



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL INTERPRETERS ASSOCIATION

Leading the advancement of professional interpreters

International Medical Interpreters Association (IMIA) Appoints Louis F. Provenzano, Jr. to IMIA Advisory Board

The International Medical Interpreter Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Louis F. Provenzano, Jr. to the IMIA Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is critical to the governance of the IMIA, and must be constituted of experts committed to advancing the mission of the IMIA and its members. Mr. Provenzano is a national expert and leading advocate on immigration, language access, and industry issues.

Provenzano is the CEO of China Development Partners, S.A., a global private markets investment management firm based in Paris. Provenzano received the Rachel Cashman Language Access Award from the IMIA, the "Friends of CHIA" Award, the Hispanic Leadership Award from the San Francisco Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and was named among the Monterey County Business Council Top Leaders of 2012. He is a co-founder of the National Board of Certification of Medical Interpreters, the first certification board for medical interpreters in the United States. He holds a bachelor's degree in Romance Languages from Boston College. Provenzano is currently writing a book on the pathway to National Medical Certification and medical interpretation reimbursement for U.S. Hospitals and Healthcare organizations.

"On behalf of the IMIA leadership, it is a pleasure to welcome Mr. Louis Provenzano to the IMIA Advisory Board where he will join seven other stellar individuals who like him have led major advancements in the medical interpreting and language access field. With his background, Mr. Provenzano brings keen understanding of the impact of linguistic barriers in health care services. We look forward to his contributions to IMIA, its constituents and to medical interpreters across the national and international spectrum." said Ira SenGupta, IMIA Advisory Board Liaison. The IMIA relies on renowned national and international language access experts as members of their Advisory Board. To see the members of the IMIA Advisory Board, please visit: <http://www.imiaweb.org/about/AdvisoryBoard.asp>.

About the International Medical Interpreters Association:

The International Medical Interpreters Association is a US-based international organization committed to the advancement of professional medical interpreters as the best practice to equitable language access to health care for linguistically diverse patients. Founded in 1986, with over 2,000 members, most providing interpreting services in over 70 languages, the IMIA is the oldest and largest medical interpreter association in the country. While representing medical interpreters as the experts in medical interpreting, membership to the IMIA is open to those interested in medical interpreting and language access. We currently have a division of providers, corporate members, and trainers. Policy makers, health care administrators, and others interested in medical interpreting are also welcome to join us as associate members. The IMIA is recognized as the standard-setting organization for the profession of medical interpreters.