



## CELEBRATING RECOGNITION



FIT proudly made history as its members celebrated the historic, first United Nations recognised ITD together this 30 September. This May the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted Resolution A/RES/71/288, honouring the role of professional translation in connecting nations and fostering peace, development and understanding.

The Permanent Missions of the Republic of Belarus, Azerbaijan, and Turkmenistan, who sponsored the Resolution and the International Translation Day Photo Exhibit, held a short celebration at the United Nations Building.

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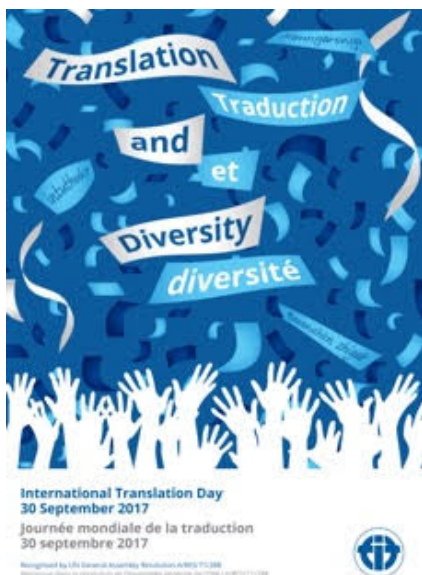
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President Kevin Quirk, Vice-President Alison Rodriguez and Past President Henry Liu, attended the celebration, accompanied by Bill Moody, UN Sign Interpreter and WASLI Representative, and Angela Benoit of ATA.

Among the distinguished guests was the Under-Secretary-General DGACM and Coordinator of Multilingualism, Catherine Pollard, who dedicated the photo documentary exhibition " Day-to-Dayness of Language Professionals" to the vital work of language professionals worldwide.



This year's ITD theme, Translation and Diversity as shown in the FIT Poster, highlights translation's role in maintaining and advocating diversity.

The poster also includes a prelude to the UN Year of Indigenous Languages in 2019, with the inclusion of three words from the UN Resolution translated into indigenous languages. These languages represent the importance of indigenous language in sustaining diversity and of raising awareness and visibility of indigenous culture.

The Federation's delegation was also fortunate to meet with Miriam Masaquiza Jerez and Elias Centellas Martinez of the Secretariat of Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, of the Economic and Social Council to discuss areas of mutual interest and synergy with FIT for celebrating the Year of Indigenous Languages.

Fruitful meetings were also held with Director of Documentation Division of UNDGACM Cecilia Elizade and her language heads of department for official UN languages, on future trends in language services, outreach and the need for Continuing Professional Development.



The FIT Delegation also paid a courtesy visit to Ambassador Michael Ten-Pow, Permanent Representative of Guyana to the UN, a translator himself and a former chief of United Nations English Translation Service, who shared his deep understanding of our profession and unique perspective on its future.

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