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Powerpoint presentation from 2005 conference of the International Congress on Education of the Deaf in Maastricht

WFD put together a panel presentation on Bi/MultiLingual Human Rights and Quality Education at the July 2005 conference of the International Congress on Education of the Deaf in Maastricht, the Netherlands. The presenters were WFD Experts in Education: Corrie Tijessling (NL), WFD Education Expert Coordinator; Dr. Jay Innes (USA), Director of the Gallaudet Leadership Institute; and Dr. Roz Rosen (USA), WFD International Officer. WFD President Markku Jokinen (FI) also contributed to the development of the presentation but could not be present. For more information on this presentation, please view the powerpoint presentation. Watch this website for further updates on the ICED conference.

International Conference of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD)

Helsinki, Finland

September 30 – October 1, 2005

The World Federation of the Deaf invites all its member organizations, regional secretariats, international organizations of persons with disabilities, and other co-operation partners, and all others interested in human rights to participate in the International Conference of the WFD with a theme “Our Rights – Our Future”. The Conference will be held on 30 September – 1 October 2005 in Helsinki, Finland.


Confirmed presenters include:

Thorsten Afflerbach (Administrative Officer, Directorate of Social and Economic Affairs, Council of Europe): Protection and Promotion of Sign Languages and the Rights of their Users in Europe: Activities of the Council of Europe.

Hissa Al-Thani (Special Rapporteur on Disability, United Nations): Standard Rules, Human Rights
instruments and Convention of Disability Rights.
Theresa Degener (Professor, University of Applied Sciences, Germany): A Human Rights Convention for all PWD:

Challenges and Potentials.
Jean-Pierre Gonnot (Chief, Inclusive Development Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UN): title to be announced
Wilma Newhoudt-Druchen (Member of the Parliament of South Africa): Global rights of Deaf people and people with disabilities and how we implement our rights.
Gerard Quinn (Professor, National University of Ireland): title to be announced.

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WFD President Markku Jokinen Keynotes at the International Symposium on Instructional Technology and Education of the Deaf, Rochester NY, USA

The National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) co-hosted, with The Nippon Foundation of Japan
Announcement from WFD President Markku Jokinen Update on the Secretariat of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) (15 July 2005)

Greetings:

I announced recently that Ms. Carol-lee Aquiline has resigned from the position of the WFD General Secretary and that the WFD Board would use this opportunity to do an in depth review and restructuring of the WFD in order to improve its operations and resources.

I am pleased to announce that the Board and I have developed an interim management plan for the WFD Secretariat, dividing responsibilities and utilizing a team of 4 highly capable, experienced volunteers.

With myself as the chief administrator for WFD, Dr. Liisa Kauppinen, WFD President Emerita and General Secretary of the Finnish Association of the Deaf (FAD), will coordinate the internal management and communications of the WFD Secretariat and work with the ad hoc UN Disability Convention on Human Rights of People with Disabilities. The WFD Secretariat will remain in the FAD headquarters in Helsinki.

Mr. Knud Søndergaard, recently retired President of the Danske Døves Landsforbund (Danish Deaf Association), will function as the WFD Administration Officer. As the Administration Officer, Mr. Søndergaard will manage the WFD financial information system, including budget preparation and reports; communicate with Ordinary Members, Regional Secretariats and others; prepare Members Circulars with the team; organize and attend Board meetings; serve as the liaison between WFD and Chair of the XV WFD Congress (2007) in Spain; liaise between WFD and the WFD Youth Section; and assist with fundraising and other duties as assigned. He will maintain his office in Denmark.

Dr. Roz Rosen, WFD Honorary Board Member and International Consultant with the Communication Services for the Deaf (CSD), will...