

Basics of Simultaneous Interpretation

All simultaneous interpreting events require the following basic elements to be successful.

- Excellent interpreting teams
- Soundproof or sound-absorbing interpreter booths
- Wireless transmitting equipment
- Wireless receivers
- Pre-conference logistics
- Tech support

Quality Interpreters

The key to any great international conference starts with ensuring that you have a team of specialized, high-quality interpreters for each language needed. Since simultaneous interpretation is an exhausting mental task for even the best interpreters, all simultaneous interpreters work in teams of two. They typically trade off every 20-30 minutes in order to be sure that they are always at their best.



Interpretation Booths

We offer two types of interpretation booths, depending on the client's budget, space restrictions and need to insulate the interpreters' voices from the audience. The first type is a lightweight, space-saving tabletop version measuring 5'x2'. It is collapsible and can easily be shipped. It fits on a standard 6'x30" table. The other type is a fully-enclosed 6'x4' soundproof booth accommodating two interpreters. Its elegant appearance adds an international flair to your conference.



Tabletop Booth



Full-size Soundproof Booth

Audio Feed and Transmitting Equipment

Your conference audio technician will need to provide our technical support team with an XLR audio feed from the floor so that we can connect it into our interpreter console allowing each of the interpreters to individually control the volume from the floor. From there, the interpretation is broadcast out to the attendees. The transmitter can cover an area of up to 1000' (300 m) from the booth, which is more than enough for even the largest venue. If necessary, other relay points or larger antennas can be used. We offer transmitters in the 72 MHz, 216 MHz, 800 MHz range, as well as infrared transmitters for classified events.



Wireless Receivers



Your attendees will receive the interpretation via a digital receiver. The receivers are pre-tuned to eight different channels, meaning that up to eight concurrent languages can be transmitted within a given conference, including the English for the hearing impaired. The receivers come with an optional over-the-neck lanyard and have an integrated 40-hour lithium ion battery. The volume and channel can be controlled by the individual user. We offer over-the-head headphones or more discreet earpieces that fit comfortably over the ear. Your guests can even use their own earbuds if they prefer.

Pre-Conference Logistics

Your dedicated conference specialist will work through all of the logistics needed to get the interpreters to the venue, have the equipment assembled before the event, distribute receivers to your attendees, translate any materials needed for the conference, and to have the equipment taken down and receivers collected at the end of the event. Pre-conference logistics is a vital step in the entire process that ensures that nothing gets missed.



Tech Support



An audio technician will work with the venue's audio team to be sure that we have the proper audio feed to our equipment. He/she will set up the transmitting equipment, interpreter consoles and pre-tune the receivers. He/she will monitor the equipment and sound throughout the conference and will be on hand for any last-minute emergencies that might arise.

Questions? Call us on 800.695.8772