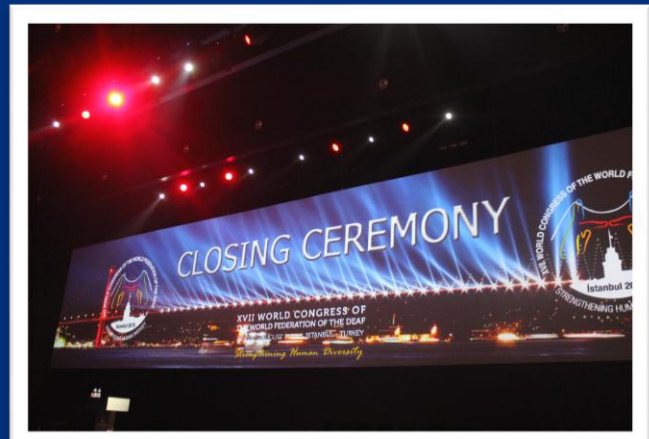
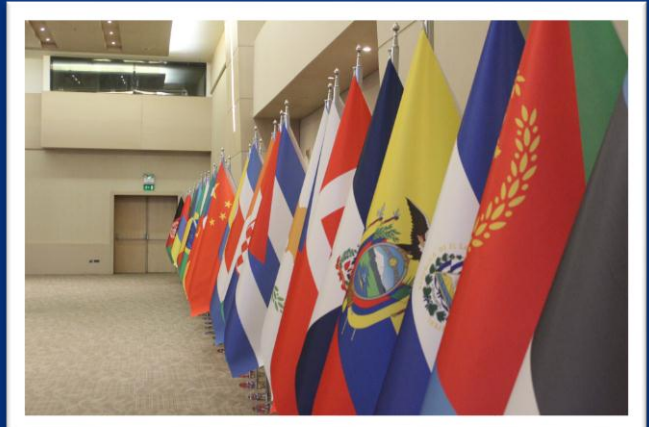




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THE WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF (WFD)



WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF

The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) was established in Rome, Italy in 1951, and is an international non-governmental organisation with membership comprising of 132 Ordinary Members, Individual Members, Associate Members and International Members. The WFD also has eight (8) Regional Secretariats and one (1) Regional Cooperating Member. WFD's office is located in Helsinki, Finland.



Vision: Human rights for deaf people including recognition of sign language in all aspects of life



Mission: The WFD works for the realisation of deaf people's human rights in partnership with the United Nations and its agencies, national organisations of deaf people, and relevant stakeholders

The WFD has a consultative status within the United Nations (UN) system. In this role, the WFD works closely with the UN and its various agencies in promoting the human rights of deaf people in accordance with the principles and objectives of the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and other general acts and recommendations of the UN and its specialised agencies, e.g., the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). WFD also has participatory status within the Council of Europe (COE) and is a member of International Disability Alliance (IDA).

The WFD works towards the global achievement of human rights for all deaf people and develops its activities towards the goal of equalisation of opportunities and full participation in society by deaf individuals in every country.



Welcome back to an enjoyable new edition of the WFD Newsletter. It has been a very busy summer for many of you as it has been for us, especially thanks to a number of international conferences during the summer.

This newsletter provides insights into our successful WFD General Assembly and WFD Congress, including photos which reflect the great memories we have of the events in Istanbul, Turkey.

We would also like to receive feedback from you on the WFD newsletter, and would appreciate your comments and ideas. Please send your feedback to phillipa.sandholm@wfd.fi

Happy reading,

Colin Allen
WFD President



IDA Delegation Team with Australian Permanent Mission to UN Ms Gillian Bird

8th SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATE PARTIES (COSP) TO THE CONVENTION OF THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

In the second week of June, I travelled to New York City, New York, USA to be a member of the official delegation of the International Disability Alliance to attend the Civil Society Forum and the 8th Conference of State Parties (COSP). I also participated in a number of diplomatic meetings with Ministers and Ambassadors from New Zealand, Belgium and Australia to discuss the importance of ensuring that people with disabilities are included in the indicators as the part of the framework for the Sustainability Development Goals. The UN hosted the Sustainable Development Summit in late September 2015. Further information is available via <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>

I also was a panel member for two events:

1. *Participation of Persons with Disabilities in the UN System and Broader Global Governance Processes* hosted by The Nippon Foundation & DESA. The Panel was co-sponsored by Prime Ministers of Japan and Ecuador; Disabled People's International (DPI); International Disability Alliance (IDA); Institute on Disability and Public Policy.
2. *Building Partnerships and Strengthening Collaboration in Support for Children with Disabilities* hosted by The Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities (GPCwd) and UNICEF.

WFD wishes to congratulate the UN DESA on ensuring the high quality of International Sign Interpreting during the 8th COSP. The webcast are available in the archives:

1. [Webcast archive of COSP8](#)
2. [1st meeting, 9 June, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.](#)
3. [2nd meeting, 9 June, 3 to 6 p.m.](#)
4. [3rd meeting, 10 June, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.](#)
5. [4th meeting, 10 June, 3 to 6 p.m.](#)
6. [5th meeting, 11 June, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.](#)
7. [6th meeting, 11 June, 3 to 6 p.m.](#)



WFD President Colin Allen and WFD Board member Dr Terry Riley, OBE



WFD President Colin Allen and ICSD President Dr Valery Rukhledev

There were a number of deaf representatives who attended the 8th COSP from Morocco, Guatemala, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, Australia, Finland, India, Tunisia, Guinea and USA.

One of our WFD Board members, Dr Terry Riley, OBE attended the Civil Society Forum and 8th COSP.



STATE DEAF CONFERENCE, GOIANIA, BRAZIL

This event was the first of a seven-week marathon trip. I gave a keynote presentation at the National State Deaf Conference in Goiania, Brazil and it was a lovely surprise to see a great crowd of 400 participants who came from all over the country of Brazil.



CLIN D'OEIL FESTIVAL, REIMS, FRANCE

I was honoured to be one of the key presenters at the Opening Ceremony of the Clin d'Oeil Festival in Reims, France. The festival aims to promote deaf artists and deaf culture, to promote access to culture for everyone and to provide an educational and artistic program for young people. The main aim was to promote the diversity and the worldwide richness of deaf culture based on supporting Sign Languages values and the capacity

they have to produce real masterpieces. The next festival will be held in 2017 and I highly recommend that you attend! The Festival is an enjoyable weekend of full access to the world of deaf culture, arts, theatre and various signed languages. WFD Board Member Ms Hanne Berge Kvitaer and I had the pleasure of seeing more than 3,000 participants gathered together for this cultural festival over the weekend. We wish to thank Mr David de Keyzer and his team who made us feel very much at home at the Festival.

