

Activity report 2006-2007 :

In the 2005-2008 period, the FIT Committee for Information on the Status of the Translation and Interpretation Profession (Status Committee) worked closely with the Public Relations Committee of the American Translators Association on developing ideas and drafting guidelines that will help FIT member associations to promote the translation and interpretation profession in their respective countries. Specifically, the Status Committee worked on the following areas:

- National media outreach
- Client education
- School outreach
- Pro bono projects
- Leveraging the above for local media coverage

As of April 2007, presentations showcasing the ways in which the status of the profession can be enhanced were offered in the following countries: the United States, Israel, Indonesia, and the United Kingdom. More presentations are scheduled for other countries and for the XVIII FIT World Congress in Shanghai. The Status Committee is planning to have a written set of guidelines to be distributed to FIT member associations by the time of the Shanghai Congress.

The Status Committee also continued its work from the previous period related to certification of translators and interpreters, and provided information and guidance to member associations in this area. In addition, the Status Committee worked with representatives of member associations on various aspects of language standards, and regulation of the translation and interpretation profession in general. The Status Committee believes that there is a close relationship between industry regulation and status of the profession and hopes to conduct further research in this area.