



WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF

MEMBERS' CIRCULAR

DECEMBER 2006

NEWS

Where has the year gone by? WFD General Secretariat has had a very busy year with many things to do, such as membership campaign, informing members of upcoming WFD General Assembly, UN Convention for Persons with Disabilities, and by sending information (WFD Newsletter) to members and set up a new WFD Information booklet. WFD General Secretariat would like to say thank you to all members for their support and feedback. Without you, the WFD General Secretariat would not be able to run efficiently.

At the General Secretariat, the staff had a young Finnish woman, a sign language interpreter student, Ulla Kainulainen working with them for a month. Her job duties were to look for articles on WFD on Deaf magazines from around the world, collect WFD photos to put into the albums, and to find contact details for membership campaign through the Internet. The staff would like to express to say thank you for her work and wishing her the best for the future in studying to become a sign language interpreter.

WFD BOARD INFORMATION

The 85th Board meeting was held in Moscow, Russian Federation from 1-3 October 2006 hosted by All Russian Society of the Deaf. The Board meeting coincided with the celebrations of the 80th anniversary celebrations of the All-Russian Society of the Deaf, in which the Board members attended.

WFD Board and staff would like to thank warmly to Mr. Valery Rukhledev and his staff for hosting and organising the 85th Board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be in Ål, Norway from 22 – 24 January 2007 hosted by Norwegian Association of the Deaf.

The WFD Board and WFD General Secretariat would like to say thank you to Dr. Roslyn Rosen for her contribution in volunteering for WFD for over a year, as Dr. Rosen is on a new job position as the Director of the National Center on Deafness at the California State University at Northridge in California, USA. However, she still helps in some part, such as helping with WFD NEWS. We all wish her the best of luck with her new job.

WFD'S VISITS AND REPRESENTATION

Kerry Deaf Learning Centre's Conference

Kerry Deaf Learning Centre had invited Markku Jokinen to *Signing Our Way to Educational Success* Conference, which was held on 21 October 2006 in Kerry, Ireland. The conference was a result of the 2 and a half year programme, which was undertaken jointly by the Kerry Deaf Resource Centre and the Kerry Education Service to train 18 Deaf Adults from Kerry, Cork and Limerick. Congratulations to all graduates!

Expert Seminar on the Right to Education of Persons with Disabilities by OHCHR

President Markku Jokinen was invited as an expert to Expert Seminar on the Rights of Education of Persons with Disabilities arranged by the United Nation's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) from 23-24 November in Geneva. Aims of the seminar were as follows:

- to build upon the momentum of the adoption of the text of the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to expedite implementation by considering some of the more complex issues raised in the convention;
- to provide a framework for considering the education of persons with disabilities from a human rights perspective, particularly with a view to assisting the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education in his work in this area;
- to provide advice to the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education to monitor the right to education of persons with disabilities, particularly in his country missions.

Among participants were representatives from UNESCO, UNICEF, universities, human rights institutions and OHCHR. Participants discussed relationship between inclusive and special education, challenges to realization of right to education of children with disabilities and monitoring the right for education of persons with disabilities.

The meeting was very productive and useful to WFD. A report with conclusions and recommendations will be done. Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education, Mr. Vernor Muñoz will be in close contact with the experts for future work.

French Deaf Association Celebrates its 40th Anniversary

President Markku Jokinen visited the Association of the Deaf in France on the occasion of its 40th anniversary celebrations. He gave a keynote speech in the conference that was arranged, prior to the celebration event on 25 November 2006. WFD sends warm anniversary congratulations to the French Association of the Deaf and to the Deaf people in France.

WFD'S REGIONAL SECRETARIATS

Regional Secretariat for South America

A regional meeting has taken place from 24 – 28 October 2006 in Santiago, Chile, in which 9 countries participated (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela). Mr Alexeis Vergara Estibill from Chile has been appointed as temporary General Coordinator until the General Assembly of the WFD until July 2007. Other regional coordinators are Marianne Stumpf (Brazil), Maria Cristina Mongelos (Paraguay) and Blanca Macchi (Uruguay).

