



## World Association of Sign Language Interpreters 2019 Conference

**Honouring the Past, Treasuring the Present, Shaping the Future**

15-19 July 2019  
Paris France

Call for Papers

The WASLI 2019 Program & Papers Committee is seeking submissions for papers for the 2019 WASLI conference. The overall theme of the conference is *Honouring the Past, Treasuring the Present, Shaping the Future*. We invite papers and presentations on a wide variety of topics, in different formats, and presenters from around the world with various backgrounds. The conference encourages the sharing of ideas for collaboration across countries, cultures, and languages from consumers, practitioners, educators, and researchers. Our aim is to put together a slate of presentations that reflect the diversity of the world in which we live.

This *call for papers and proposals* invites proposals for presentations and posters to be delivered at the conference. Timeline for submissions and confirmation include:

- ✓ Proposals are due no later than **31<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018**
- ✓ Upon review, notification will be sent by **31<sup>th</sup> of October, 2018**
- ✓ Final confirmation is due no later than **30<sup>th</sup> of November, 2018**

Upon acceptance, these are some further important deadlines:

- ✓ Final draft papers and/or presentation materials must be sent to the conference organizer by **30th of May, 2019**
- ✓ Final papers or proposals for full review for publication in the conference proceedings should be submitted within one month after the conference, i.e. no later than **30th of August, 2019**
- ✓ **(editing requirement)**

Thematic areas include (*but are not limited to*):

- Accessibility as a human right for Deaf people and the involvement of signed language interpreters
- Use of technology in and for support of signed language interpreters practice and education
- Role and ethics of signed language interpreters in a context of (in)equality
- Legislation on Sign Language, human rights and interpreting provision
- Advocacy by/for signed language interpreters in the light of human rights for Deaf people
- Advocacy by Deaf people for signed Language interpreting in the light of human rights for Deaf people
- Designated Interpreting
  - International Sign
  - Practice
- Institutional/Organization Impact on practice among signed language interpreters
- Collaboration-focused research and/or projects and initiatives
- Community-based action and/or research
- Innovative education
  - Training/ Professional development

***Please note that all areas apply to all signed interpreters, educators and researchers. We do not make a distinction or separation of Deaf and hearing people in any area. We welcome all research, projects and practice that support (linguistic) diversity.***

*Length of papers:* all presentations of papers given at the conference will be 40 minutes. This time includes questions and answers (10 minutes).

*Format for posters:* posters will be displayed in a common area for attendees to view. Posters are to be designed so that they can be displayed for the conference participants to view during the day. Poster presentations will not be interactive except during coffee breaks, lunch time and at the end of each conference day. We encourage visual and print-based supporting materials.

The official conference languages are **International Sign** and **spoken English**. All presenters who use a different signed or spoken language will need to supply their own interpreters.

Presenters will need to register for the conference. There is no waiver of conference fees.

## PROCEDURE

Papers and posters require the following information in the proposal:

- Proposal Information Form
- Name of presenter(s) & affiliation(s) & country(s)
- Brief CV for each presenter (maximum 1 minute video or 1 page per person)
- Contact details for first author for correspondence
- Title of presentation
- Language of presentation
- Abstract – in your signed language or International Sign (maximum 2 minute video) OR written English (500-word maximum, one-page, unreduced)
- Form: a paper presentation or a poster

Submission form link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ZZJW04TE2RnyPJZT2>

Proposals should be submitted using the online submission form (see link above), in International Sign as a public/unlisted video link for viewing (uploaded to Youtube, Vimeo, etc.) OR in written English. No video files will be accepted.

**DEADLINE:** Proposals for presentations and posters must be received electronically by **31th July, 2018**. The Scientific Committee will review all proposals. The committee is comprised of individuals from various backgrounds and regions.

**ACCEPTANCE:** Notifications will be made by **31th October 2018**, and selected presenters must confirm by **30th November 2018**.

**FURTHER PROCEEDINGS:** Presenters will submit a copy of their paper and/or supporting materials 6 weeks in advance of the conference for interpreter preparation (by **31st May, 2019**). After the conference, authors will also be asked to submit a final version of previously submitted papers for publication in a book of conference proceedings (by **30th August, 2019**).

Presenters will meet with interpreters on-site to prepare for all presentations.

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