22ND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE EDUCATION OF THE DEAF (ICED), ATHENS, GREECE

I attended the 22nd ICED in Athens, Greece as one of their Opening Statement presenters. I addressed the topic of "Full Accessibility to Deaf Education through Sign Language" which was received very well by the participants at the Congress. It was challenging that there was a lack of accessibility for deaf participants to attend the full Congress due to a limited number of International Sign Interpreters provided. Mr James E. Tucker, Superintendent, Maryland School for the Deaf, USA wrote a summary report of the ICED Congress which can be found on Page No 25.

Click [here](#) to read My opening statement.

The next ICED will be held in Brisbane, Australia in 2020. (<http://www.iced2020.com/>)





Mr Colin Allen, Dr Debra Russell, Ms Liz Scott Gibson and Dr Markku Jokinen

2015 WASLI CONFERENCE, ISTANBUL, TURKEY

WFD and WASLI have been collaborating closely together to develop a number of guidelines and statements related to the Deaf Community and Sign Language Interpreters. I was invited to attend the Welcome Party of their WASLI Conference in Istanbul, Turkey and gave a brief presentation on how important the partnership is, and how necessary it is for both communities of deaf people and sign language interpreters. It was a rare opportunity to take a picture of the previous presidents of WASLI and WFD, Ms Liz Scott Gibson and Dr Markku Jokinen, with the current presidents, Dr Debra Russell and myself.

WFD wishes to congratulate Ms Liz Scott Gibson who became the inaugural Honorary President of WASLI. Many of us have seen and appreciated her dedication to supporting both sign language interpreters and deaf communities around the world.

107TH WFD BOARD MEETING, JULY 2015

During the 107th WFD Board Meeting, the WFD Board concentrated on the following issues:

- finalising the materials for the WFD Workshop and XIX WFD General Assembly,
- reviewing 2011 - 2015 WFD Action Plan included receiving the reports presented by the WFD Secretariat,
- approving the financial reports and preparing the 2016 Budget,
- preparing the Dr Liisa Kauppinen Fund to be launched during the WFD Congress,
- discussing and adopting the issues within our Ordinary Membership,
- discussing the guidelines “Best practices and Ethics for Developing Cooperation Projects”, prepared by the Expert Group on Developing Countries,
- preparing the International Sign Interpreter Accreditation System,
- following presentations by a representative from the Discovering Deaf Worlds and 3rd International Conference of WFD



Delegates at the workshop

WFD WORKSHOP

The WFD Board and WFD Secretariat organised a one day workshop for the official delegates on the day before the XIX WFD General Assembly in Istanbul, Turkey on 25 July, 2015. The sessions discussed during the workshop were:

- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities led by Dr Joseph Murray and Ms Eeva Tupi
- Manual for Sign Language Work within Development Cooperation led by Mr Florjan Rojba, Mr Arttu Liikamaa and Dr Karin Hoyer
- WFD Membership Fee structure for Ordinary Members in 2016-2019 led by Ms Hanne Kvitvaer
- WFD Action Plan for 2016 - 2019: Planning the future, led by Mr Colin Allen and Ms Kaisa Alanne
- WFD Statutes: Presentation of the proposed amendments, led by Dr Terry Riley, OBE and Mr Alastair McEwin
- Deaf Women's rights, led by Ms Deborah Iyute

The WFD Board wishes to acknowledge their contributions to the workshop which was one of the

best outcome for the delegates to learn more about the issues within each topics.

Enjoy a brief video available via <http://wfdeaf.org/news/wfd-workshop>



Group discussion in workshop



WFD Board Member Kaisa Alanne explaining on Action Plan to the GA



Country delegate flag at GA



Somalian delegates



Colombian delegates at the GA

XIX WFD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The XIX WFD General Assembly was held in Istanbul, Turkey on 26, 27 July and 28 July, with voting delegates from 74 countries. The WFD General Assembly was run according to the following Agenda:

1. Opening Address
2. Appointment of two (2) secretaries
3. Appointment of three (3) Tellers (Committee of three persons)
4. Roll Call
5. Quorum
6. Adoption of the Agenda
7. Approval of the Minutes of the XVIII General Assembly (Durban 2011)
8. Report of the 2011 - 2015 WFD Activities
9. Auditor's Report for 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014
10. Election of the Auditor for 2015 – 2019
11. Approval of Framework of Membership Fees
12. Amendments to the Statutes
13. Ordinary Members' Motions
14. 2015 - 2019 WFD Vision and Action Plan
15. Membership Issue(s):
 - Dismissal of Ordinary Members
16. Bids for the XVIII World Congress of the WFD, to be held in 2019
17. Election of the WFD Board for 2015– 2019:
 - President
 - Vice President

- Nine (9) Members
- 18. Closing Address
- 19. Awards

You can enjoy the videos from the WFD General Assembly here:

<http://wfdeaf.org/news/xix-wfd-general-assembly-day-one>

<http://wfdeaf.org/news/wfd-general>

The WFD Board wishes to thank the following people for their contribution during the XIX WFD General Assembly:

- Mr Mark Wheatley
- Dr Roz Rosen
- Mr Lamin Ceesay
- Ms Deborah Iyute
- Mr Nickson Kakiri
- Mrs Jaana Aaltonen
- Dr Adam Kosa
- Mr Ali Ismet Öner
- Mr Mesut Öztürk

The Draft Minutes of the XIX WFD General Assembly will be released at the end of November 2015.