Regional Secretariat for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean

Ordinary Member Mexico has decided to join the Regional Secretariat for Central America and the Caribbean, which the Regional Secretariat had their representatives' meeting at Honduras from 12 – 16 September 2006. Currently, the new name for the Regional Secretariat is Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean (RSMCAC). WFD wishes them the best for their future and to have good cooperation with the countries of the Regional Secretariat.

Regional Secretariat for Eastern Europe and Middle Asia

Regional Secretariat for Eastern Europe and Middle Asia (EEMARS) had a meeting with the WFD Board Members and the Leaders of Regional Branches of All-Russian Society of the Deaf on 3 October 2006. In the meeting, statutes of EEMARS and possible establishment of the Euro-Asia Union of the Deaf (EUAD) were discussed. It was also agreed to hold an International Expert Seminar, "Linguistic rights of the Deaf: governmental support, research and use of Sign Language" in May 2007 in Moscow under the auspice of the All-Russian Society of the Deaf.

Regional Secretariat for Asia and the Pacific

Regional Secretariat for Asia and the Pacific is holding its 18th meeting from 3 – 5 December 2006 in Macau. It is hosted by the Macau Deaf Association. President Markku Jokinen will attend the meeting as a special guest.

NEWS

UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Convention is tentatively scheduled to be adopted by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in the 61st session on 13 December 2006. Dr. Liisa Kauppinen is going to represent WFD at this session.

Resume-meeting of the Eighth Ad Hoc Committee (AHC) meeting will be on Tuesday, December 5 at 10 am. At this meeting, the AHC will formally adopt the Draft Convention and send it along to the UN General Assembly. All non-governmental organisations in consultative status with ECOSOC and those already accredited to the Ad Hoc Committee are welcome to participate in the resume meeting of the Eighth session. For accreditation, please see: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/>.

Prior to the meeting there will be celebrations of the International Day of Disabled Persons on 4 December at the United Nations Headquarters, New York. The celebration programme will emphasize the full spectrum of e-accessibility spanning from the user perspective through IT companies and as commercial firms who have committed themselves to having fully accessible websites. For more information: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/iddp2006.htm>

When the General Assembly adopts the Convention formally, there will be a minimum of six (6) weeks before the necessary legal documents are prepared for signature by the UN Office of Legal Affairs. It is meant that if the Convention is adopted in December and it would not be likely to be open for signature until early February 2007. After the adoption, the Convention will be ready for signing and ratification by UN countries. Before the treaty can enter into force, it requires ratifications of 20 countries. Signature of the

Convention means that the country intends to be obligated to the treaty and agrees not to act against the object and purpose of the treaty. Countries often sign a treaty indicate their support and need time to change their national laws to be consistent with the treaty before they can ratify.

WFD plans to set up a knowledge packet of the Convention for Ordinary Members sometime next year before the General Assembly.

More information on the Convention, please do go to check on the website:

www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable

WHO: World Report on Disability and Rehabilitation

The World Health Organisation (WHO) is producing a World Report on Disability and Rehabilitation by the request of the World Health Assembly (Resolution 58.23, May 2005). Previous experience in developing world has shown the importance for raising awareness on disability issues, building political will and setting the agenda for years to come.

The report seeks to define what is meant by "disability" and "rehabilitation". The World Federation of the Deaf is part of the community discussion group defining these definitions. The first draft of the report is due at the end of 2007 after which it will go for extensive reviews and regional consultations.

WFD Membership Campaign

JOIN WFD

Do you want to be part of our international team: become an individual member! Anyone can join us. You'll receive a member bulletin 4 times per year and the latest news from our e-mail service.

Our members can also buy a cheaper ticket to WFD's World Congress, which is held from 16 to 22 July 2007 in Madrid, Spain. For more information, check our Congress websites: www.wfdcongress.org

How can I join? Please go to our website for the application form at www.wfdeaf.org or be in contact to our office, and we'll send you the application form. Once you have filled the form, paid the membership fee and sent the application to our office, we'll send you a membership certificate.

The XV World Congress of the WFD

The next WFD World Congress will be 16 - 22 July 2007 in Madrid, Spain. This World Congress will include many different programs, ranging from presentations, special interest groups, workshops and training, cultural and theatre presentations, exhibits and related events for people of any ages from all over the world.

