



International Medical Interpreters Association (IMIA) Establishes Distinction in Medical Interpreter Education Awards

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The International Medical Interpreters Association (IMIA) announces the establishment of another set of IMIA Annual Awards to its cadre, the IMIA Distinction in Medical Interpreter Education Awards. This award will recognize two individuals, one representing the international training and academic environment, and the other representing interpreter training and education as done in the US. "In many ways, interpreter trainers/educators are the gatekeepers of the profession, because it falls on them to instruct new interpreters in the appropriate practice of this profession, still growing and being established in many institutions. The IMIA's Distinction in Medical Interpreter Education Award will recognize individuals who have excelled in the capacity of guiding and shaping the next generation of interpreters", said Hank Dallman, Interpreter Trainer at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

"Medical interpreting education is more established in the United States but is growing rapidly in other countries. These awards will promote excellence and standardization in medical interpreter education at national and international levels", said Izabel Arocha, IMIA President

This yearly award recognizes the need for outstanding interpreter educators as role models across the country and abroad, for improved medical interpreter education. The recipient will be an educator, instructor, or language coach, and the selection will be based on concrete examples of what they have achieved and for the promise of what they will accomplish. The 2010 Awards notification will include a press release and the recipients will be announced at the IMIA Annual Conference in September of this year. The IMIA Distinction in Education Awards have the goal of being inspirational, helping us all explore the role standardization of education in the field of medical interpreting. It also promises to recognize latent talent and increase the sharing of innovative strategies that make a powerful impact on students. "The IMIA's Distinction in Medical Interpreter Education Award is a great way to acknowledge outstanding educators who have exemplified commitment, integrity, leadership and excellence in the field of medical interpreter education", stated Rose Long, Director, Bridging the Gap Interpreter Training, Cross Cultural Health Care Program, Seattle, Washington.

The deadline to nominate an interpreter educator is July 15, 2010. To nominate an instructor, send a 100-200 word essay by email to IMIATrainersSymposium@gmail.com, giving concrete reasons as to why your nominee should be selected. It is important that you include your and the nominee's contact information.

We are seeking nominations for educators who:

- Reinforce the profession through teaching code of ethics and standards of practice
- Educate the whole individual, ensuring students feel engaged, supported, and challenged.
- Demonstrate educational leadership in their educational program.
- Model a strong work ethic.
- Show a positive impact on student achievement.
- Illustrate significant contributions to the education community.
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About the International Medical Interpreters Association (IMIA)

The IMIA is an umbrella association that promotes all standards and best practices in the field of medical interpreting. As an international trade association of medical interpreters, it represents practicing medical or health care interpreters as the ultimate experts in medical interpreting. It is also the only national trade association of medical interpreters in the US, and is an official active member of FIT, the Federation of Interpreters and Translators, an international organization comprised of trade associations of interpreters and translators worldwide. It is a partner member of AILIA, the Languages Industry Association headquartered in Canada, and other organizations. IMIA developed the first code of ethics, standards, annual conference, and certification for medical interpreters and continues to be a pioneer in the field with its recent work in publishing the first Interpreter Educators Code of Ethics and National Education Registry. Its most current work involves developing an accreditation for medical interpreter training program.

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