## National Register of Public Service Interpreters

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## NRPSI and the LIT Search Project

The third project meeting for the LIT Search initiative was held in Madrid on 19 and 20 February 2015. It was the turn of the UK delegates to present the state of play of legal interpreting in their country. Stephen Bishop and Lalia White gave a presentation on NRPSI, while Katie Belo dos Santos gave a presentation on The Association of Police and Court Interpreters (APCI). Our Spanish hosts also spoke about developments in their country, including a new Act of Parliament that will pave the way



to a new national register of legal interpreters. The IT contractors gave an update on the technical solution for linking the partner membership lists and registers. A London meeting in July is planned to work on the report that will form one of the deliverables of the project. The project is due to be completed in November 2015.

#### PSIT Networking Group conference on interpreting in health – note date change

The PSIT Networking Group has had to change the date for the next development day on health interpreting, reported in the December Registrants' Newsletter, to accommodate a key speaker. The conference, entitled 'Wake Up Call – Turning the spotlight on health and social care interpreting', will now be held at London Metropolitan University later in the year. Registrations are not yet open, but we will provide further details of the event, including the confirmed date and weblink to register for attendance, once the details have been finalised.



#### NRPSI website users

At the end of January 2015, in excess of 3,700 individuals from more than 1,050 organisations had registered to search the online Register, including more than 120 HMCTS sites, 76 local government organisations, 330 solicitors' offices and 35 charities.

## NRPSI in the media

The February/March issue of **The Linguist** contains an article on the key findings of the NRPSI Annual Review that was published in October 2014. In the same issue you can also find a short piece by **Anna Lesniewska**, the winner of the 'NRPSI Award for excellence in the Diploma in Police Interpreting', about studying for her qualification. NRPSI Board Director **Silvina Katz** was recently interviewed for **Hotcourses.com**, a website designed to provide links to training and educational opportunities. Silvina provided an inspiring overview of life as an interpreter for those interested in entering the profession.



## National Register at ITI conference, 23-25 April 2015

The National Register will have a stand at the Institute of Translation and Interpreting (ITI) conference to be held in Newcastle. We aim to inform those who are not currently registered about NRPSI, and to answer any queries from current Registrants. Please visit our stand if you are attending to say hello. For further details, visit ITI's conference website containing programme and other information about attending the conference. Please note, however, that tickets for the conference have now sold out.

### Registrant strategy survey

Thank you to those Registrants who took part in the strategy survey. Almost one quarter of Registrants participated. The Board will use this valuable information for setting the organisation's strategy for the next three years.

I hope you find this issue an informative and enjoyable read. If you have a suggestion for inclusion in the newsletter, email admin@nrpsi.org.uk.

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