

PRESS RELEASE
**THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LEGAL INTERPRETERS
AND TRANSLATORS IN KRAKÓW
A EUROPEAN SUMMIT
OF LEADERS OF THE PROFESSION**
Kraków, April 3-5, 2014

The Polish Society of Sworn and Specialized Translators "TEPIS" in cooperation with the Austrian Association of Certified Court Interpreters (ÖVGD), the UNESCO Chair for Translation Studies and Intercultural Communication of the Jagiellonian University, the Institute of Applied Linguistics of the University of Warsaw, and under the auspices of the European Legal Interpreters and Translators Association (EULITA), and the Committee for Legal Translation and Court Interpretation of the International Federation of Translators (FIT) organized the International Conference 'New Tasks for Legal Interpreters and Translators in the Enlarged Europe' held in Kraków on April 3-5, 2014.

On the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of Poland's accession to the European Union and the promulgation of the Act on the Profession of Sworn Translator, the Conference provided a platform for European legal interpreters and translators to discuss their current situation and status, and to report on their main challenges and achievements over this past decade. The topics of their contributions covered the legal status, professional ethics, and good practice of legal interpreters and translators in EU countries, as well as their continuing professional development. The languages of the Conference were English, German, and Polish.

The key speakers of the Conference were: Sally Bailey-Ravet from the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, Patrick Twidle from the Court of Justice of the European Union; Liese Katschinka, President of the European Legal Interpreters and Translators Association (EULITA); Christiane Driesen from the International Associations of Conference Interpreters (AIIC); Christine Springer, President of the Austrian Association of Certified Court Interpreters (ÖVGD); and Danuta Kierzkowska, President of the Polish Society of Sworn and Specialized Translators "TEPIS". The Kraków Conference was attended by representatives of associations of translators and interpreters, universities, ministers of justice, and courts from 25 EU countries. The Kraków Conference was an unprecedented gathering in Poland of legal translators and interpreters, both in respect to the number of foreign attendees and to the standing of the professionals who honoured this prestigious event. (zr)