



IMIA Announces Tri-Symposia on October 3 - 5, 2014, in Little Rock, AR

Boston, April 2, 2014: IMIA announces its next exciting event to be hosted by University of Arkansas, Little Rock. The IMIA will provide three days of targeted information and discussion about: *The Three Pillars of a Profession: Education, Certification, and Employment*.

For the past nine years, the IMIA has organized an event exclusively for the purpose of getting all those interested in interpreter education (trainers, training organizations, private interpreting service companies, non profits, hospital interpreter departments, compliance officers, etc) together for a one day face to face meeting. The IMIA has covered amazing topics that have helped medical interpreters come together to achieve high quality interpreter education. The IMIA also holds an annual event for Interpreter Service Providers (ISPs) and administrators interested in growing their services and working on quality improvement. Last year the IMIA combined their annual Trainers Symposia with their annual Administrators Symposia. Many participants found it beneficial to attend each symposium since some hospital managers are also trainers and some trainers are interested in becoming interpreter managers and directors. Please see the booklets for last year's event at: http://www.imiaweb.org/uploads/docs/2013_IMIA_Trainers_Symp_Program_FINAL_web.pdf (Trainers Symposia Booklet) and http://www.imiaweb.org/uploads/docs/2013_IMIA_Adm_Symposium_Program_FINAL_web.pdf (Administrators Symposia Booklet)

"Communication between doctor and patient is vital for good care. Arkansas has many people who speak Spanish but little English, and not many of our medical professionals speak Spanish. As a medical interpreter, I feel gratified to have the opportunity to help with this communication", stated Chris Williams, CMI-Spanish, IMIA Arkansas Chapter Chairperson.

This year the IMIA will be adding their annual National Certification Forum to the mix. Last year the IMIA had a very successful event in Portland Oregon. This year they will hone in on the trainers and administrators who attend these specific events to also attend the National Certification Symposium, which focuses on promoting all aspects of all certifications to all stakeholders. This is a three-day event in which individuals can register for 1, 2 or 3 days. *"Attendees have been asking for this option and it worked well last year"*, stated Dennis Caffrey, IMIA Conference Committee Chairperson. Those who attend all three days will have a great overall updated picture of the three pillars of the profession: education, certification, and employment.

October 3, Interpreter Service Provider Symposium - Promoting updates, skills & knowledge to interpreter service providers (ISPs)

October 4, Educators Symposium - Promoting updates, skills & knowledge to interpreter educators

October 5, National Certification Symposium - Promoting all interpreter certifications to all stakeholders in healthcare

About the IMIA

The International Medical Interpreters Association (IMIA) is an umbrella standard setting organization that promotes best practices in the field of medical interpreting. As an international 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 as a human right. www.imiaweb.org

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