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2014 Membership Renewals

Hello Everyone,

As Roni Lepore transitions into the WASLI membership coordinator role, I realize that WASLI has already launched its membership year and many of you have renewed without receiving notice from us. This is SO appreciated - thank

you! If you do not have a WASLI membership, I urge you to go to our website at: <http://www.wasli.org> and apply for one now.

As mentioned in previous communications, WASLI has new membership fees that are substantially reduced to make it easier than ever to pay. Our PayPal site has been updated and is ready to go. As a WASLI member you contribute to the development of interpreting at the global level. In the past 3 years we have seen steady growth in the number of individual and national members, especially in our Latin America region. Your continued support allows us to share resources with emerging countries and to establish regional networks of interpreters, leading to the creation of national associations. Your regional representatives, executive board members and WASLI ambassadors, like Liz Scott Gibson, Juan Carlos Druetta, and Zane Hema, have collectively provided over 45 days of training in a number of countries over the past year. Our WASLI 2015 conference planning team are working hard to bring you an amazing conference. Our Task Groups with WFD are focused on key issues. And, if you haven't purchased the WASLI 2011 Durban Conference Proceedings, know that you get a discount by being a member.

To learn more about the benefits of WASLI membership, see this article by WASLI's President, Debra Russell:

<http://www.streetleverage.com/2012/03/international-collaboration-should-sign-language-interpreters-do-more/>

So there is activity, momentum and countless people who are shaping the face of interpreting internationally. We hope you will encourage interpreters in your community to join as an individual member. If each of you invite just one person to join we will be well over 1500 Individual Members for 2014! We have 871 Individual Members in our system and we are working hard to reconcile current email addresses and weed out the old information that is no longer valid. It takes approximately 4 minutes per person to update our systems, so please be patient with Roni as she makes significant improvements to our processes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Debra Russell

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