



ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Call for Expression of Interest International Sign Interpreters

By **Zane Hema WASLI Secretary**

The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) has asked WASLI to provide a list of potential International Sign Interpreters to work at the **15th World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf to be held in Madrid, Spain** 16-22 July 2007. The WASLI Board has agreed to take on the responsibility of submitting a list of potential interpreters to the WFD Congress Organising Committee.

The WASLI Executive Board accepts that there needs to be formal accreditation process but acknowledges that this cannot be in place before the Congress.

The work to compile a list of potential interpreters has started and includes names of interpreters who have already worked in a variety of international conference situations. The WASLI contact liaison person with WFD will approach the National Deaf Associations and ask them to submit names.

The WFD philosophy over the past years is that in each International Sign Team, opportunity is given to 'new' potential interpreters to work alongside more experienced people.

The WASLI Board has agreed that a "Call of Expression of Interest" be sent out to those on our

contact list to ask for names to be submitted of people with the relevant skills and experience, who may wish to be considered for inclusion in this list of potential candidates for employment as International Sign Interpreters.

In the absence of any formal accreditation, 'relevant skills and experience' means that the interpreter has had **at least 2 years experience** in working in international conference setting working using International Sign.

DEADLINE: If you would like to express an interest as a potential candidate, please send an email, subject **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IS TEAM** to Liz Scully lizabeth.scully@bristol.ac.uk and copy to the WASLI President Liz Scott Gibson lsg@deafaction.org by **31 May 2006**.

The Board has set up an Ad Hoc Working Group who will have the responsibility of compiling the list of potential interpreters and submitting this to the WFD Congress Organising Committee for their consideration.

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