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YOUNG INTERPRETERS AWARD 2020

LEOPOLDO COSTA PRIZE

INFORMATION SHEET

Leopoldo Costa (1945-2000), Senior Interpreter at DG Interpretation, was undoubtedly one of the outstanding interpreters of his generation.



Over and above having an extraordinary array of working languages, he was known for an unflagging commitment to quality, tempered by unassuming modesty and a dry sense of humour. These qualities made him an invaluable source of advice and assistance to less-experienced interpreters and particularly to students, to whom he gave unstinting support throughout his career. His premature death was a loss which went well beyond the Service.

In his honour, DG Interpretation established the **Young Interpreters Award**, which continues to promote his aims: encouraging quality and providing support to those entering the profession.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The contest, for this eighteenth edition of the award, is open to all students:

- who are in their final year of their master's degree in conference interpreting during the academic year 2021-2022, and
- who haven't participated in the Young Interpreters Award contest before, and
- who are nationals of one of the member states of the European Union or a candidate country to the European Union*.

THE THEME IS: "The future is yours; in the context of the Conference on the future of Europe"

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

- 1)) Think about what you would like to say about this subject.
- 2) Then, prepare two short documents (in **English, French or German**):
 - A concise summary of the speech you would like to submit (+/- 800 characters = +/- half a page);
 - The speech itself (+/- 5.500 characters) should:
 - be original
 - show an innovative, modern and open approach to the interpreting profession in a changing context
 - have a personal angle.

- 3) Send them by e-mail to SCIC-YOUNG-INTERPRETERS-AWARD@ec.europa.eu by **1st November 2021**.
- 4) Attach **proof of registration to your master's degree course**.

AND THE AWARD?

The DG Interpretation Selection Committee will choose the three most promising entries and their authors will receive a diploma. The winner of the contest will be invited to participate in DG Interpretation's SCIC Universities online conference on 2-3 December 2021 to give his/her speech to the assembled participants. Representatives of SCIC's partner universities in EU Member States, candidate and third countries, international organisations, trainers and other European institutions and representatives from the world of public service interpreting will participate in this high profile event. The Commissioner Johannes Hahn and the Director General of DG SCIC, Ms Genoveva Ruiz Calavera, will also attend the conference. What's more, a large announcement on DG SCIC's social media such as Instagram, Facebook and Twitter will appear, to pay credit to the award-winning students.

WHEN WILL I KNOW?

Each participant will be informed of the outcome of this contest by e-mail, around 1 week before the conference.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- Entrants agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the contest.
- The decisions of the organisers (DG Interpretation) and of the jury are final with regards to all aspects of the contest.
- The organisers designate the members of the jury. The jury establishes its evaluation criteria and internal procedures autonomously; its proceedings are confidential.
- Each competitor can only submit one contribution and all submitted texts should be his/her own work and exclusive property. Any incomplete or late entries will be automatically rejected.
- The organisers will use the participant's e-mail address from which he/she sent the entry, to contact him/her for the purposes of the contest.
- The text of the winning entry, and the names and pictures of the winners, may be published on the conference website.
- DG Interpretation reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel the contest, in the event of anything occurring that could compromise or affect the normal operation of the contest or if the jury concludes that none of the entries satisfies its criteria.