Carrying the WFD Flag to the stage



Turkish Whirling Dervish Dancers at the opening ceremony of the WFD

XVII WORLD CONGRESS OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF

The WFD Board wishes to honour and acknowledge the keynote presenter and plenary presenters who contributed so much to a very successful WFD Congress. They were:

- Dr Liisa Kauppinen, WFD Congress Keynote Presenter
- Ms Hend Al-Showaier, Human Rights Commission Plenary Presenter
- Dr Peter Hauser, Deaf Education Commission Plenary Presenter
- Mr Soya Mori, Sign Language and Deaf Studies Commission Plenary Presenter
- Ms Melissa Malzkuhn, Technology and Accessibilities Commission Plenary Presenter
- Ms Njelekela Ashura Michael, Developing Country Commission Plenary Presenter
- Dr Cathy Chovaz, Health Commission Plenary Presenter

We would also like to acknowledge the support of the International Presidents who led such successful sessions:

- Mr Al McEwin, Human Rights Chair
- Dr Markku Jokinen, Deaf Education Chair
- Dr Robert Adam, Sign Language and Deaf Studies Chair
- Dr Phil Harper, Technology and Accessibilities Chair
- Mr Ambrose Murangira, Developing Countries Chair
- Dr Johannes Fellingner, Health Chair

And we could certainly not miss the opportunity to

recognise the voluntary members who were so dedicated to making the WFD Congress one of the best in the history of the WFD. They were:

- WFD Board Members
- Turkish Deaf Community Members
- Dr Terry Riley, OBE
- Ms Carol-lee Aquiline
- Ms Çiğdem Özdemir and her staff
- Mr Hasan Dikyuva
- Ms Deniz Ilkbaşaran
- Ms Rebecca Ladd
- Mr David Hay
- Ms Sandy Van Landuyt
- Ms Cindy Cave
- Ms Alda Batory
- Ms Noel King
- Ms Isabella Kogan
- Ms Drisana Levitzke-Gray
- Mr Stephen Nicholson
- Ms Claire Labry

We would also like to thank the WFD Congress Sponsors which were, Gallaudet University, Google, Bradley Reporting & NTID.

If you missed out on the Congress, videos are available on the WFD website: Please click the title to view the video:

1. [Opening Ceremony of the WFD Congress](#)
2. [1st Day of the WFD Congress](#)
3. [2nd Day of the WFD Congress](#)
4. [3rd Day of the WFD Congress](#)
5. [Last Day of the WFD Congress and Closing Ceremony of the WFD Congress](#)



DR LIISA KAUPPINEN FUND

The Dr Liisa Kauppinen Fund was officially established during the Opening Ceremony of the World Congress in Istanbul, Turkey, on 28 July 2015 in honour of its Honorary President, Dr Liisa Kauppinen, for her relentless work in advancing the human rights of deaf people.

The proceeds from the fund will go towards conducting sustainable human rights activities undertaken by the WFD such as:

- Data collection on the human rights situation of the Deaf Community
- Production of accessible human rights materials
- Capacity building training with a human rights focus

The fund targets the wider deaf community, especially deaf women. The main goal of these activities is to empower deaf individuals so that they are aware of their rights and are able to act and exert influence to overcome exclusion.

Enjoy a brief video available via <http://wfdeaf.org/news/dr-liisa-kauppinen-fund>

108TH WFD BOARD MEETING

The 108th WFD Board Meeting was held on the last day of the WFD Congress, with both new and old board members of the WFD Board discussing:

- WFD Board Structure (including the Internal Working Groups)
- Adoption of the Resolution of the WFD Congress and
- Approving the Letter of Intent for the upcoming WFD Congress

Old and new members of WFDYS Board observed along with many of the WFD Honorary members.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

I will represent WFD at these upcoming events between now and the end of year:

<u>"Hear My Voice: Education and Innovation"</u> , Dubai United Arab Emirates
IDA Board Meeting, Sao Paulo, Brazil
IDA Latin America Conference, Sao Paulo, Brazil
WFD Regional Secretariat for South America, General Assembly and Conference, Bogota, Colombia
109th WFD Board Meeting, Belfast, Northern Ireland
European Union of the Deaf - 30th Anniversary at The European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

I am not able to attend every event on the behalf of the World Federation of the Deaf, but I am very pleased that an official representative from the WFD Board will attend these upcoming events:

Saudi Arabia Deaf Community, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	WFD Vice President Joseph Murray
Bahrain Deaf Sports Club, Manama, Bahrain	WFD Vice President Joseph Murray
Lithuania - Sign Language Conference, Vilnius, Lithuania	WFD Board Member Kaisa Alanne
World Health Organisation - Family of International Classifications and Disability and Rehabilitation Team Annual Network Meeting, Manchester, United Kingdom	WFD Board Member Terry Riley, OBE
14th International Congress and 20th National Seminar "Deafness - Policy and Practice", Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	WFD Board Member Kasper Bergmann

CONCLUSION

I am very much looking forward to continuing in the role of WFD President for next four year term until July, 2019. I am looking forward to working with the WFD Board, the WFDYS Board and the WFD Secretariat. We will all attend three days of training in Belfast, Northern Ireland before the WFD and WFDYS Boards each have their board meetings in the first week of November.

Before I conclude my column, please do not forget to provide your feedback for the WFD Congress, if you haven't yet done so. Please do this as soon as possible, before the survey closes on Sunday, 11 October 2015. More information can be found on Page No 16.

Colin Allen
WFD President





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The Board Election Results of the World Federation of the Deaf

On 26 - 28 July 2015, at the XIX WFD General Assembly in Istanbul, Turkey, the following people were elected to the WFD Board to serve in the following roles for the 2015 – 2019 term:

WFD President



Mr Colin Allen
Australia

WFD Vice President



Dr Joseph Murray
USA

WFD Board Members



Mr Florjan Rojba
Albania



Ms Jigjid Dulamsuren
Mongolia



Dr Ana Regina Campello
Brazil



Ms Hanne Kvitvaer
Norway



Mr Kasper Bergmann
Denmark



Mr Nikolay Chaushyan
Russian Federation



Ms Kaisa Alanne
Finland



Dr Terry Riley, OBE
United Kingdom

The official WFD Ordinary Member delegates at the XIX WFD General Assembly expressed a clear majority of support for the WFD Board to, at its next board meeting in November 2015, discuss the procedure of seeking nominations for an African representative to be appointed to the WFD Board.

Dr Adam Kosa
WFD Board Election Chair
17 August 2015



Hend Al Showaier - Plenary presentation on Human Rights

RESOLUTIONS OF THE XVII WORLD CONGRESS OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF

28th July - 1st August 2015, Istanbul, Turkey

This Resolution is available in International Sign at <http://wfdeaf.org/whoarewe/world-congress/xvii-resolution>

The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), its Members and the 1,312 participants from 97 countries gathered at the XVII World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf in Istanbul, Turkey, 28th July – 1st August 2015,

Recalling the Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of the United Nations, in his message to the Congress, stressed that “recognizing disability as a part of human diversity is essential for appreciating the abilities of people with disabilities.”

