



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL  
INTERPRETERS ASSOCIATION  
Leading the advancement of professional interpreters

## **IMIA Annual Awards Announced**

One of the most important and widely recognized functions IMIA fulfills for its members and the public is the awarding of IMIA prizes and awards. The 2014 IMIA Awards Ceremony will take place at our Annual International Conferences on Medical Interpreting in Houston, Texas from January 16 - 19, 2014.

Being selected by a national and international jury to receive an IMIA prize or award signifies recognition of the 'best of the best' by one's peers around the globe. The IMIA is pleased to take this opportunity to announce the outstanding colleagues in the field that are being awarded the prestigious IMIA prizes. Each recipient is recognized for their professionalism and has demonstrated that their work and accomplishments have made a difference in advocating for the profession and for the patients who require interpreters all over the world.

### *Lighthouse Leadership Award*

**John Nickrosz**, Past President of MMIA, now IMIA.

### *Interpreter of the Year Award*

**Cira Vicente**, Medical Interpreter, Cambridge Health Alliance

### *Education Distinction Award*

**Barry Fatland**, Interpreter Educator, Cross Cultural Health Care Program

### *Provider Award*

**Dr. Howard Koh**, Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

### *Raquel Cashman Award*

**Lynn Fors**, Language Services Supervisor, Saint Joseph Hospital, KentuckyOne Health and SEMIA Chair

## **About the IMIA**

The International Medical Interpreters Association (IMIA) is an umbrella association that promotes and develops standards and best practices in the field of medical interpreting. As an international US-based non-profit organization of medical interpreters, it represents over 2,100 practicing medical interpreters as the ultimate experts in medical interpreting and as the best option for equitable care for minority language patients around the world, promoting language access in healthcare as an essential human right. ([www.imiaweb.org](http://www.imiaweb.org))