

The AUSIT Synergise! Conference will be the venue for a meeting to consider the launch of a new national professional association, given the working title: the Translator and Interpreter Trainer and Educator Network (TITEN) of Australia.

On July 23, four new T&I qualifications were endorsed by the National Quality Council as part of the Public Service Training Package. The qualifications are for delivery in VET, but will have a flow on effect to higher ed. TITEN is therefore an opportunity for practitioner trainers to create a national network for collaboration and professional development, to get us all through the learning curve faster and on track to maximise the opportunities the new qualifications present.

The suggestion is for TITEN to be a formal and independent network of individual trainers of both translators and interpreters in all languages. Membership is open to T&I trainers and educators in occasional, casual or permanent employment at a tertiary institution in VET or higher education, in particular, those who are active translator and interpreter practitioners and members of one or more professional practitioner associations.

Whether or not you are attending the *Synergise!* conference, you are invited to register your interest in membership by sending a request for a registration form to: lists@waiti.org.au. You will be invited to approve your email address being added to the TITEN e-forum list at Yahoo Groups, and to join in virtual discussions about the nature and structure of the Network leading up to the *Synergise!* Conference.