



CALL FOR PAPERS

A World without Barriers: The Role of Language Professionals in Building Culture, Understanding and Lasting Peace

The International Federation of Translators (FIT) and *Asociación Cubana de Traductores de Intérpretes* (ACTI), as hosting organisation, are happy to announce the XXII FIT World Congress to be held from December 3 to 5, 2020, in Varadero, Cuba. Join us for the first FIT World Congress ever to be held in Latin America!

The work of language professionals is not always valued enough. However, our work makes it possible to enjoy world literature or the fruits of scientific and technological progress, to assist others in conflicts and disasters or to access different cultures. Understanding among nations and the pursuit of peace rely on the skills of language professionals. Being aware of the relevance of our role will be critical, we maintain, for building culture, understanding and lasting peace, and for creating sustainable and desirable futures by removing linguistic, physical, and cultural barriers.

Presentations by translators, interpreters, terminologists and other language professionals are invited around the broad theme *A World without Barriers: The Role of Language Professionals in Building Culture, Understanding and Lasting Peace*.

Topics to be debated within the theme are, among others:

- ¥ Current and future problems affecting language professionals' work.
- ¥ Sign languages
- ¥ Legal translation and interpreting
- ¥ Literary translation and access to minority languages and cultures
- ¥ Language professionals in international organisations
- ¥ Risks faced by interpreters and translators in their work environments
- ¥ Relationships between practitioners, academics, agencies and clients in IT
- ¥ Benefits and threats of the Internet and CAT tools.
- ¥ Training language professionals and the need to keep up with rapidly changing times

Duration:

- Presentations – 20-25 min + 10 min Q&A
- Posters – throughout the day, with presenters being available for 40 min to answer questions
- Panels (60 min + 30 min Q&A/discussion from the floor)
- Workshops (120 min)

Submission guidelines will be available shortly. Proceedings will be published after the congress.

To send a presentation proposal, please, complete the [Speaker proposal Form](#) and return it to the Organising Committee by April 30, 2020. The Committee will review your proposal and respond by June 30, 2020.

The Congress will be in FIT’s official languages of English and French, as well as Spanish. The majority of presentations and panel discussions will be interpreted.

Add your name to the preregistration list fitvaradero2020@fit-ift.org to ensure you receive future updates. New information (program, lodging, etc.) will be sent out by e-mail as it becomes available.

Registration fee

Participant Type	Before 31 March 2020		Before 30 September 2020		After 30 September 2020	
	3 Day Registration	3 Day Registration	1 Day Registration	3 Day Registration	1 Day Registration	1 Day Registration
Members	CUC330.00	CUC440.00	CUC220.00	CUC550.00	CUC275.00	CUC275.00
Non-members	CUC430.00	CUC550.00	CUC275.00	CUC660.00	CUC330.00	CUC330.00
Students	CUC165.00	CUC220.00	CUC110.00	CUC250.00	CUC150.00	CUC150.00

Hotel reservation (All-included plan)

HOTEL	Single room	Double room
MELIA INTERNACIONAL	CUC208.00	CUC256.00

For hotel reservation, please contact Grupo Gira ventas1@gira.co.cu

Share this invitation with your language colleagues, professional associations and translation agencies. The more numerous, diverse and representative the range of participants, the richer the discussion and exchange on these topics will be.

