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YOUNG INTERPETERS AWARD 2016 - LEOPOLDO COSTA PRIZE

INFORMATION SHEET

Leopoldo Costa (1945-2000), Senior Interpreter at DG Interpretation, was undoubtedly one of the 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 the less-experienced interpreters and particularly to students to whom he gave unstinting support throughout his career. His premature death was a loss which went well beyond the Service.

This is why DG Interpretation awards this Prize which bears his name and continues to promote his aims: encouraging quality and providing support to those entering the profession.

WHO CAN APPLY ?

The competition for this fourteenth edition of the prize will be open to all students who have submitted a bursary request to DG Interpretation for the academic year 2015-2016.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO ?

The theme is: *"Modern learning times"*

- 1) Think about what you would like to say on this subject.
- 2) Then, prepare two short documents (in English, French or German):
 - A concise summary of the speech you would like to make (+/- 800 characters = +/- half a page);
 - The speech reflecting the structure and main points (+/- 5.500 characters);
- 3) Send them by e-mail to scic-bursaries@ec.europa.eu at the latest by **Wednesday 25 January 2016**.

AND THE PRIZE ?

The DG Interpretation Selection Committee will choose the three most promising entries whose authors will be **invited for a visit to Brussels from 13 to 15 March 2016**.

In the course of their visit, the prize winner and the two runners-up will be able to:

- ◆ See the world's largest interpreting service at work.
- ◆ Practice interpreting at a meeting of the European Union (microphone off)
- ◆ Attend a dedicated master class and workshop on communication and presentation skills.
- ◆ Participate in DG Interpretation's annual conference on 14-15 March 2016, with trainers, interpreters, EU and international organisations, clients and ... the prize winning students. In this conference, the three will be presented with their prize certificates and the Leopoldo Costa prize winner will deliver his/her speech before the assembled participants.

WHEN WILL I KNOW ?

Each participant will be informed by e-mail, at least 4 weeks before the annual Conference, about the outcome of this competition.

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 regard to all aspects of the contest.
- The organisers designate the members of the jury. Its composition will be communicated at the DG Interpretation-Universities Conference. The jury establishes its evaluation criteria and internal procedures autonomously; its proceedings are confidential.
- Each competitor can present only one contribution and all texts presented should be his/her own work and exclusive property. Any incomplete or late entry will be automatically rejected.
- The organisers will use the participants' e-mail address by which he/she sent the entry, to contact him/her for the purposes of the contest.
- The text of the winning entry, and 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.

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