International Translation Day 2011 Building Bridges

Once again we celebrate our profession together all across the world on this day. It is an opportunity for us to look with pride on what we as members of the translation, interpreting and terminology community achieve on a daily basis and for us to bring this to the attention of the public and those in other professions.

In South Africa, September is celebrated as Heritage Month, and so it is particularly apt that it should conclude with ITD on the theme of "Bridging Cultures" this year. I doubt if many people realise just how much translators and interpreters do in this regard, but imagine if they suddenly had to do without our services for a day!

You will see from our website some of the activities that are being organised this year. We invite you to send us a short report and some photos showing what your association has done to celebrate ITD this year. We will then put these together in a presentation on the website.

However you choose to celebrate International Translation Day 2011, I and the FIT Council salute you for the contribution you are making to Bridging Cultures each day!

Marion Boers, President