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4th WASLI Congress;
Meeting with WASLI
President and
members of WASLI
Executive

Sign Language has long been recognized in FIT, through those FIT member associations who have active sign language interpreting constituencies or actively collaborate with their local, national, regional professional sign language interpreters.



2015 marks the beginning of a global approach to collaboration between professional sign language interpreters, translators and terminologists and spoken language interpreters, translators and terminologists as FIT President Henry Liu was invited to be part of the 4th WASLI Congress in Istanbul.

WASLI President Prof Debra Russell and FIT President Dr Henry Liu signed Memorandum of Understanding

Founded in 2005, WASLI brings together national associations of sign language interpreters and now has members around the world.

During this Congress held at the confluence of the Bosphorus, President Liu held talks with the WASLI President Prof Debra Russell and her Executive, identifying areas of common interests and projects for collaboration. The FIT President also met with the President of the World Federation of Deaf (WFD), Colin Allen.

As a sign of the commitment to the cooperation between the two International Organisations, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the World Association of Sign Language Interpreters (WASLI) and FIT, to the applause of the entire Congress.

This marks an important step, as FIT continues to reach out and connect with other International Organisations who share common interests. The Memorandum of Understanding with our Sign Language Interpreting colleagues further affirms our mission as the united voice of professional associations of Translators, Interpreters and Terminologists around the world. It is hoped that this MoU will stimulate new and ongoing collaboration between professional associations of translators, interpreters and terminologists with our sign language counterparts at local, national, regional levels.

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