The General Assembly will be held on 14-15 July 2007, prior to World Congress.

Delegates from 128 WFD member countries will discuss and determine the future and policy concepts for WFD.

DATE	EVENT
13 July 2007	General Assembly (GA) Workshop (to prepare for the GA)
14-15 July 2007	General Assembly (GA)
16 July 2007	Congress Opening Ceremony
16-21 July 2007	Commissions, Special Interest Groups, Theatre, etc
22 July 2007	Closing Ceremony, Gala

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

The call for papers is available, in which you could go into the World Congress website and click on 'Tips of abstract submissions'. This Congress is to focus on the following topics of the Congress commissions and Special Interest Groups (SIGs): **Human Rights: Linguistic and Cultural Rights, Sign Languages, Education, Technology and Accessibility, Mental Health, Medicine – Biotechnology and Bioethics, Developing Countries and Women.** SIGs topics will be covered: **Deaf Youth, Deaf Immigrants, Deaf Senior Citizens, Deafblind, Deaf people with other Disabilities, Indigenous People and Ethnic Minorities, Deaf Lesbian, Gay, Transgender and Bisexual People (LGBT), CODAs – Children of Deaf Adults, Sign Language Interpreting and Deaf Business.**

The deadline has been extended for sending the abstract is on 15 December 2006.

The final World Congress program booklets will be available from the organising committee of WFD Congress, in which you could contact directly to ask for the booklet. **The deadline for early bird registration is on 15 April 2007.** For further information, please do check on WFD Congress website: www.wfdcongress.org

News for Exhibition: there is information about having exhibition at the World Congress for Commercial, Deaf Community and Institutions. Please do go to check on the website and click on 'Exhibition' for further information.

WFD General Assembly 14 – 15 July 2007

IMPORTANT!!!

For Ordinary Members only – WFD has sent a letter along with the documents on 7 June 2006 for the upcoming XVII General Assembly, which will be held on 14 – 15 July 2007 in Madrid, Spain, prior to the World Congress.

The important deadlines for the documents must be reached to the General Secretariat in Finland (address at the last page):

- 1) Two (2) original Entrusting Power forms – **15 November 2006**
- 2) Inclusions in the Agenda and Proposals/Motions – **15 November 2006**
- 3) Nominations for WFD Board position – **31 December 2006**
- 4) Nominations for WFD Awards – **31 December 2006**
- 5) Bids to host the XVI World Congress in 2011 – **31 December 2006**

It would be much appreciated that these documents must be sent before the deadline. WFD will send a final agenda with attached reports and other materials in April 2007 (at

three months in advance, as stated in *WFD Statutes Article 4, Section 2*), prior to the General Assembly.

A workshop for the General Assembly (GA) will be held on 13 July 2007, prior to the XVII General Assembly.

If you would like further information about the General Assembly or documents, please do not hesitate to contact to WFD General Secretariat – email address is on the last page of this circular.

COMING EVENTS

UNESCO: African Flagship Meeting, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 6 – 9 December 2006

The UNESCO Flagship Secretariat is currently planning an ‘African Flagship’ meeting to take place in Ethiopia from 6 – 9 December 2006. The meeting will gather participants from local interest groups and disability organisations to discuss on inclusive education and education for disabled persons. Hopefully, the Flagship Secretariat will be able to organize meetings of this nature on other continents in the future. Mr. Martin Tijvera is representing for WFD Regional Secretariat for Southern and Eastern Africa (RSESA) in this Flagship meeting.

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India Deaf Expo is an International Conference on Innovative Technologies and Education of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing. It will take place in Pollachi, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu in India from 5 – 7 January 2007. This conference is for researchers, teachers, parents of Deaf children, social workers and any other professions. Any Deaf or Hard of Hearing participants are welcome to attend and to meet anyone to exchange ideas and share their knowledge. For more information about this conference, please do check on their website: www.indadeafexpo.org.

