

First Announcement and Call for Presentations

XVIII World Congress of the International Federation of Translators: *Translation and Cultural Diversity*

August 4-7, 2008 Shanghai, China

Translation, as the bridge between different nations, peoples and cultures, has played an indispensable role in the development of the human civilization. In today's world where globalization and cultural diversity go hand in hand, it's no exaggeration to say that the world couldn't do without translation for even a single day.

The World Congress of the International Federation of Translators (FIT), a top-notch event in the global translation community, traditionally attracts some 600~700 professional translators, interpreters, linguists, terminologists and educators as well as leading players in the industry from around the world to engage in professional exchange, global networking and business pursuits.

The XVIII FIT World Congress, to be hosted by Translators Association of China (TAC), will be the first time that this Congress is ever held in an Asian country. It will be staged at the Shanghai International Convention Center, a modern five-star hotel just next to the landmark of Shanghai – the Oriental Pearl TV Tower on the bank of the beautiful Huangpu River!

Come and enjoy the rich professional programs and the great Chinese civilization in the modern era! The Beijing Olympic Games, too, start only one day later – August 8, 2008!

For more information about the Congress, please visit the Congress website at www.fit2008.org (in English, French and Chinese), or send an e-mail to fit2008info@gmail.com.

CONGRESS TOPICS

1. Translation and Culture
2. Translation of Literature
3. Translation and Languages of Limited Diffusion
4. Translation Service & Translation Technology
5. Teaching and Training in Translation and Interpreting
6. Translation of Professional Texts
7. Consecutive, Simultaneous, and Community-based Interpreting
8. Terminology and Lexicology
9. Professional Associations and their Administration
10. Translation Studies
11. Translation in Publishing
12. Multimedia Translation

SESSION FORMATS

- A panel (90 min) has a chairperson who co-ordinates the session and 3-4 speakers who make brief presentations (15 min each) about a given topic, which is then discussed.
- A presentation (15-30 min) is a talk that doesn't call for audience participation.
- A poster is a short description of a specific topic displayed on a poster board. At an appointed time, authors are present to discuss their posters.

If you wish to organize a session that differs from the above formats, please contact the program office of the XVIII FIT World Congress Secretariat at fit2008papers@gmail.com, or send a fax message to 86-10-6899 0247.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

I. All proposals should include the following information:

- Your name and professional association, company or employment status, or university
- Your address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address
- The title, type and language of your presentation (in Chinese, English or French only)
- The most appropriate topic heading for your proposal
- An abstract, in Chinese, English or French, of not more than 300 words

II. Deadlines

- Abstract submission: September 30, 2007
- Notice of admission or rejection: December 30, 2007
- Full text submission: June 30, 2008
- Publication of Congress Proceedings: December 2008

III. Submission

Please submit your proposal preferably by e-mailing it to fit2008papers@gmail.com, or by posting it on a 3.5" floppy disc or CD-R as an RTF or Word file, together with two paper copies, to:

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