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Dear Friends,

The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) is privileged to have the Hungarian Association of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Siketek és Nagyothallók Országos Szövetsége, SINOSZ), one of our Ordinary Members, host and organise the 3rd International Conference of World Federation of the Deaf in the beautiful city of Budapest which will be held from 8 - 10 November 2017.

The Conference theme, "**Full inclusion with sign language!**" is intended to inspire. We are hoping that you will use the information learnt at the Conference to challenge yourself to represent your individual rights more strongly as a deaf person and importantly a Sign Language User. The aim of the Conference is to give each of you the opportunity to fully participate, share and discuss how you can continue the important work of achieving human rights for deaf people using the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) as your tool.

Underlying the conference theme is the belief that the *full social inclusion of deaf people is possible if sign language is recognised and used widely within society.*

Every Deaf Community needs to be empowered to advocate for recognition of their country's sign language as a language legally recognised based on the CRPD Articles. It is a powerful basis for, and force for change.

You are invited to join us at the 3rd International Conference of the World Federation of the Deaf which will cover the following themes:

- **EDUCATION** Stream – “Bilingual education – a brighter future for deaf children”
- **SIGN LANGUAGE, HUMAN RIGHTS** Stream – “Sign language in the family”
- **EMPLOYMENT** Stream – “Deaf employees in the labour market”
- **TECHNOLOGY** Stream – “Communication accessibility - up to date technological devices”
- **PANEL DISCUSSION:** “Participation in decision making – Our rights and votes”

On behalf of the WFD Board, we look forward to welcoming you at the 3rd International Conference of the WFD in Budapest, Hungary!

Kind regards

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