16th Winter Deaflympics

This event of 16th Winter Deaflympics is only 2 months away, which will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA from 1 – 10 February 2007. The competition offers featuring Deaf athletes and will be competing at some of the same venues that were used for hearing Olympics in 2002. The kinds of sports during event are downhill skiing, snowboarding, Nordic (cross-country) skiing, ice hockey and curling. For more information, please click on their website: www.2007Deaflympics.com.

Workshop on “Cross-linguistic research and international cooperation in sign language linguistics”

The Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, The Nijmegen, The Netherlands, in cooperation with the University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK is hosting this international workshop. The deadline for Call for Papers is on 20 December 2006. This workshop takes place in Nijmegen, The Netherlands from 10 – 14 April 2007. For more

information, check on the website:

http://www.deafacademics.org/news/show_news_item.php?id=31

Critical Link 5 - 'Quality in Interpreting: a shared responsibility'

It will take place in Sydney, Australia from 11 – 15 April 2007. Critical Link 5 is good for interpreters who work in the interpreting agencies, plus many other professions who work in any places such as in courts, government departments, academics, educators, translation services, etc.

More information about this conference, please contact to the Congress Secretariat by email: info@criticallink2007.com and also do go to check their website: www.criticallink2007.com

World Blind Union (WBU) – International Disabled Peoples' (DPI) 4th Africa Forum – 'Social Inclusion'

The topics covered on this forum will be blindness and social exclusion, moving towards inclusive education, blindness is no barrier to employability and leisure and sport as social inclusion. The deadline for sending abstracts is on 28 February 2006. For participants who would like to attend the forum, registration form can be found on the website: www.sightsavers.org/idp-africa/africa-forum/default.htm. The forum is to take place in Nairobi, Kenya from 6 – 12 May 2007.

2nd European Games without Borders for the DEAF 2 0 0 7

The Association of Culture and Sports for the Deaf in Vorarlberg, Austria is organising this adventure for the Deaf, which will take place in Dornbirn, Austria from 7 – 9 June 2007. For more information about this Games without Borders, contact to Mr. Thomas Dünser by email: spiele07@vgskv.at or check on the website: www.gehoerlos.eu

Deaf Arts Now! 2007

This festival which will be held in Stockholm, Sweden from 15 – 17 June 2007 is for Deaf and hearing to meet, interact and to take part a big Deaf culture event. It will also provide a workshop for European Deaf professional artists from 18 – 22 June 2007. The Deaf Arts Now festival has been going since 1998, and is arranged every third year. For more information: go on their website: www.deafartsnow.com and contact by email: info@deafartsnow.com

Clin d'oeil 2007 Festival – Deaf Europeans' meeting on Deaf Arts

This festival will be held in Reims, France from 29 June – 1 July 2007. The subjects covered of this festival will be audiovisual, photography, dance, music, theatre, mime, storytelling, poetry, humour, painting, sculpture, craft and fashion. For more information, please do check on their website: www.clin-doeil.eu

11th International Conference on Minority Languages (ICML 11) – Multilingualism, Citizenship and the Future of Minority Languages: Ideologies and Practices of Linguistic Difference in Europe, Pécs, Hungary, and 5 – 6 July 2007

Above the topic of the conference is the special focus. This conference will bring together researchers working on linguistic minorities, different aspects by bi- and multilingualism, bilingual education, ideologies of language, language and identity structure, language policy, and especially on maintenance and revitalisation of minority languages in the new Europe. Please do go to check their website: www.nytud.hu/icml11/

WASLI 2007 – Diversity and community in the worldwide sign language interpreting profession

The Federation of Spanish Sign Language interpreters (FILSE) are hosting the conference, which will be held in Segovia, Spain from 13 – 15 July 2007. The call for papers has been announced. For more information on the call for Papers and the conference, do check on their website: www.wasli.org and email address is wasliconference@filse.org.

