CELEBRATING RECOGNITION OF T/I

FIT members proudly made history as they celebrated the historic, inaugural United Nations recognised ITD together this 30 September.

Translators, terminologists and interpreters play a key role in fostering understanding between cultures and are vital in maintaining cultural diversity. Only by communicating with one another – with the aid of a translator or interpreter if necessary – are we able to learn about and respect each other’s differences.
At ITD events around the globe, FIT member associations celebrated achievements, knowledge-sharing and great work done over the last year, as well as taking time to recognise and appreciate the support of valued colleagues around them.

However you celebrated ITD this year, FIT hopes that the event was a hands-down success and that you at least spent a little time away from your desk/booth/technology. Further details of individual events have been shared by associations on the FIT facebook page.

Meanwhile at the UN, the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Belarus, with Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan, who sponsored the Resolution, held a short celebration at the UN Building, with distinguished guests, including Under-Secretary-General DGACM and Coordinator of Multilingualism, Catherine Pollard, who dedicated the photo documentary exhibition "Day-to-Dayness of Language Professionals" to the vital work of language professionals worldwide.

This year's ITD theme, Translation and Diversity as shown in the FIT Poster, is a prelude to the United Nations Year of Indigenous Language in 2019, with the inclusion of three words from the Resolution translated into indigenous languages, representing the importance of indigenous language in sustaining diversity and of raising awareness and visibility of indigenous culture.

HAPPY ITD to all our members!