Emphasises deaf people are an important and crucial part of humanity, with unique cultural and linguistic contributions to human diversity, and

Declares its collective commitment to strengthening diversity in deaf communities around the world.

In the furtherance of these aims, the XVII World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf,

Urges full adherence to the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by governments around the world.

Reaffirms its commitment to the promotion of the full achievement of the human rights enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, alongside all other human rights treaties.

Calls for the United Nations and international partners to take measures to promote the full participation of deaf people in human rights reporting processes, including the development of parallel reports to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Recognises sign languages as a part of linguistic

diversity, noting with concern a number of sign languages around the world are faced with endangerment.

Recognises the importance of making parents aware of the linguistic human rights and cultural rights of deaf and deaf-blind children and youth,

Calls on the United Nations, governments, and research partners to recognise and promote the multiple benefits of sign language in education for all children, collecting and publicising examples of good practice, as well as statistical information on the achievement of deaf children in education,

Emphasises the need for measures on the international and national levels aimed at strengthening the educational rights of deaf children, including the promotion of bilingual education in line with Article 24 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as a means for deaf people to fully participate in society, including in higher education, the workforce, and political and civic life,

Calls attention to deaf-centered pedagogy in teacher training and the promotion of visual learning and research in the education of deaf and deaf-blind children and youth,

Strongly emphasises the need for equitable access by women and minorities in deaf communities, including ethnic minorities, deaf people with multiple disabilities, deaf Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender communities, deaf immigrants, and rural deaf people in all aspects of society,

Encourages measures which promote access, emphasising access in sign language, to health care for deaf and deaf-blind people around the world, including mental health, counselling services and health education, with women's health issues as a special area of focus,

Advocates for the right to enjoy the highest attainable standard of health care for deaf and deaf-blind people, in line with Article 25 of the United

Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, especially those living in remote and isolated communities,

Affirms that all emerging and current information and communication technology must include universal design features enabling deaf and deaf-blind people to enjoy a full and barrier-free life, noting the important role accessible technology plays in all facets of life including education, employment, emergency services and social interaction,

Notes that the United Nations should collate and disseminate information and encourage independent and neutral research about deaf people that is accessible to deaf communities around the world, especially deaf people in the Global South,

Observes many good examples of best practice in working with deaf people around the world and calls on other organisations such as national deaf organisations, non-governmental organisations, educational institutions and international agencies to disseminate examples of good practice,

Calls upon international and national aid agencies to specifically involve deaf people in development projects. Deaf people in countries where projects are based to be included in all aspects of such projects, as well as enabled to participate in international meetings.

The XVII World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf so declares its commitment to cooperation between the World Federation of the Deaf, national organisations of deaf people, World Federation of the Deaf Regional Secretariats, international agencies, non-governmental organisations and the United Nations, its member states and its agencies in the full achievement of these aims.

WFD CONGRESS EVALUATION



**XVII WORLD CONGRESS OF
THE WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF**
July 28th - August 1st 2015, ISTANBUL

Strengthening Human Diversity



PRESIDENCY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

XVII World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf is being Organized under the Auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey



World Federation of the Deaf



Republic of Turkey
Ministry of Family and
Social Policy

Dear WFD Congress Participants,

Thank You!

Your support of and contributions to the XVII World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf in Istanbul, Turkey is much appreciated by the WFD Secretariat and WFD Board. We are pleased to note the following:

More than 1,310
participants from 97
countries

111 presentations, out of
which a high percentage
were deaf presenters

More than 45 sign
languages

The WFD would like to ask you to take 10 minutes to provide feedback on the World Congress.

Your feedback will be treated confidentially with no individual responses identified. Your reply will assist us in improving our work.

Please click here: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2315156/93104da33d19>

This survey will close on Sunday, 11 October 2015.

See you in Budapest, Hungary in November 2017, for the 3rd International Conference of the World Federation of the Deaf. More information via wfbudapest2017.com

Colin Allen
WFD President
14 September 2015

HOST A WFD BOARD MEETING IN YOUR COUNTRY

If you are an Ordinary or Associate Member of the World Federation of the Deaf, you are most welcome to send a formal invitation to host a future WFD Board meeting in your country for any of the available dates:

If you have any questions about hosting a WFD Board Meeting or WFD Training in your country, please contact Phillipa Sandholm, WFD Administrative Secretary (phillipa.sandholm@wfd.fi)

Year		Month	Country
2015	109th WFD Board Meeting WFDYS Board Meeting	1 – 7 November 2015	Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom (Confirmed)
2016	110th WFD Board Meeting	9 - 15 May 2016 (To be confirmed)	Wellington, New Zealand (Confirmed)
	111st WFD Board Meeting	15 – 20 November 2016 (To be confirmed)	Kathmandu, Nepal (Confirmed)
2017	112nd WFD Board Meeting	27 May – 5 June 2017	Fukuoka, Japan (Confirmed)

	113rd WFD Board Meeting WFDYS Board Meeting WFD Workshop 3rd WFD Conference	5 - 8 November 2017 8 November 2017 (PM) 9 & 10 November 2017	Budapest, Hungary (Confirmed)
2018	114th WFD Board Meeting	April - May 2018	Available
	115th WFD Board Meeting	September - October 2018	Available
2019	116th WFD Board Meeting WFDYS Board Meeting	February 2019	Available
	117th WFD Board Meeting WFD Workshop XX WFD General Assembly XVIII WFD Congress 118th WFD Board Meeting	17 and 18 July 2019 20 July 2019 21 and 22 July 2019 23 - 26 July 2019 26 July 2019	Paris, France (Confirmed)



Developing Countries Presentation during the World Congress - Njelekela Michaela, Kenya



WFD Board Member Mr Ramesh Lal Shrestha giving a presentation at the General Assembly



Dr Liisa Kauppinen giving keynote presentation



Eeva Tupi giving presentation on CRPD



OM France giving presentation on their World Congress bid at the GA



Karin, Arttu & Florjan in Istanbul

WORKING TOGETHER – THE MANUAL FOR SIGN LANGUAGE WORK WITHIN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED!

The Manual is available on-line at <http://www.slwmanual.info>

The Manual for Sign Language Work within Development Cooperation was successfully launched at the one-day WFD Workshop addressed to members of the WFD on 25th July, and 29th July during the WFD XVII Congress in Istanbul, Turkey. The Manual is a joint publication of the WFD and the Finnish Association of the Deaf (FAD). In Istanbul, the working process and content of the Manual was presented to the audience by Mr Florjan Rojba, Mr Arttu Liikamaa and Dr Karin Hoyer.