International Junior and Teen Camp 2007

This camp will be a unique opportunity for a week holiday near Madrid in a natural environment with juniors and teenagers from all over the world, the opportunity to become acquainted with different cultures and to exchange experiences. The camp coincides with the 15th World Congress of the WFD from 16 – 22 July 2007, for 6 to 17 years old, in which they could participate in sports and cultural activities, and workshops. For more information: click on http://www.peretarres.org/apansce/index_eng.asp

12th World Deaf Magicians' Festival

The 12th World Deaf Magicians' Festival will take place in Riverside, California, USA in April 2008. If you would like more information, please contact to Mr. Samuel Ruiz, Jr., Organiser and Chair by email (magic2008wdmf@aol.com) or fax +1 951 653 3271.

If you know about the upcoming conference or regional or international interest, be sure to send us information about it for our Calendar of Coming events in WFD NEWS or WFD newsletter.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Rwanda

National Association of the Deaf in Rwanda had a presidential election in October 2006. The new president is Mr. Augustin Munyangeyo. During their Annual General Meeting, they amended the old constitution of the national association of the Deaf, aimed to improve the lives of Rwandan Deaf people, to promote research on Rwandan Sign Language (RSL) and plus to change other things.

South Africa

In South Africa, a new colourful comic book on HIV/AIDS has been launched for the Deaf community. Inside the new book *Are your Rights Respected?* it explains a group of friends attending a deaf school and they learn about their sexuality, how to protect themselves from HIV, their rights to health and education, and how to deal with sexual abuse.

USA

The Gallaudet University Board of Trustees is having the process of identifying an interim president for Gallaudet University, which will begin service on 1 January 2007. For more information: do go to check what has been happening in Gallaudet University since May 2006 on the website: <http://www.gufssa.com/>

Former WFD President, Dr. Yerker Andersson was supposed to go to the meeting of the World Health Organisation (WHO) – Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to represent WFD in USA in September, but he got the response from this organisation to

say that “sign language interpreting is not an official language”, in which Dr. Andersson requested to have sign language interpreter at the meeting. WFD regrets that PAHO does not realise that sign language interpreting is needed for accessibility. Dr. Andersson has answered to the letter and pointed out that sign language interpreting is intended for accessibility.

Venezuela

Good news for the Deaf community of Venezuela that subtitles and Venezuelan Sign Language interpreting on TV has been approved by the government of Venezuela in September 2006. Congratulations to the Deaf community of Venezuela!!!

Italy

The Italian Association of the Deaf (ENS) has been doing campaign on the recognition of the Italian Sign Language (LIS). They had a march for the LIS recognition which started on the 9th of October 2006 from the town of Turin to near the Italian government building in Rome, Italy (the end of the march, 27th of October 2006). The Deaf marchers were persuading the government to adopt the Sign Language Bill.

3rd National Sign Language Conference – ‘From the Invisible to the Visible’

It is organised by Italian Association of the Deaf (ENS), which will take place in Verona, Italy from 9 – 10 March 2006. The conference is to involve into the research world, educational institutions and the Deaf community and to represent a great opportunity to get to know the different situations of Italian and their areas (in Italy), promoting communication and to give visibility to their culture. For more information, please do email to: segreteriaconvegno@ens.it

Portugal

An interesting thing happened in Portugal, a protocol between BRISA (Portuguese Highway Company) and Portuguese Federation of the Deaf Associations, the aim of the protocol is to that every Deaf Portuguese citizen may ask for information or request assistance in the highways in Portugal through SMS (sending text messages through mobile phone).

We are sure that many Deaf people love to travel and meet people from other countries. Here we have provided information on sign languages cafes, sign language guides in museums and other attractions.

Sign language guides in museums/attractions:

American Museum of Natural History, New York City, USA

http://www.amnh.org/museum/welcome/accessibility/?src=pv_vi

Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, California, USA

http://www.artsmia.org/index.php?section_id=52

Athenaeum Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland

<http://www.ateneum.fi/default.asp?docId=11936>

The British Museum, London, UK

<http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/visit/access.html>

Centre Pompidou (Art Museum), Paris, France

Deaf tour guide – contact Nicole Fournier by email: nfournier@centrepompidou.fr

Jewish Museum, New York, USA

http://www.thejewishmuseum.org/site/pages/page.php?id=10&live_stats=Directions&PHPSESSID=7e0b64e8ca4661133cc6779439af3781

The Lourve Museum, Paris, France

<http://www.louvre.fr/llv/musee/alaune.jsp> - Go to the Visit Section and click on 'Disabled Visitors'

The Metropolitan Museum of Art – Deaf visitors – gallery talks are presented in sign language or sign language interpreted on a regular basis. For more information, email to access@metmuseum.org.

