



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL
INTERPRETERS ASSOCIATION
Leading the advancement of professional interpreters

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2015 Leadership Academy Begins in Fall

Boston, MA, July 7, 2015 – The International Medical Interpreters Association (IMIA) is proud to announce the IMIA Leadership Academy to begin 2015 programming on September 10, 2015. Over the course of six months, program cohorts will attend Webinar sessions, moderated conference calls on designated industry topics, and collaborate with team members on Capstone project under direct supervision of assigned mentors. The 2015 Leadership Academy cohort graduation is slated to take place at the 2016 IMIA Annual Conference in the Boston area. Winning Capstone team will have the opportunity to present their project during workshop breakout session.

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way”. - John C. Maxwell

“Be brave. Take risk. Nothing can substitute experience”. – Paulo Coelho

Leadership Academy Fellow:

“Medical interpreters typically work independently. We answer a phone call or walk into a patient room and carry out our important work without the presence of our colleagues. This can lead to professional isolation which hinders our growth and causes our profession to stagnate. The IMIA’s Leadership Academy addresses this issue by getting a diverse group of interpreters from across the country to take a close look at the issues facing the medical interpreter profession. Leadership Academy participants connect with one another, learn from each other, and develop lasting professional relationships. I highly recommend the Leadership Academy to any medical interpreter interested in playing a leadership role in our young, dynamic profession”. – Kiara Raazi, Testing Director, National Board of Certification for Medical Interpreters

For registration and program details, please visit: <http://imiaweb.org/education/leadershipacademy.asp>

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)