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CyAN Announcements

Meet our new Secretary General: Aahil Sheikh

12 October 2026

CyAN has appointed Aahil Sheikh as Secretary General. Aahil brings digital policy experience across EMEA and APAC, at grassroots and multilateral level, including contributions to OECD policy recommendations; his independent publications have been cited by Members of Parliament in India, the Council of Europe and the U.S. Government. Read more.

Kim Chandler McDonald speaks in Hobart on digital citizenship

10 November 2026

CyAN Global Vice President Kim Chandler McDonald speaks today at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Australia and Pacific Regional Conference on *Safety, Inclusion and the Digital Public Square*, an invitation that came through her CyAN role. Her companion piece, *We Keep Calling Them Users. They're Digital Citizens.*, argues that the people inside our systems have rights, agency and a voice, and that security work has to account for them. Read more.

CyAN members at the first Trust & Safety Festival Sydney

8–9 October 2026

CyAN was a Community Partner of the inaugural Trust & Safety Festival Sydney, themed *From Regulation to Real-World Impact*. Members Michael do Rozario, Kim Chandler McDonald, Caroline Humer, Sorin Toma, Ned Farhat and Jean-Christophe Le Toquin supported or attended. Read more.

White Hat CVE of the Week

Courtesy of White Hat IT Security, led by CyAN member Sándor Fehér. Six weeks since our last issue, so six entries.

Week 45 — CVE-2026-119977

2 – 8 November 2026

WordPress Core 4.7 to 7.1.3, CVSS 8.1. Predictable, web-accessible staging paths during full-package core upgrades open a race condition that can let an unauthenticated attacker execute code. Full summary on the CyAN site.

Week 44 — CVE-2026-107406

25 October – 1 November 2026

Citrix NetScaler ADC and NetScaler Gateway configured as a SAML SP or IdP, CVSS 9.5. A memory overflow can lead to remote code execution or denial of service. Full summary on the CyAN site.

Week 43 — CVE-2026-109618 and CVE-2026-109619 ("PHP2Shell")

19 – 24 October 2026

PHP itself, CVSS 9.2 each (vendor score; NVD rates them 9.8 and 8.1). Flaws in memory handling after out-of-memory errors and in global state reset can allow unauthenticated remote code execution, with knock-on exposure for WordPress, Drupal and Joomla sites. Full summary on the CyAN site.

Week 42 — CVE-2026-96951

12 – 18 October 2026

Windows Shell, CVSS 8.8. A crafted file can bypass Mark of the Web warnings; Microsoft confirmed active exploitation and CISA added it to the Known Exploited Vulnerabilities catalogue. Full summary on the CyAN site.

Week 41 — CVE-2026-21589

5 – 11 October 2026

Self-hosted Atlassian Data Center products, including Jira, Confluence and Bitbucket, CVSS 9.3 (vendor score). Unauthenticated access to sensitive configuration files can escalate to full administrative takeover. Full summary on the CyAN site.

Week 40 — CVE-2026-65660

28 September – 4 October 2026

Microsoft SharePoint Server, CVSS 8.8. A code injection flaw lets an authenticated attacker execute arbitrary code on the server. Full summary on the CyAN site.

News from Around the World

Attackers tampered with connected refrigeration at hundreds of French supermarkets overnight on 11–12 October, spoiling food and causing fires at several stores across Intermarché, Coopérative U, Carrefour, Monoprix and E.Leclerc. Retailers point to a compromised refrigeration supplier; no root cause has been made public. (Al Jazeera)

Osaka Metropolitan University cancelled classes after a suspected ransomware attack in early October took about 500 servers offline. The university says data on at least 130,000 students and staff may have been exposed. (The Record)

Citizen Lab confirmed that Candiru spyware reached at least 45 Al Jazeera devices through targeted online ads, with no click needed. Researchers call the technique “AdFection” and describe it as the first public confirmation of zero-click spyware delivered via ad networks. (BleepingComputer)

CISA, the FBI and partners in the US, Germany and the UK say the SafePay ransomware group has hit at least 600 organisations since August 2024. Advisory AA26-293A names exposed credentials, brute-force attacks and VPN access as its main ways in. (CISA)

Abrigo took its Sageworks lending platform offline on 30 October after detecting suspicious activity, disrupting U.S. community banks and credit unions. Most services returned on 2 November; Abrigo has not confirmed a breach. (BleepingComputer)

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Tagged by Our Members



Sanchay Joshi — What three months of CyAN mentorship gave me

Sanchay Joshi · CyAN member

Sanchay calls the CyAN Mentorship Programme one of the most valuable parts of his Master’s in Australia, after being matched with CyAN member J A Zein. Fortnightly conversations moved from how cyber risk is communicated to boards to how investment is justified and how strategy becomes a funded programme. Read more.



Jean-Christophe Le Toquin — Australia signals intent on AI developers

Jean-Christophe Le Toquin · CyAN board member

J-C points to Assistant Minister Andrew Charlton's speech at the Trust & Safety Festival Sydney on how Australia may regulate frontier AI developers. His read: balanced and nuanced for now, but the impatience is palpable and the political will is clear. Read more.



Tania Tanic — BrainStorm CyberRisk Caraïbes is an IOM2026 finalist

Tania Tanic · CyAN member

Tania's company is one of 37 overseas-territory startups in the final of the Innovation Outre-Mer 2026 competition. She pitches CYBERTACTIK, an AI-driven crisis simulation and management platform, in Paris from 23 to 27 November. Read more.



Kamran Israr Mirza — top-level recognition in Bahrain

Kamran Israr Mirza (Kim) · CyAN member

Bahrain's National Cyber Security Center has approved Kamran as an Expert Cyber Security Professional, the highest level it grants. Read more.

Also from our members: board member Bharat Raigangar received Tahawul Tech's CISO 50 Future Security Leader 2026 recognition.

Partners & Community

2027 UK Cyber OSPAs: Outstanding Overseas Cyber Security Initiative

Nominations for the Outstanding Security Performance Awards' overseas category are open until 19 January 2027 and are free to submit. CyAN is a supporting association. Read more.

Member Spotlight



Sarah Jane Mellor

Public Affairs · Strategic Communications · Cybersecurity · SJM Consultancy · Amsterdam, Netherlands

Sarah Jane is CyAN's Strategic Advisor for Europe and has been a member since 2018. Through the consultancy she founded that year she works on public affairs and public-private partnerships in cybersecurity; she represents Forum INCYBER in the Netherlands and Italy and sits on the board of French Tech Amsterdam. She won the 2024 European Cyber Woman Excellence Award from CEFCYS, and in October represented Forum INCYBER and French Tech Amsterdam in Rome at La French Tech Italy's tenth anniversary.

Connect with Sarah Jane on LinkedIn.

Upcoming Events

MaTeCC 2026

2–3 December 2026 · Rabat, Morocco · CyAN partner, with Ecole High-Tech

The fourth edition of the Moroccan cybersecurity conference welcomes back DGSSI, Morocco's General Directorate of Information Systems Security, as institutional partner. Announcement.

GITEX Global 2026

7–11 December 2026 · Dubai · CyAN ecosystem partner (third year)

The 46th edition opens with the invite-only GITEX Summit at Dubai World Trade Centre, followed by the Expo at Expo City Dubai. Event details.

Expand North Star 2026

8–10 December 2026 · Dubai Exhibition Centre, Expo City · CyAN ecosystem partner

The startup and investor event runs alongside GITEX Global; CyAN joins to connect founders, investors and the wider ecosystem. Announcement.

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