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YOUNG INTERPRETERS AWARD 2023

LEOPOLDO COSTA PRIZE

INFORMATION SHEET

Leopoldo Costa (1945-2000), Senior Interpreter at DG Interpretation, was undoubtedly one of the most 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 was felt 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 nineteenth 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 2023-2024, 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: "Attracting Talent for an upskilled profession"

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 without spaces = +/- half a page);
 - The speech itself (+/- 5.500 characters without spaces) 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 **Friday 27th October 2023 at noon (Brussels time)**.

4) Attach **proof of registration for your master's degree course**.

WHAT ABOUT THE AWARD?

The DG Interpretation Selection Committee will choose the three most promising entries whose authors will be **invited for a visit to Brussels from 29 November to 1st December 2023**.

During their visit, the award winner and the two runners-up will be able to:

- See the world's largest interpreting service at work.
- Practise interpreting at a meeting of the European Union (dummy booth).
- Attend a dedicated master class and workshop on communication and presentation skills.
- Participate in DG Interpretation's annual hybrid conference on 30 November-1st December 2023. At this conference, the three students will be presented with their award certificates and the winner will make a presentation to the assembled participants.

WHEN WILL I FIND OUT THE RESULT?

Each participant will be informed of the outcome of this contest by e-mail, around 2 weeks 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 appoint 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 as well as 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.