

THE USE OF INTERPRETERS IN COURTS AND TRIBUNALS

12-14 MARCH 2009

Esplanade Hotel and University of Notre Dame, Fremantle, Western Australia

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THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2009

1400 – 1700	Registration at Esplanade Hotel
1800 – 1930	Welcome Reception at Courthouse Courtyard, University of Notre Dame

FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2009

0730 – 0900	Registration at Esplanade Hotel
0900 – 0915	<p>Welcome to Country</p> <p>Welcome to Delegates</p> <p><i>Professor Celia Hammond, Vice-Chancellor, University of Notre Dame, Australia</i></p> <p>Welcome on behalf of the AIJA</p> <p><i>The Hon Justice Christine Wheeler, Court of Appeal, Western Australia, AIJA President</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Senior Judge Mary Ann Yeats, District Court of Western Australia</i></p>
0915 – 1030	<p>Working with interpreters effectively in the courtroom</p> <p>This session will identify and discuss the typical problems encountered in courts and tribunals</p> <p>Presenter: <i>Associate Professor Sandra Hale, School of Humanities and Languages, the University of Western Sydney</i></p> <p>Commentator: <i>Ms Robyn Tsapazi, NAATI Accredited Interpreter, Western Australia</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Professor Greg Reinhardt, Executive Director, AIJA</i></p>
1030 – 1100	Morning Tea
1100 – 1300	<p>Indigenous Interpreting for courts</p> <p>This session will look at Indigenous languages and the challenges that they present for courts and tribunals</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Dr Michael Cooke, Principal Consultant, Intercultural Communications and Ms Annette Kogolo, Senior Walmajarri Interpreter, Kimberley Interpreting Services</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Dr Kate Auty, Magistrate, Western Australia</i></p>
1300 – 1400	Lunch

FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2009 (cont'd)

1400 – 1530	<p>Aspects of Inter-cultural communication, new media and languages</p> <p>This session will identify problems which may arise where a court or tribunal is dealing with a witness whose language is not readily amenable to verbal interpretation and where responses may be signified by way of gesture, where a language has no written tradition and where culture may inform a witness's response to questions.</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Ms Robyn Tsapazi, Ms Ella Davies, Ms Michaela Sloan, Mr Bhim Nagpal and Ms Sue Massoudi, NAATI Accredited Interpreters</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Senior Judge Mary Ann Yeats, District Court of Western Australia</i></p>
1530 – 1600	Afternoon Tea
1600 – 1715	<p>Preparation for court: what interpreters need to know and what courts need to know</p> <p>There is a need to ensure that interpreters are trained in relation to the working of courts and tribunals and that both judges and counsel are versed in working with them.</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Dr Daniel Stepniak, the University of Western Australia and Ms Heather Glass, Translating and Interpreting Industry Consultant, Government Skills Australia, Western Australia</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Judge Kate O'Brien, District Court of Western Australia</i></p>
1900	<p>Conference Dinner</p> <p>The Mussel Bar, Fremantle, 42 Mews Road, Fishing Boat Harbour, Fremantle</p> <p>Dress: Smart Casual</p> <p>Speaker: <i>Dr Bruce Moore, author of "Speaking Our Language: The Story of Australian English"</i></p>

SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2009

0800 – 0900	Registration at Theatre ND46/209, Health Sciences & Rehabilitation Research Building, 33 Phillimore Street (cnr Henry Street), University of Notre Dame
0900 – 1030	<p>Communication diversity within the disability sector</p> <p>This session will look at the difficulties encountered by persons with a disability in relation to interpretation, including the use of information technology by people with complex communication needs.</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Ms Di Robinson, President, Guardianship Tribunal, New South Wales, Ms Debora Colvin, Head, Council of Official Visitors, Western Australia and Mr Harvey Hatch, Manager, Victim Support and Child Witness Services, Western Australia</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>The Hon Justice John McKechnie, Supreme Court of Western Australia</i></p>
1030 – 1100	Morning Tea
1100 – 1230	<p>Developing a protocol for the better use of interpreters in courts and tribunals</p> <p>What are the challenges? For judges and tribunal members? For legal aid? For Government? For changes in dispute resolution such as mediation? In dealing with new languages?</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Mr Paul Hellander, Manager, Interpreting and Translating Centre, South Australia and Judge Kate O'Brien, District Court of Western Australia</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Professor Greg Reinhardt, Executive Director, AIJA</i></p>
1230 – 1245	Closing Address/Wrap-up

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