

Introduction

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Every conference should present possibilities to share research, ideas, and to explore new paths and possibilities. This was also the case with the *Translation, Interpreting & Culture* (TIC) conference held at Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia from September 20 to September 22, 2023. The third installment of the conference was themed *Virality and Isolation in the Era of Deepening Divides*. We believe that the conference proved its point – isolation is not the answer, in an era of fast technological progress, automation, and AI, networking and thoughtful discussions are what will connect the T&I community, and help it face every challenge it faces (more on this in the discussion *Translation Automation and Sustainability* by Joss Moorkens, Sheila Castilho, Federico Gaspari, Antonio Toral, Maja Popović).

The TIC 2023 conference welcomed over 80 academics from more than 20 countries. This issue of *L10N Journal* presents selected papers which focus on both, the conference and journal themes.

The first article by Márta Lesznyák, Eszter Sermann, and Mária Bakti delves into post-editing skills and competencies of students and looks at the time needed to process a task and the quality of the output. Following that, João Brogueira presents a sociological exploration of Portuguese translators and their stance towards machine translation. The third article by Irene Fuentes Pérez explores translation project management in Spain. The author focuses on the training and work-related skills of possible candidates. In the last article, Dainora Maumevičienė explores machine translation functions and limitations in software localization.

The articles in this issue present viewpoints from various areas of translation, and we, the editors, hope that they too will lead to more networking and thoughtful discussions just as the TIC 2023 conference did. And we hope that we will meet again at one of the future installments of the conference.

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