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ATIO Welcomes LITP Graduates to Apply for Community/Medical/Court Interpreter Certification

OTTAWA, May 25, 2015 - The Association of Translators and Interpreters of Ontario (ATIO) is pleased to announce that Language Interpreter Training Program (LITP) graduates who have successfully passed the CILSAT or ILSAT test can now apply for the designations of Certified Community Interpreter, Certified Court Interpreter and Certified Medical Interpreter with ATIO.

In accordance with the ATIO By-laws, candidates who pursue certification in one of these three categories are required to have completed “a post-secondary program in community/court/medical interpreting recognized by the Association.” The LITP is now considered a recognized program for such purpose.

Applicants whose first language is not English must have also achieved a level of 7 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the equivalent.

LITP graduates are urged to apply to ATIO for the status of Candidate for Certification. The applications can be found on the Association’s website:

- <http://atio.on.ca/membership/applications/comapp.php> (community)
- <http://atio.on.ca/membership/applications/courtapp.php> (court)
- <http://atio.on.ca/membership/applications/medapp.php> (medical)

Interpreters trained at community-based organizations are encouraged to contact one of the Ontario colleges that offer the LITP for prior learning assessment and recognition (PLAR) before applying to become a Candidate for Certification with ATIO.

“ATIO supports the professionalization of interpreters working in public service settings. We want them to have the same recognition as translators, terminologists and conference interpreters,” says ATIO President Lisa Carter.

Benefits of ATIO membership include access to the certification exam, which when passed will grant the reserved title of “certified” community, court or medical interpreter, and that will increasingly be recognized as the gold standard in the industry. New applicants will join the nearly 1,400 existing ATIO members, providing significant networking opportunities. Members also have access to regular training courses, as well as the award-winning *InformATIO* newsletter to stay abreast of changing trends in the industry.

Other benefits include discount rates on professional liability and general insurance, publication subscriptions and other group purchases. Members are listed in the ATIO public directory, which provides work opportunities, and they also receive job postings on a regular basis.

Ms. Carter added, “There is tremendous support among ATIO members for professional recognition of community, court and medical interpreters. They ensure access to public services for vulnerable populations.”

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ABOUT ATIO

ATIO is the first translators’ association in the world whose certified members are deemed professionals by law. In February 1989, the Province of Ontario granted a reserved title for certified members of ATIO through the *Association of Translators and Interpreters Act, 1989*. In Ontario, ATIO is the exclusive certifying body for translators, terminologists, community interpreters, conference interpreters, court interpreters and medical interpreters.