CHILE – WASLI VICE PRESIDENT VISIT

Area: 756,626 km²
Population: 15,590,000
Capital: Santiago
Language: Spanish
Currency: Chilean Peso (US$1=598.55 CP)
GDP: USD $62,200
(Source: Readers Digest World Atlas 2005)

The WASLI Vice President’s first official engagement took place in Chile where on 3 May 2008, he attended a national seminar organised by ACHIELS the national association of sign language interpreters in Chile.

A new DVD in sign language for Deaf People was launched and a copy presented to the WASLI Vice President.

The Vice President also gave a talk about the World Association focussing on the aim and objectives of the Association.
MACEDONIA – WASLI VISIT

Area: 25,713 km²
Population: 2,050,000
Capital: Skopje
Language: Macedonian, Albanian, Serbo-Croat
Currency: Macedonian Denar (US$1=50.01 Denar)
GDP: USD $3,813
(Source: Readers Digest World Atlas 2005)

Selman Hoti, WASLI Balkans Regional Representative appears on TV in Macedonia

"I was asked to be interviewed as WASLI Board member representing the Balkan Region from Macedonian TV (MTV) for the show named “Silence Word” dedicated for Deaf People in Macedonia."
The interview was held on 22nd of April and will be shown in early May. The editor of the show Ms Marija Baseska is also the sign language interpreter and the moderator of the show. We had the preparation meeting a week before and I had opportunity to talk about the WASLI history, WASLI aim, WASLI General Membership meeting and conference held in Segovia, Spain. And at the same time I mentioned about the close cooperation of WASLI and WFD and about the joint agreement between WFD and WASLI. Also I mentioned the importance of the Balkan Region Representative at WASLI Board and importance of building the cooperation within interpreters in Balkans with the aim of establishing the interpreter associations in Balkan countries. From my opinion this was great opportunity to inform the interpreter Community and Deaf Community about WASLI and interpreter profession. “

(Above: Marija Baseska and Selman Hoti)

(Above: Selman during the interview)
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‘efsli’ is a European membership led organisation of Sign Language Interpreters consisting of national & regional associations, individuals & associate members.

Aims & Objectives
To encourage and promote deliberation and mutual exchange of the profession of interpreting services within Europe

To work to secure official recognition of the profession of sign language interpreting

To work and promote scientific and pedagogical initiatives to improve standards of Sign Language Interpreting and Interpreter Training

To provide advice and support to Sign Language Interpreters, Interpreter trainees, Interpreter trainers, and the users and providers of interpreting services

To represent the interests of the profession of sign language interpreting to the appropriate bodies

To do all such things as to further the aims of efsli

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