

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS (WASLI)

and

THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF TRANSLATORS (FIT)

effective for the period commencing

24 July 2015 and renewable annually



**Fédération Internationale des Traducteurs
International Federation of Translators**

The voice of associations of translators, interpreters and terminologists around the world

WASLI

Association mondiale d'interprètes de la langue des signes

PREAMBLE

1. The World Association of Sign Language Interpreters (WASLI) is the international federation of national, regional sign language professional associations. It was founded in 2005, bringing together national associations of sign language interpreters and now has members around the world.
2. Amongst its objectives, WASLI aims to be a support network for existing national associations of sign language interpreters, to encourage the establishment of national associations of sign language interpreters in countries that do not have them, to develop and promote standards for high quality training, education and assessment of sign language interpreters, to support the work of sign language interpreters working at international events, to work in partnership with Deaf and Deafblind associations on sign language interpreting issues and to liaise with spoken language interpreter organisations and other organisations having common interests
3. WASLI acknowledges the standing of FIT and enters this Memorandum of Understanding with an open view to the exchange and sharing of matters of mutual interest.
4. The International Federation of Translators (FIT) was established in 1953 as an international federation of national, regional professional associations of translators, interpreters and terminologists and promotes interaction and co-operation between such associations.
5. Amongst its objectives, FIT aims to act as the voice of the international translators, interpreters and terminologists community and make that voice heard in the relevant public and political arenas; to seek to enhance the professional status of the translators, interpreters and terminologists community in society; to strive to establish links and co-operation with other international translators, interpreters, and terminologists organisations; to promote the harmonisation of professional standards and compliance with best practices across the world; to strengthen the international translators, interpreters and terminologists community by assisting the formation of associations in countries where they do not yet exist; to lend its good offices in resolving any disputes involving member organisations; and to uphold the moral and material interests of translators, interpreters and terminologists throughout the world.
7. FIT is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) in Consultative Partnership Status with UNESCO.
8. FIT wishes to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with WASLI with the aim of further promoting the interests of the translating and interpreting profession around the World.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to:

- Define the relationship between WASLI and FIT
- Confirm the arrangements between WASLI and FIT in respect to the sharing of information, resources, research, training opportunities, and other matters of mutual interest.

TERM

This Memorandum shall commence on 24 July 2015 and shall be automatically renewed on 1 July of each subsequent year unless either party requests its termination with advance notice of 4 (four) weeks.

CO-OPERATION

The Parties will consult at least once a year, or more often as the need arises, concerning the matters covered by this Memorandum and will cooperate in good faith with one another in relation to that consultation.

VARIATION TO THIS MEMORANDUM

This Memorandum may be amended at any time during its term by agreement in writing between WASLI and FIT.

WORKING RELATIONSHIP

The Parties will share information on upcoming international conferences for translators and interpreters and support each other's triennial conferences and other events through participation, sharing of resources, or presenting papers if applicable. Attendance at each other's conferences will be offered at members' rates.

The Parties will exchange information with regard to international, regional and national training courses for translators and interpreters and cooperate where appropriate in other areas of professional training and development.

Each Party will accept members of the other Party as members on application and payment of relevant fees, based on the receiving organisation's membership rules.

Each Party will contribute material to the publications of the other Party from time to time and provide access to its own publications to the other Party for contributions of material. The Parties will exchange their respective newsletters in electronic form or hard copy, if cost permits. Advertising space will be made available in such publications at most favourable rates where relevant.

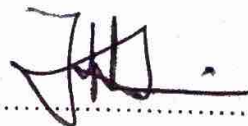
Done at the Fourth WASLI Congress, in Istanbul, on the twenty-fourth of July two thousand and fifteen

For
WORLD ASSOCIATION OF SIGN
LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

For
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
OF TRANSLATORS



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