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# ANNOUNCEMENT

WASLI is committed to the advancement of sign language Interpreting world wide

## Country Reports WASLI Conference 2005

The very first WASLI Conference took place near Worcester, South Africa 30 October – 2 November 2005. This was a very special event and saw over 200 interpreters from over 40 countries from every corner of the world come together.

One important feature of the conference was the Country Reports. Delegates from each of the representative countries were given the opportunity to address conference and to speak about what was happening in their country in relation to sign language interpreting and to provide some statistical information about their countries.

The final report is now complete and ready. The full report is 35 pages long and takes up 1070KB of memory (PDF format) so the decision was taken NOT to send this out as an email attachment to everyone because of the time and cost it may cause. It was planned to send you a link so that you could read the report from the website, but the website is not yet ready.

So, if you would like an electronic copy of the report in PDF format, then please request a copy at the address [wasli.secretary@btinternet.com](mailto:wasli.secretary@btinternet.com) and a copy will be sent.

At this time, it is not possible to send out hard copies of the Report.

Once the website is ready, the report will be uploaded and a message sent to everyone with the new link.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Ready to join WASLI? WASLI Membership

**NATIONAL MEMBERS** are those national associations of sign language interpreters with goals similar to WASLI.

**PROVISIONAL MEMBERS** are those interpreters from a country where there is no national association of sign language interpreters.

**SPONSORING MEMBERS** are individuals, businesses, agencies, institutions, or others who wish to support WASLI through membership fees and/or volunteering.

Very soon, full details of how to become a WASLI member will be available. There will be an Application Form, which will come with Guidance.

There will also be the WASLI Membership Fee Schedule and the WASLI List of Countries with their GDP.

You can use these to find out how much to pay.

WASLI is also introducing an ASSISTANCE programme where you can indicate that you need assistance OR indicate that you can provide assistance.

## WASLI Membership Information & Guidance available shortly

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