

## First meeting of 2007 held

February 2007

Hosted by the Verband der Übersetzer und Dolmetscher Berlin e.V. (VÜD), the Executive Committee met in Berlin, Germany on 20–21 January 2007. Due to technical problems the Minutes of earlier meetings have been delayed, but these difficulties have now been overcome. The Executive Committee and Secretariat are working hard to get everything disseminated as soon as possible.

## Events in autumn 2006

Following a consultation round with member bodies, the FIT Council in an electronic vote decided *against* the Extranet proposal. The President expressed his satisfaction at how well FIT had handled this proposal, in a democratic manner that enabled participation by the FIT membership, and thanked member bodies for playing an active role.

The Eighth International Forum of the FIT Committee for Court Interpreting and Legal Translation held at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences Winterthur, Switzerland on 2–5 November 2006 was a great success. Attendance totalled 176 participants.

Work to forge co-operation with ACALAN has continued. Relations with UNESCO have been deepened by the completion of an extensive UNESCO Report on FIT's activities. Articulation of the FIT ID card with the international press card is being investigated.

## Meeting news

Referring to Article 34e of the FIT Bylaws, the Executive Committee noted the expiration of the term of office of a Council member. According to Article 35, there is now a vacancy on Council that will be filled by co-option at the next Council meeting. Referring to Article 33, the Executive Committee calls on regular FIT member bodies to nominate candidates for co-option to the FIT Council. Nominations, with a CV of the candidate, should be sent to the FIT Secretariat in Montreal.

In preparation for next Statutory Congress, the Executive Committee appeals to Council and FIT member bodies to submit suggestions for amendments to the FIT statutes. These will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

The annual allocation for FIT committees and regional centres was again set at USD 500.

## International Translation Day

This year's theme is *Don't Shoot the Messenger!* A press release has been drawn up and sent to FIT member organizations. It is posted on the FIT website at [www.fit-ift.org/en/download.php](http://www.fit-ift.org/en/download.php).

## Upcoming events

The 5th FIT Asian Translators Forum will soon be held in Bogor, West-Java Province, Indonesia on 11-12 April, 2007; see [http://wartahpi.org/asia\\_forum.php](http://wartahpi.org/asia_forum.php).

The 2nd International Translation Conference, organized by the Arab Thought Foundation in cooperation with CIUTI and FIT, will now take place on 27–28 April 2007 in Amman, Jordan.

The First Announcement of the XVIII FIT World Congress in Shanghai has been distributed and is also posted on Congress website at [www.fit2008.org](http://www.fit2008.org). The dates are: Statutory Congress, 2–3 August 2008; Open Congress 4–7 August 2008.

The FIT Literary Translation Committee, FITLIT, is going to campaign visibly at Frankfurt Book Fair, the world's biggest book fair, in Frankfurt am Main, Germany in mid-October 2007; [www.book-fair.com](http://www.book-fair.com)

## Next FIT meetings

The FIT Executive Committee will meet in Oslo, Norway on Friday, 8 June 2007. The FIT Council will be held in Oslo, Norway, on 9–10 June.