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Creation of a joint WFD-WASLI International Sign Accreditation Advisory Body PRESS RELEASE

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The World Federation of the Deaf and the World Association of Sign Language Interpreters are pleased to announce the creation of a joint WFD-WASLI International Sign Accreditation Advisory Body (“WFD/WASLI - ISAAB”). Four WFD-WASLI International Sign (IS) Accredited Interpreters have been appointed to oversee the processes affiliated with the IS Accreditation. The appointees are: Dr. Christopher Stone, Ms. Carol-lee Aquiline, Ms. Liz Scott Gibson, and Mr. Clark Denmark. The ISAAB members will serve a four year-term (2019-2022).

The role of the ISAAB:

The WFD/WASLI - ISAAB oversee and advise the WFD and WASLI Boards and the WFD Secretariat on the subject the issues related to the Accredited IS Interpreters with the aim of expanding the number of Accredited IS Interpreters.

Accordingly, the WFD/WASLI - ISAAB shall:

- Serve as an expert advisory body for the WFD and WASLI Boards and/or the WFD Secretariat staff member who takes on the responsibilities inherent to this position (currently the WFD/WASLI Accreditation System is under the responsibility of the WFD Secretariat).
- Provide support to the WFD Secretariat in administration of the WFD/WASLI Accredited IS Interpreters.
- Analyse policies and procedures and make recommendations to the WFD and WASLI Boards for approval, including but not limited to the general requests related to Accredited IS System.

Additionally, the WFD/WASLI - ISAAB is tasked with:

- reviewing the current WFD/WASLI IS Interpreter Accreditation materials and processes and to recommend improvements to streamline and articulate the process.
- developing the policies for pre-requirements, testing administration, rating and releasing of results.
- advising on matters that arises in the course of administering the process.
- recommending future accreditation processes (e.g. feed interpreters).

WFD and WASLI thank these appointees for their volunteer service to our organisations in order to continue to advance standards for IS interpreters working high level events in countries around the world.

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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