During February #efsli2015 conference website was launched: www.efsli.org/2015. It has updated information about the conference topic, registration packages and prices, the members of the Scientific Committee, etc. The website is being updated with videos in International Sign produced by the organising committee and soon the website will be also accessible in Polish. SPTJM (Polish Association of Sign Language Interpreters) is doing a wonderful job in making the conference information easily accessible for both Deaf and hearing interpreters. The AGM-conference registration form has been partly translated to International Sign by Renata Swiderska, member of the Polish organising committee and also chair of the #efsli Deaf Interpreters’ network (efsli-DI). The early bird deadline for registration is 15th April. Check this year’s registration packages and very reasonable accommodation prices: http://efsli.org/2015/registration/. Do not miss this opportunity!

Keep an eye on the conference website because some very interesting news is about to be published! If you are curious about who is behind the organisation of #efsli2015, please click on the following link: http://efsli.org/2015/team-whos-who/

Scientific Committee at work
The 8th of February was the deadline for submission of

#efsli2015 call for interpreters and interpreter coordinator

15th April: #efsli2015 early bird deadline
Do not miss the best prices to attend “To say or not to say. Challenges of interpreting from sign language to spoken language” (11th-13th September Warsaw, Poland), a highly topical subject in the field.
abstracts for #efsli2015. As evidence of the enormous interest that this year’s topic has generated among practitioners and researchers in the field, the organising committee has received a very high number of submissions from across Europe and beyond for the three kinds of presentation listed in the call for abstracts: plenary lecture-style presentations, practical workshops and posters. The high quality of the work submitted means that the Scientific Committee has a difficult task in the three weeks ahead. By the end of March the final conference programme will be announced. For more information about the members of the Scientific Committee, please click on this link: http://efsli.org/2015/scientific-committee/

29th-31st May 2015
Training on Demand on video remote interpreting

Another Training on Demand is being set up as we speak! This time the topic will be VRS/VRI training and it will be held in Venice, Italy. The Italian association ANIOS and efsli ask you to keep an eye on this website: http://efsli.org/events/efsli-training-on-demand/coming/venice-may-2015/

More information will be posted during the coming week; we will be announcing the name of the trainer and registration will be opening soon. ANIOS and efsli hope to meet you at the VRS/VRI Interpreting training in Venice, Italy, from 29th - 31st May 2015.

Lieve Roodhoft’s resignation from the efsli Board and Lorraine Leeson’s appointment

At the end of January the efsli Vice-president, treasurer and head of the training department, Lieve Roodhoof (BVGT, Belgium), informed the efsli Board and full members of her decision to resign from the efsli Board and the reasons behind that decision. On 17th February the efsli President, Peter Llewellyn-Jones, sent a statement on behalf of the efsli Board to the efsli full members explaining that the Board, after consultation with EULITA’s legal advisor, had agreed unanimously to invite Prof. Lorraine Leeson to join the efsli Board as a full, voting member until the AGM in September. The member organisations would then be able nominate and elect the Board members of their choice. The Board also agreed that, from the end of February, the statutory Board positions would be as follows; Peter Llewellyn-Jones (President), Christian Peters (Vice-president), Jolanda Peverelli (Secretary) and Lorraine Leeson (Treasurer). Jolanda Peverelli will also be
taking responsibility for overseeing the activities of the training department and will be the first point of contact for the NASLIs who are organising, or wish to organise, efsli training events.

Do you want to rise your organisation's profile at European level? Become an #efsli2015 sponsor!

This is a unique opportunity to bring your company/organisation to the attention of sign language interpreters, researchers, service providers and policy makers from across Europe. More than 200 people are expected to attend from more than 20 different countries. You can really have an impact at European level, so do not miss this opportunity! You are still in time: [http://efsli.org/2015/sponsors/](http://efsli.org/2015/sponsors/).

efsli Learning Outcomes available at the efsli shop

A reminder to all the European stake-holders active in the sign language interpreter education field: do not miss the efsli publication “Learning Outcomes for Graduates of a Three Year Interpreting Training Programme”. Launched at the European Parliament in December 2013 in an event hosted by MEPs (Members of the European Parliament) Ádám Kósa and Werner Kuhn, and with the support of DG (Directorate General) Interpreting, DG Translation (European Commission) and DG for Interpretation and Conferences (European Parliament), this publication establishes the minimum skills expected of a graduate interpreter across Europe. Currently the availability and quality of sign language interpreting training programmes throughout Europe is inconsistent. In many of the member countries formal training programmes have yet to be established and the existing programmes vary greatly in terms of length, educational level and learning outcomes. This hinders Deaf people’s right to access because the quality of the interpreting services cannot be guaranteed. This publication also supports the principle of the free movement of people by laying the foundations of training standards for sign language interpreters and quality services for Deaf citizens across the entire Union. It is of crucial importance that Deaf EU citizens are able to move through Europe by accessing quality interpreting services. You can buy this and other efsli publications at the efsli shop: [http://efsli.org/publications/shop/](http://efsli.org/publications/shop/).

Reporting 2014 activities to the EACEA

On 28th February efsli submitted its 2014 annual report to the EACEA (Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, European Commission, [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/index_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/index_en.php)). In 2014, efsli was awarded an operating grant under Erasmus plus, Key Activity 3, for civil society organisations in the field of education and training. Efsli is very proud of its achievements during 2014 and we sincerely hope it is selected again in 2015. It is anticipated that the list of the successful organisations will be published by the end of March. We will keep you informed.

efsli Board elections

Do you want to become a member of the efsli Board? This position will let you have a deeper insight of the profession at European level, as well as giving you the opportunity to meet interpreters from across Europe and make impact beyond your country borders. Please remember that each NASLI (national association of sign language interpreters) can nominate just one person. For further information on the procedure, please contact admin@efsli.org. More details will also be available on the efsli website in the next few days.