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THE LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGIES RESEARCH CENTRE LAUNCHES LINGUISTECH

Gatineau, September 7, 2011 – This past September 6, during a press conference at the Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO), the Language Technologies Research Centre (LTRC) launched LinguisTech (www.linguistech.ca), a Web portal containing various translation technologies and useful resources for translators, professional writers, students and professors. It should be noted that this project was made possible by the Federal Strategy for Official Languages, Roadmap for Canada’s Linguistic Duality 2008-2013: Acting for the Future.

Among the sixty or so guests present were various representatives of the language sector: professors, researchers, students, representatives from language technology companies, government and quasi-government agencies, etc.

At the beginning of the conference, Gilles Mailloux, Head of Media Relations of the Communications Branch at UQO, highlighted how the university is experiencing an exciting start to the school year with a record number of new students.

Representing the Language Sector Enhancement Program (CLSEP), Translation Bureau (TB) Vice-President Donald Barabé stressed that, “[translation] Human knowledge doubles every seven years [...], but only 0.5% of that knowledge is translated,” illustrating an ever-growing demand in the language sector.

Paulette Lalande, President of the *Conférence régionale des élus de l’Outaouais* (CRÉO), spoke of the unique translation technology niche found in the Outaouais region: it represents a targeted sector with high potential for development in Regional Strategic Planning (RSP 2007-2012).

François Abraham, Present of the *Ordre des traducteurs, terminologues et interprètes agréés du Québec* (OTTIAQ) expressed his pride and confidence in this new project that supports language professionals’ training in the translation market, where language technologies are becoming increasingly important.

Finally, Alan Bernardi, Director General of the LTRC, and Isabel Thériault, Director General of the *Festival de l’Outaouais Émergent* (FOÉ), announced the *En Mouvement* exposition that will be on display on the third floor of the LTRC until the end of September.

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