FIT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Programme of work 2010-2012

Members
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Mandate
The mandate of the committee is as follows:

• To work on HR issues in consultation with the PR Committee in the light of the policy on intervention in areas of conflict with translators’ and interpreters’ rights
• To monitor incidents and situations of abuse of the rights of translators and interpreters and to work with the PR Committee in issuing statements and other action by FIT

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1. We will redefine the purpose of the committee and seek Council approval.
2. We will redefine (or restate) what a human rights definition actually is in our context. This definition may also exist already or if not, can most easily be derived from the one used by the United Nations.
3. We will prepare a list of agencies we can use as resources in identifying human rights problems, such as PEN and Amnesty.
4. We will go to work setting up a report and evaluation system of contacts received, a system that includes contact with the Council should the need for reaction or action arise.
5. We will work to recruit two types of co-workers:
   • Working members of the committee nominated by the associations and appointed for the remainder of three-year term by the Council. Four or five more from non-European countries would be good, but all helping hands are valuable.
   • Corresponding members whose task would be to pay attention to the situation in their own geographic area and serve as information conduits, both to the committee regarding human rights problems for translators and to their associations regarding the activities of the committee. Here we would like to go even as low as one per association, but regional ones would be superb start.

Budget for 2010-2012
We currently plan no meetings, carrying out our work via e-mail, regular posts and possibly telephone. No funding is thus required at this stage.

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