



PROTOCOL OF COOPERATION BETWEEN efqli - WASLI

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Introduction

This document has been drafted in order to clarify roles and possible tasks around the same geographical area of the European Forum of Sign Language Interpreters (efqli) and the World Association of Sign Language Interpreters (WASLI).

Main facts:

WASLI and efqli are separate independent organisations, which respectively work at World and European level.

WASLI has, as its members, associations from Europe and across the world.

WASLI has a regional representative for Europe, who is the contact person for all WASLI members in Europe.

efqli has, as its full members, national organisations across Europe.

Interpreters' organisations can become a member of efqli and/or WASLI.

Proposal:

The efqli and the WASLI European representative work in close cooperation in actively exchanging information that: might be of common interest, might have an effect on both organisations or on the status of sign language interpreting in Europe.

efqli is a supporting member of WASLI.

WASLI is an associate member of efqli.

No efqli board member will be required to become the European representative for WASLI. The WASLI European representative does not have to have any specific role in efqli.

The European WASLI representative can use the network and contacts in Europe through efsli and vice versa.

At least once a year the efsli board and the WASLI representative will contact each other, formally.

Additional:

efsli, if possible, will represent its members at WASLI events, keeping in mind the goals of efsli and not individual countries.

efsli can not vote at WASLI events, but is allowed to speak as a WASLI supporting member, with the permission of the presiding chair.

WASLI members, who are also efsli members, have the right, as stated in the WASLI rules, to vote independently at the WASLI general meeting.

For more information about Aims and Objectives of efsli and WASLI as well as further requirements please do refer to the organisations' websites (www.efsli.org and www.wasli.org).

This policy will be open to review and discussion if needed.

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