The web publication “Working Together – Manual for Sign Language Work within Development Cooperation” is a set of guidelines and examples of best practice on how to conduct sign language work together with Deaf Community advocates. It is intended to be a tool for enhancing human rights of deaf people through sign language work in practice.

Sign language documentation and research is the starting point for the empowerment of the Deaf Community in sign language work. This Manual emphasises the importance of a community-based approach, where deaf signers are conducting sign language work in practice themselves.

The Sign Language Work manual incorporates several important elements, and entails much more than compiling a sign language dictionary. The focus of the Manual is to awaken the linguistic awareness of the Deaf Community, and to create opportunities for deaf people to learn about



linguistics, research methods, and human rights issues, which in turn increases linguistic awareness, capacities and skills. Applying the Sign Language Work manual into practice may eventually lead to legal or governmental recognition of a country's sign language.

The seven chapters of the Manual cover the following topics:

1. Introduction – framework, target groups, and key messages
2. Basic information on sign languages and Sign Language Work
3. Starting Sign Language Work – initial survey and planning of the work
4. Elements needed for Sign Language Work & working methods
5. Topics for Sign Language Work training
6. Best practices and challenges – e.g. concerning communication, involving the Deaf Community, and implementation of the work in practice
7. Summary “Do not” – common basic mistakes that should be avoided

The Manual aims to share ideas about how Sign Language Work should be conducted. Deaf Community members can acquire the knowledge and skills that they need to improve their situation in society with the support of an advisor. This Balkan model of Sign Language Work presented in the Manual has been implemented by the Finnish Association of the Deaf in development cooperation projects together with the Deaf Communities in Albania and Kosovo.

The frame of reference used in the Manual is the United Nations Convention on the Rights of

Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The UN CRPD recognises that equality and the human rights of deaf people depend upon access to sign language. The Manual also follows the policies set out by the WFD.

The information in the Manual is available both in International Sign and in written English. Target groups of the Manual are deaf people (in low-to-middle-income countries), advisors working with Deaf Community advocates, organisations and institutions funding and implementing development projects, as well as stakeholders, governmental institutions and representatives collaborating with Deaf Communities.

The Manual is a result of cooperation between the FAD, the WFD, the Albanian National Association of the Deaf, and the Kosovar Association of the Deaf.

You can find the Manual here: www.slwmanual.info

Contact information: contact@slwmanual.info

Every OM of the WFD participating at the General Assembly in Istanbul was given one copy of an USB-memory stick containing the same information as is available on the web site. The WFD, in cooperation with FAD, will also provide via regular post an USB-memory stick to those OMs that did not participate in the General Assembly

CRPD COMMITTEE ELECTIONS IN 2016

UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD Committee) is composed of 18 members and half of them will be elected in 2016. National governments can make nominations for the elections that will be held at the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD (COSP) in New York, USA, in 2016. The WFD strongly encourages suitable deaf candidates to apply for this position.

Read more: <http://wfdeaf.org/news/crpd-committee-elections-in-2016>



World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section (WFDYS)

Legal Seat: Helsinki, Finland

World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section (WFDYS) is focused on improving human rights of deaf children and youth all over the world. WFDYS was established in Vienna, Austria in 1995 and is a section of the World Federation of the Deaf.

World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) is an International Non-Governmental Organisation in official liaison with ECOSOC, UNESCO, ILO, WHO and the Council of Europe. WFD was established in Rome, Italy in 1951.

PO Box 65, 00401 Helsinki, FINLAND

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The Board Election Results of the World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section

On 27th July 2015, at the 6th Youth General Assembly of the World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section in Istanbul, Turkey, the following people were elected to the WFDYS Board to serve in the following roles for the 2015 - 2019 term:



At the 28th World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section Board Meeting in Belfast, United Kingdom in November 2015, the board will discuss the procedure for the Vice President to be appointed to the World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section Board.

Lars Knudsen
WFDYS YGA Chair
20th September 2015

NEWS FROM THE MEMBERS AND PARTNERS



REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN GAMBIA – JANUARY 2016

The Gambia Association of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (GADHOH) is appealing to the international community for a volunteer who could train deaf youth on drama and dancing in Gambia in January 2016.

The volunteer may be deaf or hearing but requires a good knowledge of sign language and Deaf culture.

For further details please do contact to GADHOH:
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Email: dpogadhoh@yahoo.co.uk



CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RECEIVING NEWSLETTER

The WFD Secretariat would like to make sure that members receive WFD newsletter at their specific email addresses including others who may be interested in reading it. If you have a staff member who is working in your organisation/office, please send the individual's name and email address to WFD Administrative Secretary, Ms Phillipa Sandholm, phillipa.sandholm@wfd.fi



FUNDRAISING

As of this writing, WFD has received donations amounting to €10,879.57. We would like to extend our thanks to the following individual/organisation who have made contributions to support the on-going work of the WFD:

Monetary Contributions – Organisations

National Technical Institute of the Deaf (NTID-RIT)
Suomen Kuurosokeat Ry (Finland)
Stiftelsen Doves Media (Denmark)
Kiinteistö Oy Valkea Talo (Finland)

Monetary Contributions - Individuals

Irene Coen
Arista Haas
Philippa Merricks
Roslyn Rosen
Paul Linekala Nanyeni



International Week of the Deaf Campaign: Ms Meri Fischer-Hyrske, Mr Ryan Hutchinson, Ms Nafisah Rantasalmi, Mr Colin Allen and Dr Joseph Murray

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF THE DEAF (IWD) 2015 CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN (SEPTEMBER)

To celebrate both the International Week of the Deaf (IWD) and **WFD's 64th Birthday**, we are honoured to partner with Communication Service of the Deaf (CSD) to launch the IWD 2015 Crowdfunding Campaign.

Deaf children around the world deserve communication access, and studies have shown that learning sign language at a young age is critical to their development.

This campaign will run until 31 December 2015 and aims to raise **€6400** to support the work of the WFD in promoting and advancing human rights of deaf children

Find out more about the campaign at <http://donate.wfdeaf.org>.

