

**Registration Now Open for the International Medical Interpreter Association (IMIA)
2013 Trainers & Administrators Symposia**

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April 19th, Durham NC – The IMIA is pleased to unveil the 2013 Administrators and Trainers Symposia program, for the first time offered at one venue on consecutive days to allow cross participation between these interrelated fields. The IMIA listened to its membership and has organized the 2013 Symposia to meet the needs of a variety of stakeholders. The event was built around the theme “Improving Minority Language Access Quality: Preparing 21st Century Minority Language Medical Interpreters”.

“This year the variety of programs is unprecedented,” stated Lola Bendana, President of IMIA. “I am certain that there will be something to meet everyone’s educational and professional development needs. We feel that this is our responsibility as a professional association.” These symposia are designed to allow administrators and trainers to meet, discuss, and share best practices about medical interpreter management and education. The IMIA is very grateful to Nouria Belmouloud, Supervisor of Duke International Patient Services at Duke University Medical Center for hosting this event.

The *Administrators Symposium* will be held on September 6th, 2013, and the *Trainers Symposium* will be held on September 7th and 8th, 2013. This event will be hosted by Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, <http://medschool.duke.edu/>. The Language Access Administrators Symposium focuses on the learning needs of vendors, hospitals, non-profits, and other organizations and administrators who hire interpreters and provide interpreter services, also called Interpreter Service Providers (ISPs). Experienced administrators will present the latest for those who want to learn and improve delivery systems

The *Trainers Symposium* was first offered in 2010, initially as a one-day event and has taken place in New Brunswick, NJ, Las Vegas, NV, New York City in 2012, and now Durham, North Carolina in 2013. “The Trainers Symposium is the only annual event in the field for trainers to get together and learn about best practices. The IMIA has been working for several years to standardize the training of medical interpreters. The Symposia theme of Minority Language Access is compelling. With the formation of the IMIA Minority Languages Division, minority language interpreters will have more opportunities for training, peer-support, employment, and continuing education. The Symposium is one of the events we encourage them to attend. This is also an opportunity for all interpreters and trainers to learn about the important work that the Accreditation Task Force and Advisory Board are doing regarding standards for training programs”, stated Marlene Obermeyer, IMIA Minority Division and IMIA Accreditation Chairperson.

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About IMIA

The International Medical Interpreters Association (IMIA) is an umbrella non-profit organization that promotes all standards and best practices in the field of medical interpreting. The IMIA is recognized as the standard setting organization for the profession, having developed the first code of ethics, standards of practice, code for trainers, the certification for medical interpreters and accreditation for training organizations. The IMIA developed an international registry of medical interpreters, where they can be found by language, state, or country. Interpreters do NOT have to be members to list their services in the IMIA directory, so this is a free service.