Outline

Cyberspace presents simultaneously a threat and an opportunity for languages. The threat comes from the fact that the best-equipped languages dominate the others; the opportunity because cyberspace, because of its ease of access and its universality, can give a voice to those who had no voice before.

Maaya, the world network for linguistic diversity, has organise the III SIMC, a meeting which brings together some thirty international experts with the intention of shining a spotlight on practical initiatives in the area of the appropriation of cyberspace as a means of revitalisation for languages.

Objectives

To publicise best practices and failures relevant to the presence which has been established by the languages of the world in cyberspace, and especially in Web 2.0. To alert the general public to the importance of linguistic diversity in the digital world with an emphasis on the emerging issues in connection with the job market..

Themes

Multilingualism, cyberspace and:

- International governance and co-operation
- Virtual education
- Languages technologies

Languages and cyberspace

Only 500 languages, of the 7000 spoken on our planet, are present on the Internet.

What is the relationship among them?

Does cyberspace amplify or diminish the competition among the languages?

How should a language be equipped to fully occupy its place in the Internet?

How is virtual education affected by a multilingual world? Does a multilingual cyberspace offer new professional perspectives?

In addressing these questions III SIMC will consider equally proposals for the construction of a multilingual cyberspace, and respectful for linguistic diversity.

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