#WithSignLanguageRightsOurChildrenCan!
 #IWD2015
 #InternationalWeekoftheDeaf2015

CLIN D'OEIL FESTIVAL (JULY)

We would like to thank David de Keyzer, Chairperson of Clin d'Oeil Festival, for providing the WFD with a complimentary exhibition booth area. It was the WFD's first time participating the festival. President Allen gave a keynote presentation and also mended the exhibition booth with Board Member Hanne Kvitvaer. A total amount of around €200 was raised from new individual memberships as well as donations. Such platforms are very important as it allows the WFD to network and forge new partnerships.



Mr David de Keyzer, Mr Colin Allen, Ms Ombeline Laurent and Ms Hanne Berge Kvitvaer



Dr Liisa Kauppinen and Nafisah Rantasalmi, WFD Development Officer

**WFD CONGRESS (JULY)
DONATION TO SUPPORT
PARTICIPATION OF DELEGATE**

The WFD received a donation from an anonymous source that enabled the participation of one delegate to attend the recent World Congress. Every congress year, we aim to ensure that most deaf delegates from developing countries are able to participate. This donation has made it possible for the delegate to have voting rights at the General Assembly (GA) and receive relevant information from the planned workshops and presentations for their national work.

DR LIISA KAUPPINEN FUND AT VIKING NIGHT

We are delighted to report the successful launch of the Dr Liisa Kauppinen Fund during the Opening Ceremony of the World Congress held in Istanbul, Turkey. Prior to this, Dr Kauppinen has gone on several engagements to advocate and promote the importance of human rights work that the WFD pursues. To supplement the official launch, a fundraising

event was also held, in collaboration with the Nordic Council of the Deaf (DNR), during the DNR’s Viking Night party. Both President Allen and Dr Kauppinen took stage and reiterated the need to have a designated fund in order to sustain human rights activities undertaken by the WFD. In total, €1,081.26 has been raised so far and, out of which, around €900 alone was from the Viking Night.

Thank you DNR for hosting and all who has contributed to the Dr Liisa Kauppinen Fund!



Viking Night

22nd INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE EDUCATION OF THE DEAF

EDUCATING DIVERSE LEARNERS:
MANY WAYS, ONE GOAL

JULY 6-9, 2015
ATHENS GREECE



2015 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE EDUCATION OF THE DEAF (ICED)

- James E. Tucker, Superintendent, Maryland School for the Deaf, USA

Representing the Maryland School for the Deaf, (USA), I attended the 22nd International Congress on the Education of the Deaf (ICED) in Athens, Greece in July 5-9, 2015. The five day experience was exhilarating as I interacted with my fellow colleagues from all corners of the world under the shadows of the ancient Acropolis, the birthplace of democracy.

650 individuals from 61 countries attended the 22nd Congress. Of the 650 attendees, 122 were deaf and hard of hearing individuals. There were a total of 440 presentations, nine plenary presentations, 88 presentations in 17 symposia, 262 paper presentations, and 81 posters. The conference website address is: <http://www.iced2015.com/en/>

Many remember the 2nd ICED as the Milan Conference of 1880 where the attendees overwhelming voted to support the “pure oral method” as the superior method in the education of deaf children and youth. The 21st ICED in Vancouver, Canada in 2010 brought forth a historic resolution titled “A New Era: Deaf Participation and Collaboration.” This document authored by the British Columbia Deaf Community and the 2010 ICED Organizing Committee basically rejected all resolutions passed at the 1880 ICED at Milan,

Italy and promoted the use of sign languages and Deaf citizens’ participation in decision-making in all aspects of their lives.

The Athens Congress carried on the spirit of the Vancouver Congress. The theme of the Athens Congress was “Educating Diverse Learners: Many Ways, One Goal”. Several keynote speakers emphasized the need to meet the diverse needs of students, and being open to all language and communication philosophies as well as different pedagogical approaches.

Unfortunately, there was a shortage of interpreters at the Athens Congress. Only about 40% of the presentations had International Sign interpreters. Also, only one workshop room had CART (Communication Access Real-Time Translation) captioning. This led to a series of meetings among deaf and hard of hearing attendees, and eventually a document titled, “The Athens Declaration on Access for Deaf Participants at the International Congress of the Deaf (ICED)”. Deaf and hard of hearing attendees paid the full registration fee of 850 dollars, but were not able to access all of the workshops.

Key provisions of the Athens Declaration are...

“Therefore, be it further resolved that members of ICED organizing committees henceforth will ensure the provision of universal language access for all participants in International Sign and English (printed, captioned, and spoken)...

“Therefore, be it further resolved that members of the ICED Host Selection Committee will immediately develop guidelines for future conferences to ensure universal language access in International Sign and English (printed, captioned, and spoken), including guidelines for scheduling of, budgeting for, and recruitment of qualified interpreters...”

The full text of the Athens Declaration may be found on the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/wasli.official/posts/899310843441424>

The Athens Declaration received 312 signatures from the Congress attendees.

It is with hope that the next ICED held in Brisbane, Australia in July 2020 and beyond will be 100% accessible to all attendees. It is inconceivable in this time and age that an international conference on deaf education would not be accessible to all attendees. After all, our beliefs, teachings and research all lead to full, direct, and clear access to information, as well as collaboration between deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing individuals.



CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CRPD)

Five articles refer directly to sign languages and the deaf:

Article 2: Definitions

Article 9: Accessibility (2e)

Article 21: Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information (b and e)

Article 24: Education (3b, 3c and 4)

Article 30: Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport (4)

As of now:

- 157 ratifications of the Convention
- 159 signatories to the Convention
- 87 ratifications of the Optional Protocol
- 92 signatories to the Optional Protocol

Recent signatures and ratifications:

- Gambia ratified the Convention on 7 July 2015
- Madagascar ratified the Convention on 12 June 2015

Recent ratifications on the Optional Protocol

- Gambia ratified the Optional Protocol on 7 July 2015



James E. Tucker (USA) signs the Athens Declaration with thumbs up from Daz Saunders



CONSENSUS REACHED ON NEW SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA TO BE ADOPTED BY WORLD LEADERS IN SEPTEMBER

On 2 August, the 193 Member States of the United Nations reached agreement on [the outcome document that will constitute the new post-2015 sustainable development agenda](#) that was adopted in September 2015 by world leaders at the Sustainable Development Summit in New York.

Concluding a negotiating process that has spanned more than two years and featured the unprecedented participation of civil society, the countries agreed to an ambitious agenda that features 17 new sustainable development goals that aim to end poverty, promote prosperity and people's well-being while protecting the environment by 2030.

