suite, Science Building Room S126, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS B3H 3C3 |
| <b>Conference Banquet</b>          | <b>Sunday, October 11, 2026   12:00 PM – 2:00 PM (Halifax Time, ADT)</b><br>Celebratory banquet for in-person participants. Venue: To Be Announced soon.                                                                                                                                          |

## Detailed Schedule – Halifax Time (Atlantic Daylight Time, UTC-3)

| Time (ADT)                       | Event                     | Location / Notes                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| From Sat Oct 10, 9:00 AM onwards | Asynchronous Access Opens | All papers + Industry Showcase available online for registered attendees                                        |
| <b>Sat Oct 10, 12:00-2:00 PM</b> | Welcome Reception         | Venue TBA – Halifax downtown / campus area. Light refreshments.                                                 |
| <b>Sun Oct 11, 9:00-11:00 AM</b> | In-Person Session @ SMU   | MCDA Learning Suite, Science Building Room S126, Saint Mary's University, 923 Robie Street, Halifax, NS B3H 3C3 |
| Sun Oct 11, 11:00-12:00 PM       | Break / Networking        | Informal networking at SMU                                                                                      |
| <b>Sun Oct 11, 12:00-2:00 PM</b> | Conference Banquet        | Venue TBA – Banquet lunch. Registration required.                                                               |
| Mon Oct 12                       | Virtual Sessions Continue | Online only – access via conference platform                                                                    |

## Venue Information

- **MCDA Learning Suite, Science Building Room S126, Saint Mary's University** – Primary venue for Sunday in-person session. The Science Building is centrally located on campus at 923 Robie Street, Halifax. Accessible entrance via Inglis Street. Parking available in SMU campus lots.
- **Reception (Sat 12-2pm) & Banquet (Sun 12-2pm):** Venues will be announced soon. Both will be within easy walking/transit distance of SMU campus. Updates will be posted on <https://miwai26.miwai.org> and emailed to registered Halifax attendees.

- **Halifax Note:** Halifax time in October is Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT, UTC-3). Please adjust if joining virtually from other zones.

## Registration & Participation

Halifax in-person events are open to all registered MIWAI 2026 participants (presenter or participant category). In-person registration: Early-bird \$500 USD / \$700 CAD, Regular \$600 USD / \$840 CAD; Participant In-person: \$200 USD / \$280 CAD early, \$300 USD / \$420 CAD regular; Workshop In-person: \$150 USD / \$210 CAD. Online/Virtual Presenter: \$350 USD early (extended to Aug 31), \$450 regular. Deadline: September 4, 2026 at 23:59 UTC-12. Registration links: In-person via Eventbrite ([miwai26.miwai.org](https://miwai26.miwai.org)), Virtual via [pay.miwai.org](https://pay.miwai.org) / bank transfer (ZYNTelligent account). Contact [panich.sud@zyntelligent.com](mailto:panich.sud@zyntelligent.com) for virtual registration assistance.

## What to Expect

- **Asynchronous hosting** allows flexible viewing of papers and industry showcases at your convenience – perfect for attendees across time zones.
- **In-person session (Sunday 9-11am)** will include highlights from MIWAI 2026 tracks: Machine Learning & Deep Learning, NLP & Speech, Computer Vision, Robotics & Autonomous Systems, AI for Society & Ethics, AI Theory & Algorithms, Agentic AI, and Large Language Models.
- **Industry Showcase** features real-world AI applications – stay tuned for lineup.
- **Networking:** Reception and banquet provide opportunities to connect with AI researchers, students, and industry practitioners from Canada and abroad.

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**Local Organizing Co-chair – Halifax:** Prof. Pawan Lingras, Department of Mathematics and Computing Science, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS, Canada | **General Co-chairs:** Chattrakul Sombattheera (Mahasarakham University), Jun Shen (U. Wollongong), Hung Son Nguyen (U. Warsaw) | **Program Co-Chairs:** Sheela Ramana (U. Winnipeg), Mengjun Hu (U. Manitoba), Daphne Teck Ching Lai (UBD), Lee Yun Li (Sunway U.)

*This Halifax program is a supplement to the official MIWAI 2026 virtual program. Please refer to <https://miwai26.miwai.org> for full technical schedule, submission guidelines, and updates. Venues for reception and banquet will be announced soon.*