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International interpretation conference

2007 has been designated the 'Highland Year of Culture', and a major international interpretation conference is being planned as part of the programme of events.

Running in Aviemore, at the foot of the Cairngorm mountains, from 1st to 3rd October 2007, the conference will provide an opportunity to share experience and best practice from around the world. Its themes will include:

- re-interpreting traditional icons in the 21st century.
- the role of creativity and innovation in interpretation for remote and fragile areas
- developing links between community regeneration and interpretation
- using a minority language in interpretation

There will be an exciting programme of international speakers, workshops and site visits, as well as lively evening entertainment celebrating the best of Highland culture. Pre and post conference tours will give opportunities to visit further afield.

A sub-group of Interpret Scotland is currently shaping ideas for the programme: watch this space, and book the dates in your diary!

Training for blue badge guides

The Scottish Tourist Guides Association (STGA), the organisation for Blue Badge Guides in Scotland, is inviting applications for the 2006 intake for guide training. The two-year course involves weekend classes and summer schools, with support through web-based materials.

Preference will be given to candidates who are fluent in a foreign language and are willing to travel throughout Scotland. There are particular opportunities for people who speak Mandarin, Cantonese and Central and Eastern European languages.

Applications are due by 6 January 2006. For more information contact the STGA Training Manager at Old Town Jail, Stirling, FK8 1EA; tel: 0131 477 2204; email info@stga.co.uk; website: www.stga.co.uk.