The September 2015 Summit where the new agenda was adopted, "will chart a new era of sustainable development in which poverty will be eradicated, prosperity shared and the core drivers of climate change tackled," said United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, adding that the United Nations system stands ready to support the implementation of the new agenda, which builds on the successful outcome of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa, and which, he said, will also contribute to

achieve a meaningful agreement in the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) in Paris in December.

More than 150 world leaders attended the Sustainable Development Summit at the United Nations headquarters 25 to 27 September in New York to formally adopt the outcome document of the new agenda. The new sustainable development goals, and the broader sustainability agenda build on the success of the Millennium Development Goals, but also go much further, addressing the root causes of poverty and the universal need for development that works for all people. The preamble of the 29-page text, "[Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)", states that "We are resolved to free the human race from the tyranny of poverty and want and to heal and secure our planet." It also states that "We are determined to take the bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path. As we embark on this collective journey, we pledge that no one will be left behind."

<http://csonet.org/index.php?page=view&nr=349&type=230&menu=14>

19 OCTOBER - 6 NOVEMBER: 115TH SESSION - HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

At its forthcoming 115th session, the Human Rights Committee will examine the efforts of the following six countries to implement the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: Second report of Benin, Fourth report of Korea, Fifth report of Iraq, Fifth report of Austria, Third report of Suriname, Second report of Greece.

The Committee will also adopt lists of issues on the following countries: Second report of Kuwait, First report of Ghana, Second report of Kazakhstan, Initial report of Burkina Faso, Sixth report of Morocco.

The Committee will also adopt lists of issues prior to on the following countries: Guatemala, Bosnia



and Herzegovina, Hungary.

<http://csonet.org/index.php?page=view&nr=306&type=13&menu=14>

THE UN COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CLOSED ITS 14TH SESSION (17 AUGUST- 4 SEPTEMBER 2015) AND 4TH PRE-SESSION (7-11 SEPTEMBER)

During the session, the Committee held interactive dialogues with [Kenya](#), [Ukraine](#), [Gabon](#), [Mauritius](#), [Brazil](#), [Qatar](#) and the [European Union](#) and adopted Concluding Observations on each, as well as the list of issues on Portugal.

The Committee also adopted a [statement on disability inclusion for the World Humanitarian Summit](#) and guidelines on the right to liberty and security of persons with disabilities, Article 14 of the Convention.

The following thematic side events took place during the 14th session and were webcast live by IDA:

- [Violence against Woman and Girls with Disabilities – Intersectional and Double Violence in Medical and Institutional Settings, World Network of Users & Survivors of Psychiatry](#)
- [Holistic participatory disability rights monitoring methodology: a pathway towards effective reporting strategies, Disability Rights Promotion International](#)
- [Inclusive Education: From Right to Practice, Inclusion International](#)

At its formal closing, the Committee made the following announcements:

- The Committee considered matters relating to its inquiry procedure pursuant to Articles 6 and 7 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention.
- In the context of the treaty body strengthening process, the Committee endorsed the [San José guidelines against intimidation or reprisals](#) and adopted the common consultation process of for the elaboration of General Comments.
- The 15th session of the Committee will be held from 29 March - 21 April 2016, during which it will review Serbia, Slovakia, Portugal, Chile, Lithuania, Uganda and Thailand, as well as adopt list of issues on Bolivia and Guatemala.
- It will be preceded by the 5th pre-session from 21 - 24 March 2016 during which list of issues will be adopted on Columbia, Moldova, Ethiopia, Italy, Uruguay, and United Arab Emirates.
- Country rapporteurs for States Parties coming up for review have been designated as follows :
 - Chile- Silvia Quan
 - Portugal- Ana Pelaez
 - Serbia- Laszlo Lovaszy
 - Slovakia- Diane Kingston
 - Lithuania- Stig Langvad
 - Thailand- Hyung Shik Kim
 - Uganda- Danlami Basharu

During the Committee's 4th pre-sessional week (7-11 September), it adopted list of issues on Chile, Serbia, Slovakia, Thailand, Lithuania, and Uganda. These list of issues, together with those on Portugal, will be shortly posted on the Committee's [pre-session website](#). [14th session and 4th pre-session related documents and information](#)

Submissions by DPOs:

- [Disabled Peoples' Organisations of Kenya](#)
- [Users and Survivors of Psychiatry-Kenya \(USPK\)](#)

- National Federation of Associations of Persons with Disabilities in Gabon (Fédération Nationale des Associations des et pour Personnes Handicapées du Gabon – FNAPHG) in [French](#) & [English](#)
- Ukrainian DPOs –[submission in response to list of issues](#)
- Ukrainian Society of the Deaf- [submission in response to list of issues](#)
- Autistic Minority International- [submission on Ukraine](#)
- Autistic Minority International- [submission on Qatar](#)
- [Federation of Disabled Persons’ Organisations Mauritius](#)
- [Brazilian DPOs & civil society](#)
- European Disability Forum -[submission in response to list of issues](#) on the EU
- [European Network of \(Ex-\) Users and Survivors of Psychiatry \(ENUSP\) shadow report on EU review](#)
- European Network on Independent Living- European Coalition for Community Living - [submission in response to list of issues](#) on the EU
- European Union of the Deaf - [submission in response to list of issues](#) on the EU
- Autism Europe- [alternative report](#) and [submission in response to list of issues](#) on the EU
- International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (IFSBH)- [submission in response to the list of issues](#) on the EU
- International Disability & Development Consortium – [submission in response to list of issues](#) on the EU
- Autistic Minority International – [submission on the EU](#)
- [DPO & NGO submission for list of issues on Portugal](#)
- Unión Nacional de Instituciones de Personas Ciegas de Chile- [submission for list of issues on Chile](#)
- Asociación de Sordos de Chile – [submission for list of issues on Chile](#)
- Círculo Emancipador de Mujeres y Niñas con Discapacidad (CIMUNIDIS)- submission for list of issues on Chile in [English](#), [French](#) and

[Spanish](#)

- [Serbian DPO coalition submission for list of issues on Serbia](#)
- [Slovak DPO & NGO submission for list of issues on Slovakia](#)
- Lithuanian Forum for the Disabled- submission for list of issues on Lithuania
- National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda (NUDIPU)- [submission for list of issues on Uganda](#)

[Webcast archives](#)

