

FIT Membership

What we can do together

The advantages of being a FIT member



GLOBAL AND CREDIBLE

The **International Federation of Translators (FIT)** brings together 136 member organisations representing more than 85,000 **translators, terminologists and interpreters (TTIs)**. Working together, FIT members benefit from both local and international activities coordinated by a federation with global presence and established connections. Activities at an international level provide benefits that would be difficult for a national association to achieve on its own. FIT focuses on four main areas: **Community, Professional Development, International Visibility** and **Representation**.

COMMUNITY

Building a global TTI community

FIT facilitates communication among members, strengthening the global TTI community, through

- *Translatio*
- FIT events
- FIT website and social media
- Regional Centre activities
- Presidents Forum

FIT members are invited to share articles about their activities in *Translatio*, the FIT newsletter, and post comments and questions through their Council liaison.

The Presidents Forum unites high-level representatives of member associations to meet, network, brainstorm, and share

challenges and workable solutions to day-to-day association issues.

Fostering an active global TTI community, FIT offers leaders within member associations a chance to share experience and views while serving on FIT committees and task forces. Future leaders gain international insight and experience working collaboratively outside their associations. This supports member associations through capacity-building and sharing of best practice.

FIT also provides technical and administrative support and solidarity for the development and formation of new associations, especially in areas where current needs are not met.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Developing a sustainable profession with the requisite skills ready for the next decade

FIT enables and supports Continuous Professional Development (CPD). Roll-out of the FIT webinar training series is underway, after successful pilot programs held in FIT LatAm.

The platform offers access to CPD initiatives for members, who can attend CPD events held by other FIT member associations at member rates.

INTERNATIONAL VISIBILITY

FIT's international stature and visibility promote worldwide recognition of our profession

The **FIT World Congress** brings together TTIs across the globe. The **FIT Statutory Congress** held alongside unites FIT member executives who shape the future of FIT.

Regional Centres address region-specific concerns within the global FIT family. They also advance regional interests through collaboration with related organisations (e.g. EULITA).

FIT raises visibility through:

- Global media releases
- Position papers on topics of interest
- Publication of FIT's academic journal *Babel*
- International Translation Day celebrations

Through **strategic partnerships** with other international organisations such as Red T, AIIIC, IAPTI, CLI and WASLI, FIT

campaigns for solidarity with linguists in high-risk settings. It liaises with GALA on translation companies, and has strategic collaboration with CIUTI in areas of translation education and research, as well as with WASLI and WFD in sign language.

FIT has consultative NGO status with UN bodies such as WIPO, UNESCO and ECOSOC and is the only non-UN body to be a member of JIAMCATT. Each September 30, FIT celebrates **International Translation Day** (ITD) to honour the work of TTIs. As of 2017, ITD has also become a UN-recognised international day.

FIT awards, presented at each FIT World Congress, allow members to nominate for prize categories and celebrate excellence within their ranks.

REPRESENTATION

Your voice amplified on the world stage

FIT liaison status with the International Standards Organization (ISO) ensures that future ISO standards will take the views of the profession into account. The FIT ISO Standards Task Force

represents all geographic regions (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America, Oceania) as the truly global voice of translators.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

FIT members not only enjoy being part of a great global community, but also a range of other benefits such as a free *Babel* subscription, and displaying the FIT logo on their digital and printed stationary.

MEMBERSHIP JOURNEY

Every member is guided through their membership journey by a FIT Council member acting as that member's Council liaison. The Secretariat stands ready to connect members to the relevant persons and look after all administrative needs.

NOT YET A MEMBER?

Membership application forms can be found on the FIT website at fit-ift.org. FIT offers an observer membership, limited to three years, to help associations get to know FIT better.



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In short...



Together our voice is stronger

Developing a sustainable profession with the requisite skills ready for the next decade

- Access to training and CPD initiatives through webinar training and series for FIT members
- Attend CPD events of other FIT members (e.g. webinars) at member prices
- Translation education and technology research promotion and integration
- Collaboration with WIPO on Machine Translation Research, and copyright issues

Belong to an international federation offering opportunities to interact with other international organisations through FIT strategic partnerships

- Interact across boundaries through strategic partnerships and share experience, best practice and successes with other FIT member associations through the FIT Presidents Forum, international congresses and events, *Translatio*, website and social media
- Association support – Capacity-building and sharing of expertise and standards

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- Support the profession through FIT campaigns in solidarity with linguists in high-risk settings, indigenous languages, and the development and formation of new associations in areas where current needs are not met
- Present at FIT events such as the FIT World Congress and publish in FIT publications, including our academic journal *Babel*
- Celebrate excellence – members can nominate for prize categories at FIT awards, held in conjunction with each FIT World Congress
- FIT has liaison status on ISO Standards, and consultative status with UNESCO and the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Partner with the Council of University Departments of Translation and Interpreting (CIUTI), Critical Link International (CLI), the European Council of Literary Translators Associations (CEATL), the European Legal Translators and Interpreters Association (EULITA), the European Union (EU), the Globalization and Localization Association (GALA), the International Association of Conference Interpreters (AIIC), the International Association of Professional Translators and Interpreters (IAPTI), the International Standards Organisation (ISO), PEN International, Red T, the United Nations, UNESCO, the World Association of Sign Language Interpreters (WASLI), the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)
- FIT is the only non-UN body to be a member of the Joint International Annual Meeting on Computer-Assisted Translation and Terminology (JIAMCATT)