



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Every year, the Ordre des traducteurs, terminologues et interprètes agréés du Québec (OTTIAQ) hosts a conference for language professionals to share ideas and discuss current and emerging issues in their field. This year's conference will be held at the Palais des congrès de Montréal on **Friday, October 30**, with the following theme:

Outside the Box: **Professionalism as a Lever for Change**

The conference program committee is **seeking proposals** from all language professionals who'd like to fuel the conference's discussions with practical presentations that focus on the how rather than the what. We already know the facts—we've examined and discussed them at length. So this year, the committee is looking for speakers who have taken their practice into solutions mode (or are about to do so).

What are your recipes for success? Which practices and innovations have you adopted to renew or redefine your professionalism and keep thriving in light of the major changes in our society? In short: How are you thinking outside the box? Now's your chance to share your tips and tricks with your peers. Here's some food for thought:

- Have you changed how you manage yourself or others? What are you doing differently? What concrete benefits have you seen as a result of your new methods?
- If you now interact differently with your clients, how have your relationships with them changed? What's different about how you look for new work, approach potential clients or offer your services to potential employers?
- What are you doing differently to position yourself as a professional to your clients, partners or employer?
- What concrete actions have you taken to increase your visibility, credibility or professional influence (in your organization, on the market or in the language community)?
- Have you updated your terms of payment, business model or service offering? What changes have you made? What works best today, and why?
- If you work in education or training, how have you adapted your teaching style to better

prepare the next generation of language professionals for their future careers?

- If you manage a team, department or business, how have you adjusted your expectations, management practices or evaluation criteria? What changes have you made in the way you collaborate with colleagues, contractors or partners?
- What's something you deliberately stopped doing, and why? What impact has it had on your practice?
- How do you communicate your professional value in an environment where some of your services may be taken for granted?
- What practices do you think can foster healthier, fairer or more sustainable relationships in the language ecosystem?
- What "unconventional" skill has become central to your practice, and how did you develop it?
- If you had to start over today, would you do anything differently? If so, what would you change?
- What changes would you recommend to your peers looking to shift their business or start their career?
- Have you redefined the concepts of "quality work" or "added value"? How does that translate into your everyday deliverables or decisions?

These are just a few examples of questions; the list is by no means exhaustive. Anything goes, so don't be afraid to submit a proposal! We look forward to joining you for a day of frank and enlightening discussions between language professionals.

This year's conference will be an ideal opportunity to meet your peers, share ideas openly and learn new, tried-and-true methods. Together, we're redefining professionalism and helping our fellow language professionals find their way in a rapidly changing society. The conference program committee invites you to submit a presentation proposal and help shape this year's conference into an event that's firmly focused on innovation and professional success!

Types of speakers sought (non-exhaustive list)

- OTTIAQ members
- Members of other professional orders (CPA, Barreau du Québec, CHRP, etc.)
- In-house and self-employed professionals with influence in their fields (e.g., brand image, marketing)
- Professors, university researchers and graduate students
- Journalists and media professionals
- Project managers and supplier coordinators working for translation firms and agencies

Target audiences

- Language professionals from all backgrounds and areas of practice
- Managers (language services, translation firms, etc.)
- Researchers, professors, students (in translation, terminology and interpretation)

Preferred approach

- An engaging approach that encourages audience participation. Preference will be given to interactive presentations that incorporate the use of technology (e.g., Kahoot, Slido, Sentimy, etc.).

Presentation languages

- English
- French

Presentation length

- 60 minutes, including a question-and-answer period

Selection criteria

- Relevance of the proposed presentation to the conference theme
- Level and quality of audience interaction and participation
- Relevance to all three professions (translation, terminology, interpretation)

General information

The conference program committee reserves the right to accept or reject any presentation proposal without justification.

OTTIAQ's policy is to cover the conference registration fees of selected speakers, up to a maximum of two people per presentation.

Presentations and workshops will be held in person. Preference will be given to interactive presentations. There will be no compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

Interested in presenting?

- Fill out the presentation proposal form in [English](#) or [French](#).
- The conference program committee awaits your proposals by **Friday, April 10, 2026**.

Charter

Anyone planning to submit a presentation proposal must read OTTIAQ's Annual Conference Charter, which can be found [here](#).

Booths and sponsorships

If you are an individual or a company interested in sponsoring or exhibiting at OTTIAQ's conference, please write to communications@ottiaq.org.

The conference program committee looks forward to hearing from you. If you're doing things differently these days, we want to know about it!

Proposals may be based on success stories, trial-and-error experiences or ongoing initiatives. The goal is not to present perfect solutions, but rather to share concrete, well-thought-out practices that other language professionals can adopt to foster their development.