Minneapolis Institute of Arts museum, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

http://www.artsmia.org/index.php?section_id=52

Museum of the Deaf, Finnish Association of the Deaf, Helsinki, Finland

www.kl-deaf.fi

San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, California, USA

<http://www.sjmusart.org/content/visitUs/visitor/visitor.phtml>

Sony Wonder Technology Lab, New York, USA -

http://www.newyorkcity.com/events/Guided_Sign_Language_Tour.662033/whats_nearby.aspx?&sec=res

Tate Modern Museum, London, UK

<http://www.tate.org.uk/modern/access.htm>

This website from the United Kingdom, which you can research and find out in which museums do have sign language guides: <http://www.magicdeaf.org.uk/>

Sign Language cafes/restaurants

We only know a few Sign Language cafes being set up in some countries, please find them below:

Belgium – Café Hémisphere Sud

Galerie du Jardin d'Harscamp 2

5000 Namur

Website: <http://chuuut-party.over-blog.com>

Canada - Café-Sourd

148, Jacques-Cartier Nord, bureau 26

Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec J3B 6B6

Email: amsinc2@hotmail.com

Ireland - Internet Café, Irish Deaf.com

1st Floor, 386 North Circular Road

Dublin 7

Website: <http://www.irishdeaf.com/internetcafe.php>

France - Café Signes

33, avenue Jean Moulin

75014 Paris

Website: www.cafesignes.com/paln.php

In food outlets, such as Kentucky Fried Chicken, there are Deaf or Hard of Hearing people communicating with customers by pointing to the pictures or use sign language in Pakistan, Singapore and Malaysia. We do not have exact contact details of the food outlets in these countries.

Travel

A new website has been set up for Deaf travellers in the United Kingdom. Please do click on: www.deaftravel.co.uk.

In Egypt, Palma Tours caters for Deaf group. For more information, please contact to Mr. Maged Nabawy by email: palmaegy@thewayout.net or palmatours@link.net. The website address is www.palmatours-eg.com

A new Ethio-Deaf Tour organisation in Ethiopia has set up for Deaf and Hard of Hearing tourists. The guide is fluent in International Signs. For enquires, please do contact by email: ethiodeaftour@yahoo.com

Anyone who would be interested to go on a bus tour around Australia, please do click on: www.deafgetawayaustralia.com.au.

If you plan to visit Singapore or Malaysia, there is a cheaper accommodation, which hosts by a Deaf man from Singapore. You can ask him for enquiries by email: consultant_spore@yahoo.com

HIV/AIDS: New CD-Rom: Invitation to Feedback on Pilot Version

Do you need information on child-centred approaches to HIV and AIDS?

Source International Information Support Centre and Healthlink Worldwide are developing a CD-ROM for programme planners, community groups and others who want access to practical, field-tested guidance on working with children affected by HIV and AIDS. They would like you to help by testing a pilot version of this CD-ROM and returning a short questionnaire. Email to source@ich.ucl.ac.uk to request a free copy of the pilot CD-ROM and a questionnaire. Have you produced a resource that they should include? The full version CD-ROM is due out in summer 2007, will respond as much as possible to your feedback, and will include the full-text of many resources.

WHAT IS SOURCE?

Source is an international information support centre designed to strengthen the management, use and impact of information on health and disability information worldwide. It is a collaboration of three partners: the Centre for International Health and Development (a research and teaching organisation at University College London), Handicap International (an international disability and development NGO), and Healthlink Worldwide (a health communication NGO).

See <http://www.asksource.info> for more information and for details of over 25,000 information resources relevant to developing countries.

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Deaf

WFD NEWS, Circular and Website

The last issue of the WFD NEWS was December 2004. Due to budget limits, we had to reduce the number of issues per year, and we are hoping to have one issue coming out next year before the World Congress. If any member has information or news to be considered for publication in any issue of WFD NEWS, please do send a clean copy or a diskette to the WFD Secretariat, along with good photo quality logos or photographs to wfd@kl-deaf.fi.

