



COMPETITION

Call for proofs-of-concept

Online platform for training of simultaneous interpreters

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, university teaching around the world has been moved online for a number of months and part of that teaching is likely to remain online. The switch to online teaching has presented trainers with enormous challenges, both technologically and content-wise. In particular, interpreter trainers face unresolved technological issues of delivering simultaneous interpreting training online.

In order to address these issues, CIUTI is launching an open competition to encourage academic and other T&I stakeholders to develop an online platform, or to enhance existing platforms, with a view to making single-device remote teaching of simultaneous interpreting possible.

In a special competition, CIUTI will award a €10,000 prize to the stakeholder whose proof-of-concept platform is found to be best suited for the purpose described above.

Proof-of-concept platforms should fulfill the following (minimum) requirements:

- The ability to host a minimum of 10 participant speakers (who can listen to the floor OR the interpretation)
- The ability to host a minimum of 10 student interpreters
- The ability to define a specific platform role for trainers, who can listen to the floor AND the interpretation on separate channels and are able to switch from one interpreter to the other
- The ability to host a minimum of 5 of these trainers
- A feature enabling private one-to-one communication between a trainer and a student interpreter for feedback purposes
- The ability for dual track recording of floor and interpreting in a widely readable format
- A user-friendly means of attributing roles, assigning booths and chairing meetings
- A user-friendly virtual console layout
- Reliable, high-performing technology
- Affordable, low-cost license and access fees

Proof-of-concept platforms should be described using the enclosed template and submitted by midnight on 30 September 2020 (Brussels local time) at the following address: secgen@ciuti.org. The platform should be accessible on the web by the same date, either freely or by means of access codes provided with the submission.

Submitted proof-of-concept platforms will be assessed by an international panel of interpreter trainers from the CIUTI member institutions. The assessment results and the name of the award winner will be published by 30 October 2020.

The detailed Rules and Regulations for this competition can be found at:

<https://www.ciuti.org/education-training/>. The submission of a proof-of-concept platform entails the stakeholder's acceptance of all conditions laid down in the Rules and Regulations.