TOCAT project – Day conference, London, Friday 14 September 2018

The **Transnational Organised Crime and Translation (TOCAT) research project** (see **Registrants' Newsletter #62**, January 2018), which has benefited from the generous input of many Registrants, will culminate in the College of Policing adopting new training on working with interpreters and translators. The results of the research and intended next steps will be shared at an event for police officers, their trainers, professional associations and linguists in Westminster this September. The event is free to attend, and lunch and refreshments will be provided. If you wish to attend, please email Professor Joanna Drugan (**j.drugan@uea.ac.uk**) using 'TOCAT conference' as the subject line and indicating your professional experience and reason for wishing to attend. This will help the organisers to achieve a balance of participants across the different groups, enabling effective discussion.

Changes in National Security Vetting

There are a number of changes in National Security Vetting that Registrants might need to be aware of. As previously reported, **police forces are standardising on NPPV3 vetting for their interpreters** – see **Registrants' Newsletter #61**, December 2017. Warwickshire Police expects to clear its current backlog of vetting by the autumn and will then no longer need to issue conditional clearances. Registrants who have a conditional clearance on their record should inform NRPSI when this has been changed by the vetting authority. The Metropolitan Police Service, in addition to vetting at NPPV3, is tending to clear its interpreters to the higher SC level, whereas previously the standard had been to clear to CTC level. Note that the Home Office, which usually clears interpreters to CTC level, is tending to provide clearances with an expiry of one year. If you wish to have a new clearance you have received added to your record, please send the vetting notification to NRPSI. Please also note that Registrants are required to have at least one valid clearance on their record at all times. View NRPSI's **Securing Clearance Information Sheet** for more details.

National Occupational Standards

Following the review of the **Interpreting National Occupational Standards**, Instructus has published the final standards on its website. The standards will also be accessible via the NRPSI Website's **Related Links page**.

Police Authorised Professional Practice guidance on using interpreters

The **College of Policing's Authorised Professional Practice guidance on using interpreters is being rewritten** under the leadership of Leicestershire Police. This will go out to consultation to all interested parties later this year and it is hoped that the final draft will be launched at the TOCAT conference.
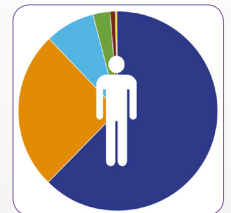
NRPSI news

25th anniversary of the founding of NRPSI

Next year marks the **25th anniversary of the founding of the National Register**. NRPSI Board Members are considering how to mark this significant milestone in professionalism. Suggestions from Registrants are welcome to **feedback@nrpsi.org.uk**.

Early results from Annual Review 2017

Work is proceeding on our latest **Annual Review** publication, which we again aim to publish in July. One of the early results indicates that the average length of time that Registrants remain on the Register has increased again and now stands at more than 10 years – nearly half the lifetime of the organisation! This is clear evidence of the professionalism of Registrants.

Update on National Register user stats

Earlier in 2018, the **number of organisations registered to search the National Register** passed the 2,500 mark. This is an increase of more than 25% in the last twelve months. We are seeing particular increases in the number of users from solicitors, and local government and health sectors.

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**.

Stephen Bishop, Executive Director, NRPSI