

Languages Service Sectoral Assembly (LSSA) (April 2017-March 2018)
Minutes of the third meeting of the Bureau¹

Held on Thursday, 29 June 2017, from 10 to 12 p.m., room E-5116.

Attendees: Elena Alonso Perez-Avila (ES), Edith Bourion (FTPU), Olga Campos (STS), Emily Duggan (ETS), Pauline Escalante (ETPU), Leslie Fillion-Wilkinson (President), Tatiana Lazdín (RU), Olivier Meyer (FTS), Ksenia Mursankova (RTS), Bruno Nissou (FTS), Olga Ovchinnikova (RTPU) and Luz María Urquizu Marroquín (STPU).

Main topics discussed:

- Activities of the President since the previous meeting
- Transfer of senior posts from one section to another within LS
- Work stoppage
- Lack of standardization across TPUs

Decisions taken:

1. *International Translation Day*: **The President** will find out more about the plans for International Translation Day and **the Bureau** will reflect on ways to celebrate and raise awareness of all language professions on that occasion.

2. *Lack of senior posts and transfer of senior posts from one section to another within LS*: **Two members of the Bureau** will meet to discuss questions to be put to management regarding the calculation of post requirements in each section and the distribution of available posts between the sections.

3. *Collaboration between the Staff Coordinating Council and the LSSA Bureau*: **The President** will meet with the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Staff Coordinating Council to follow up on the recent work stoppage and clarify the terms of collaboration between the Council and the Bureau. Given the weight of the Languages Service, the Bureau should be informed in a timely manner of any actions concerning LS staff.

4. *Survey on P-staff overtime*: Owing to the large number of urgent actions and surveys that are currently under way or in the pipeline, the survey on overtime will not be sent to staff for the moment.

Since the meeting:

Following a meeting with Prisca Chaoui (see para. 3), the Bureau is pleased to inform LS staff that a double-page spread will be devoted to translation at the United Nations in the September issue of *UN Special*. All staff are invited to participate in this collective effort to increase awareness of our work and unique skill set. This is a great opportunity to showcase and defend our profession in time for International Translation Day. There will be a similar opportunity for other language professions in later editions.

Please send ideas and/or articles in English or French to the President by 1 August.

As in 2016, a breakfast will be held for International Translation Day. However, for logistical and planning reasons, no additional activities will be held in this conjunction.

¹ Unless otherwise stated, the opinions reflected herein represent staff suggestions and views collected by their representatives and are aimed at promoting communication between management and staff. In order to avoid misunderstandings, any comments or requests for corrections to the minutes should be submitted to the President of the LSSA only, for inclusion in the minutes of the following meeting.