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Call for Papers for 2016 International Medical Interpreters Association Conference Opens

Boston, MA, September 15, 2015- The International Medical Interpreters Association (IMIA) is pleased to announce that the 2016 IMIA Annual Conference will be held on Friday, April 29th through Sunday, May 1st, 2016 in Boston, MA, USA. The theme of the conference will be **“Medical Interpreters: A Vital Part of Coordinated Health Care Delivery”**.

The overriding mission of the conference is to offer an international forum to showcase the latest developments in the field, to investigate its opportunities and challenges, and to advance the quality in services provided to language minority patients worldwide. The format of the conference is grounded in professional networking and workshop sessions that maximize audience participation, complemented by interactive plenary sessions on key professional issues. Innovative ideas for presentations and activities that support the thematic questions of the conference are encouraged.

The IMIA Events Committee invites papers that address the complex dimension of this theme and other continuing educational workshops of interest. The content must be relevant and meaningful, to offer ways to process information through research, knowledge, and skills application.

Paper submissions deadline is November 30th, 2015. To submit, please visit:

<http://www.imiaweb.org/conferences/callforpapers-form.asp>

Current speaker registration fee is USD \$225. Payment and registration deadline is December 31st, 2015.
Subject to disqualification if paper proposal and payment/registration are submitted after designated deadlines.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.imiaweb.org/conferences/callforpapers.asp>

Best regards,

Danielle Carco, IMIA Administrator

About IMIA

IMIA is an umbrella nonprofit organization that advocates for qualified medical interpreting for every language minority patient. Working with over 12,000 professionals in the field, IMIA promotes all standards and best practices in the field of medical interpreting. As an international trade association of medical interpreters, it represents practicing medical interpreters as the ultimate experts in medical interpreting. It is also the only national trade association of medical interpreters in the US, and is an official active member of FIT, the Federation of Interpreters and Translators, an international organization comprised of trade associations of interpreters and translators worldwide. IMIA developed the first code of ethics for interpreters and medical interpreter educators, standards of practice, annual conference, Education, Terminology Resources, and Interpreter Registries. In 2009 launched the National Board for Medical Interpreter Certification, and developed the first national certification for medical interpreters. In 2013 IMIA formed the Commission for Medical Interpreter Education and launched the first standards for Medical Interpreter Education, and the accreditation program for educational programs. IMIA continues to be a pioneer in the field with its recent work to develop the first Medical Interpreter Instructor Certification Program. (www.imiaweb.org)