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WFD-WASLI Accredited International Sign Interpreter
Professional Conduct Review Process
PRESS RELEASE

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The Boards of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and the World Association of Sign Language Interpreters (WASLI) are pleased to announce the implementation of new procedure, that of a joint WFD-WASLI Accredited International Sign Interpreter Professional Conduct Review Process (“WFD/WASLI - PCRP”).

The Professional Conduct Review Process provides a mechanism for those who have a concern about a WFD-WASLI International Sign Interpreter’s professional conduct. There are several options beginning with encouraging the parties to deal with the concern directly, to lodging a formal complaint.

The Professional Conduct Review Committee formed by WFD-WASLI Boards manages the Professional Conduct Review Process. The Chair and/or designated member of the Professional Conduct Review Committee takes on a facilitation role with the parties with the goal of negotiating an appropriate outcome.

Only WFD-WASLI International Sign Accredited Interpreters can be held accountable for their professional conduct through this review process. If the complaint is against an interpreter that is not a WFD-WASLI International Sign Accredited Interpreter, neither WFD nor WASLI have the authority to hold that person accountable for their professional conduct through this process.

Such a process ensures that interpreters will continue to comply with the high ethical standards necessary for international work, and that should there be disputes, these will be handled in a professional manner and is supportive and fair.

Further information about the WFD-WASLI Accredited International Sign Interpreter Professional Conduct Review Process is available via www.wfdeaf.org

About the World Federation of the Deaf
The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) is an international non-governmental organisation representing and promoting approximately 70 million deaf people’s human rights worldwide. The WFD is a federation of deaf organisations from 135 nations; its mission is to promote the human rights of deaf people and full, quality and equal access to all spheres of life, including self-determination, sign language, education, employment and community life. WFD has a consultative status in the United Nations and is a founding member of International Disability Alliance (IDA). (www.wfdeaf.org) Email: info@wfd.fi

About the World Association of Sign Language Interpreters
The World Association of Sign Language Interpreters (WASLI) is an international non-governmental organisation representing sign language interpreters. Established in 2005, WASLI promotes the development of interpreting worldwide through formations of national interpreter associations, and lobby for effective training and standards of practice. WASLI’s membership includes 40 national interpreter associations, 600 individual members, and supporting organisations. The WASLI operates with a volunteer board of directors, which includes the executive members and seven regional representatives. By promoting the professionalisation of sign language interpreting, deaf people’s human rights can be supported through the provision of qualified and ethical interpreting services. The WASLI collaborates closely with the World Federation of the Deaf in order to advance issues of importance for both organisations.

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