WFD Circular will be distributed to members every 2 months and this will also be displayed into WFD website.

For more information on what is happening within WFD, look at the WFD website: www.wfdeaf.org.

MEMBER CONTACT DETAILS

Please let WFD office know if your contact details have been changed. Sometimes members miss out on WFD information due to old contact information. Also, please make sure we know of any changes in your administration or activities. For example, if you have a new President, please let us know! We need your correct contact person, information and addresses.

We need updated addresses for the following. Our mail to them was returned.

Belize National Association of the Deaf
Kenya National Association of the Deaf
Asociación de Sordos de Panamá
Association des Sourds du Togo – AST Siege Social

If you happen to have an up-to-date address for these above, please notify WFD General Secretariat. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

If Ordinary Members need a reduction or postponement in paying their fee this must be communicated to us in writing so this can be added to the agenda for Board action.

If you have not received your membership fee invoice, please contact WFD Secretariat immediately and we will re-issue you another invoice.

Ordinary, Associate and Individual Members who have not paid for the year 2006, please do pay as soon as possible, as we will be sending invoices again sometime before at the end of this year.

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Inside Deaf Culture, Carol Padden & Tom Humphries, USA 2005

In this absorbing book, the authors of *DEAF IN AMERICA* reveal historical events and forces that have shaped the ways that Deaf people define themselves today. It covers the establishment of 19th century institutions, 20th century Deaf clubs where culture and art flourished, and Deaf people's current interaction with modern science and technology. From inside this once silenced community the book celebrates the experience of a minority culture, its common past, present debates, and promise for the future. The proud self-discovery and self-description reveals a flourishing culture with a richly complex language.

HIV/AIDS and Deaf Communities, Constanze Schmaling and Leila Monaghan (Eds), May 2006

There is an international HIV/AIDS epidemic affecting Deaf communities in every part of the world. Few statistics exist on the extent of the problem but one study in Maryland, USA, that the infection rates shows that Deaf people are 2 to 10 times as likely as their hearing counterparts to be HIV positive. The book reviews the problems Deaf people have including poor access to information about HIV/AIDS and safe sex, inadequate treatment programs, and issues such as confidentiality in the community. It also suggests that Deaf empowerment and peer-to-peer information networks are the most powerful tools available for preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and supporting Deaf people living with HIV. Also this book focuses on describing the problem of HIV/AIDS among Deaf people both qualitatively (including autobiographical accounts of experiences, (fiction and poetry) and quantitatively, and documenting some of the strategies that have been used around the world to combat the spread of AIDS and provide services to affected Deaf community members.

The Deaf Experience: Classes in Language and Education, Harlan Lane (Ed.) and Franklin Philip (translator), 2006

This is a collection of important French works written between 1764 and 1840, now translated into English. They were written during the golden era in Deaf education. They include many writings by Deaf men, Deaf leaders, intellectuals and educationalists; Pierres Desloges, Jean Massieu, del'Epee and Sicard and others. The writings had a significant influence in the United States at the time and have shaped the lives of Western Deaf people down to the present.

Multilingualism and Sign Languages: From the Great Plains to Australia, Ceil Lucas (Editor), November 2006

The latest entry in the Sociolinguistics in Deaf communities' series continues to mine the rich resources found in signing communities throughout the world. Divided into four parts, this collection features 16 internationally renowned linguistics experts whose absorbing studies reflect an astonishing range of linguistic diversity. The sole essay in Part One: Multilingualism describes historic and contemporary uses of North American Indian Sign Language. Part Two: Language contact examines language-contact phenomena between Auslan/English interpreters and Deaf people in Australia, and the features of bimodal bilingualism in hearing, Italian native signers. Part Three: Variation reports the results of a study on location variation in Auslan. Part Four: Discourse Analysis begins with an analysis of how deaf parents and their hearing toddlers establish

and maintain sight triangles when conducting signed conversations. The final chapter explicates how a signer depersonalizes the concept of 'self' in an ASL narrative through the use of signs for 'he' and 'I'.

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