- Opening of 14th session
 - [English](#)
 - [International Sign & Spanish audio](#)
- Review of Kenya
 - [English](#)
 - [International Sign & French audio](#)
- Review of Ukraine
 - [Russian](#)
 - [International Sign & English audio](#)
- Review of Gabon
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 - [International Sign & English audio](#)
- Review of Mauritius
 - [English](#)
 - [International Sign & French audio](#)
- Brazil
 - [Portuguese](#)
 - [International Sign & English audio](#)
- Review of Qatar
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- Review of European Union
 - [English](#)
 - [International Sign & Spanish audio](#)

Side events:

- [Violence against Woman and Girls with Disabilities – Intersectional and Double Violence in Medical and Institutional Settings, World Network of Users & Survivors of Psychiatry](#)
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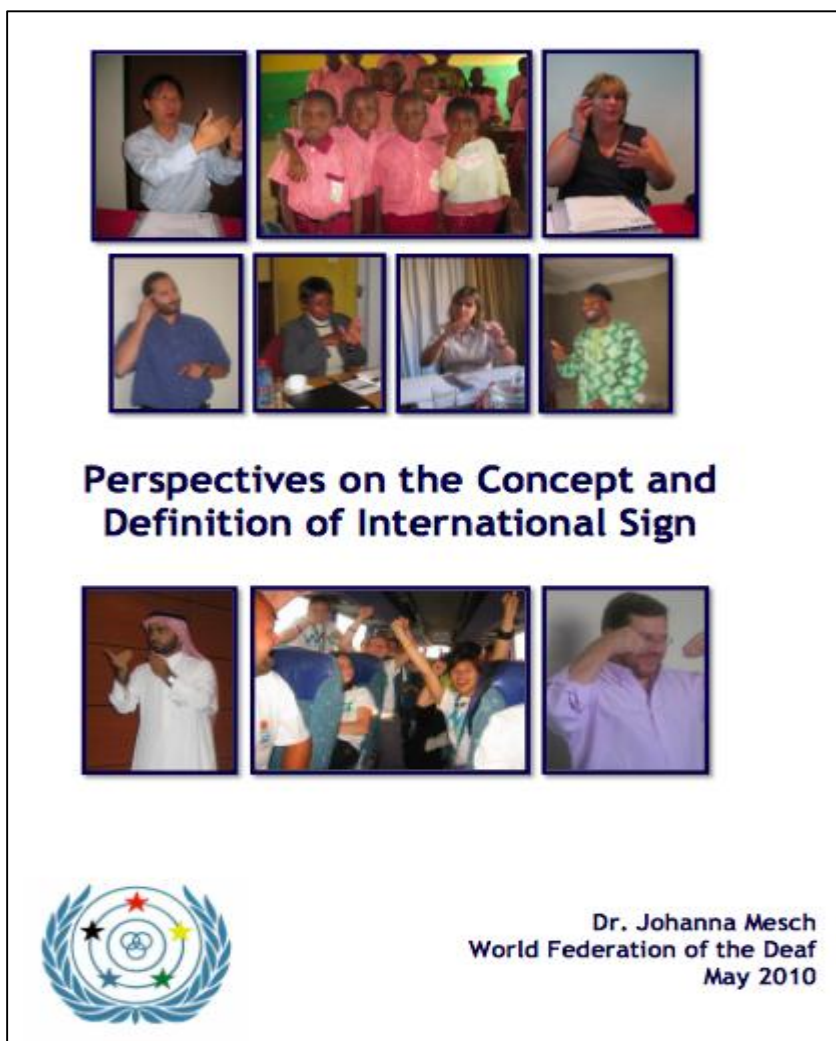
BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

PERSPECTIVES ON THE CONCEPT AND DEFINITION OF INTERNATIONAL SIGN, by Dr Johanna Mesch

International Sign (IS) is commonly used at the General Assembly (GA) of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) and, also in many other international meetings, conferences, and events.


The status of International Sign as a language has been debated for a long time due to its flexibility and possibilities as a communication system. A dictionary of Gestuno (British Association of the Deaf, 1975) was published for use in international communication, especially for conferences. It had a limited vocabulary, and did not include any grammar. The term Gestuno itself is no longer used. International Signs (IS) is the current and most used term, and IS varies depending on the language background of the signers who use it.

The publication on the *Perspectives on the Concept and Definition of International Sign* is now available in PDF format from the WFD Secretariat. If you would like a copy, please be in contact with Ms Phillipa Sandholm, email: phillipa.sandholm@wfd.fi











WFD MERCHANDISE

If you are interested in ordering items from WFD, such as T-shirts, and tote bags you can make an order through email, which is info@wfdeaf.org. Here is the price list of the items:



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Tote Bag 12 EUR 	Notepad 4 EUR 	Book 6 EUR  Country Name-Signs
Lanyard 4 EUR 	Pen 3 EUR 	

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XVIII WORLD CONGRESS
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If you know about an upcoming conference or regional or international interest, be sure to send us information about it for our Calendar in the WFD newsletter and website.

<p>2nd International Conference of Sign Language Teachers Date: 16-17 October 2015 Place: Paris, France Organiser: Visuel LSF France Email: info@lesico-2conference-paris.com Website: http://lesico-2conference-paris.com/#home</p>	<p>The 12th Conference on Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research Organiser: ICMS PTY LTD Date: 4-7 January 2016 Place: Melbourne, Australia Email: tislr12@icms.com.au Website: http://www.tislr12.org/</p>
<p>International Federation of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (IFHOH) World Congress Date: 23-26 June 2016 Place: Washington, DC, USA Email: nmacklin@hearingloss.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/events/728493670588838/ Submit for papers: https://precis2.preciscentral.com/Public/UserLogin.aspx?P=D805325BAA88D2EAAF11E9102B42A84B&ID=94E7DE942F066247</p>	<p>3rd International Conference on Family-Centred Early Intervention for Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing Theme: For every child & family Date: 15 – 17 June 2016 Place: Bad Ischl, Austria Organiser: Family-Centred Early Intervention (FCEI) Email: fcei2016@bblinz.at Website: http://www.fcei.at/2016/en/</p>
<p>3rd International Conference of the World Federation of the Deaf Theme: Full Inclusion with Sign Language Date: 8 - 10 November 2017 Place: Budapest, Hungary Organiser: Hungarian Association of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (SINOSZ) Email: glob@congressline.hu Website: http://wfdbudapest2017.com/</p>	<p>XVIII World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) Date: July 2019 Place: Paris, France More information will be announced later</p>

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