AIIC at the 2014 European Forum of Sign Language Interpreters conference

Experts meet in Antwerp to discuss cognitive processes in sign language interpreting.

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Over 250 sign language interpreters, trainers, consumers and students from across Europe and beyond recently gathered in Antwerp at the annual general meeting and conference of the European Forum of Sign Language Interpreters (efsli) to discuss this year’s theme – ‘Mind Tricks’.

Dounya Francois and Maya de Wit were in attendance representing the AIIC Sign Language Network (AIIC-SLN). They gave a short presentation on the history and aims of the network and the importance of sign language interpreters joining AIIC. All participants received an SLN calling card placed at their seats with information on the SLN, the website URL, and an invitation to meet Dounya or Maya during the three days in Antwerp to find out more about AIIC and membership.

Conference speakers touched on several aspects of the theme Mind Tricks, such as:

- The use of think or write aloud protocols (Russell).
- Documenting thought processes and stimulating shared knowledge and learning (Dekesel & Bown).
- The advantages of consecutive interpreting (Russell).
- Contextualization in the interpreting process (Janzen & Shaffer, Leeson et al).
- The effect of training on the cognitive development of students and experienced interpreters (Stone & Vinson).
- The interpreter’s cognitive efforts (Pointurier-Pournin).
- The use of signing space to mark discourse structure (Nilsson).
- The insights of deaf leaders on how they would like to collaborate with interpreters (Bontempo et all).

Enjoy this visual expression of what Mind Tricks 2014 was all about. Full proceedings of the conference will be published in 2015 by efsli.

The next efsli AGM & conference will take place in Warschau, Poland, from 11 – 13 September 2015.

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