

### March 2014

The FIT Executive Committee and the FIT Council met in Johannesburg on 21-23 March. The meeting was hosted by South African Translators' Institute (SATI) and a number of observers attended from Azerbaijan, Germany and South Africa.

### FIT World Congress

Norma Kessler, BDÜ, from the organizing committee presented an update on Congress arrangements. The programme is now online [www.fit2014.org](http://www.fit2014.org). There will be 180 presentations and 45 poster sessions and 11 pre and post-congress seminars. At this point there are almost 500 delegates from 50 countries. There will be exhibits from tool companies and the European Union. FIT will be visible in a hospitality booth where it will be possible to meet Council members.

Highlights of the Congress will include a discussion with the German author Günther Grass' translators and a FIT Birthday Party, and a debate on the Congress theme "Man vs. Machine".

### Statutory Congress

Arrangements for the Statutory Congress are also far advanced. The Statutory Congress will be held at Harnack House, a short walk from the Freie Universität. Members will shortly receive details about how to register. Information about nominations will soon go out, so please remember to start thinking about your candidate for Council.

If you still have items that you would have liked added to the agenda you must send them to the secretariat as soon as possible. Please submit a Word document. This will give delegates time to consider the proposals prior to meeting in Berlin.

All documentation for the Statutory Congress will be made available as of June 1.

### Prizes

Entries for the FIT Prizes have been forwarded to the juries. Information about extension of deadline for two new prizes will go out separately.

### Organizational Development Committee

One of the major items of the discussion at the meeting were the proposals from the Organizational Development Committee, which looked into possible restructuring of the Federation. The Committee will now finalize documentation for members to consider at the Statutory Congress.

### Financial matters

The Treasurer presented the statements for 2013. The year ended with a small surplus.

### Reports

Reports have been received from Regional Centres and Committees. The reports were accepted and Council thanked the committees for their work.

### Projects and publications

A few days before the meeting started the versions of the booklet Getting It Right were published. It is now available in 14 languages, including Icelandic, Greek and Brazilian Portuguese.

The FIT webmaster emphasized that it was essential to have an editorial working group to help maintain the website.

The editor of Translatio is planning a special issue to be available at Congress. Council reiterated that BABEL is the federation's flagship publication and therefore should reflect state-of-art journal publication standards. Members were called on to promote the journal.

## Partnerships

Further discussions took place on details of the draft partnership agreements of CIUTI and EULITA.

## PR and Membership

The following new candidate members were approved:

### Candidate Regular Members:

- Azerbaijan Youth Translators Association (AGTA), AZ
- Associazioni Nazionale Interpreti di Conferenza Professionisti, Assointerpreti, IT
- Association luxembourgeoise des traducteurs et interprètes ( ALTI), LU

### Candidate Associate Member

- Xi'an International Studies University, CN

Next meeting of the Council will take place **1 August** in Berlin just before Statutory Congress.

