

21ST ANNUAL

CYBERSECURITY CONFERENCE FOR THE OIL & NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY

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Call for Presentations

The session topics were selected by the 2026 API Cybersecurity Conference Planning Committee based on need, relevance of topic, and feedback provided by attendees of the 2025 Conference. Presentation abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Planning Committee.

Session Topics

Please select only one of the following session topics when submitting an abstract:

Govern

- Cybersecurity, Privacy, Policies & Laws
- Cybersecurity insurance
- NIST Maturity Monitoring / Benchmarking
- Compliance / New Regulations
- Addressing the Human Element
- Third Party Risk and Supply Chain Risk Management

Identify

- Cyber Risk Management
- Digital Transformation Cybersecurity
- Emerging Technologies & Emerging Threats
- Management of non-human identity

Protect

- Generative & Agentic AI Platform Risks and Security
- Identity and Access Management
- Application Security and SecDevOps
 - ICS Cyber Security
 - ICS Cyber Security Track #1: (Management)
 - Cyber Risk Quantification for OT
 - Regulatory and Insurance
 - Budgeting for Legacy OT Defenses
 - Case Studies – Board-Level or C-Level responses to OT Incidents
 - *Translating technical risks into Business Impact*
 - Vulnerability detection solutions for the OT environment
 - Creating/using CISA CVE/CVSS criticality ratings for OT environment
 - Alternatives to patching in the OT environment (e.g., EDR/XDR)
 - ICS Cyber Security Track #2: (Technical)
 - Deep dive into a recent ICS reported incident
 - Securing in-secure protocols (Modbus, DNP3, or proprietary protocols)
 - OT Segmentation – Zero Trust
 - OT Network Architecture & Hardening
 - Red Teaming and Offensive ICS Security
 - Incident Response in OT Environments
 - Emerging Technologies in OT & ICS Security
 - *Translating technical risks into Business Impact*
- Zero trust
- Next Generation SOC / Security Orchestration
- Cloud Computing Security
- Cybersecurity Architecture
- Post quantum cryptography

Detect

- Human Element-Social Engineering, Insider Threats, User Behavior Analytics
- Threat Hunting and Threat Intelligence Programs

Respond

- Cyber Incident Management
- IT Response Planning for Security and Regulatory Threat Notifications from Corporate Security, Cybersecurity, and Legal

Proposal Elements

Please include the following when submitting an abstract:

1. The title of your presentation.
2. The name of the session topic listed previously.
3. A short abstract (250-300 words) of the proposed presentation. Please include how it is currently relevant to the industry, what objectives you will cover during the session, and the intended audience.
4. A brief (less than 150 words) speaker biography that explains your qualifications to speak on the topic.
5. Indicate the target level of your presentation: introductory, intermediate or advanced level.
6. Speaker's email address and phone number.

Submitting a Presentation Proposal

By submitting an abstract to speak at an API conference, the speaker agrees that his/her presentation and/or title will not be commercial in nature and will not promote specific companies, products or services. If your presentation is accepted you will be expected to prepare and submit within one month a draft of your presentation for further review by the conference planning group.

The final presentation will be due Friday, September 11, 2026 for legal review by API. Failure to adhere to these deadlines may result in your presentation being removed from the conference agenda and replaced with an alternate speaker. The speaker also agrees that API will have a non-exclusive right to publish your presentation in the conference proceedings available after the conference. Selected speakers will be provided free registration for the two-day conference. The intended audience will include IT management, IT and process control security professionals, and business leaders in the oil and natural gas industry. Abstracts should be submitted online at:

api.org/cybersecurityconference

The deadline for submissions is Friday, June 5, 2026.

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