EALTA - Special Interest Group for Signed Language Assessment (SIG for SIGN)

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Background
- Signed language assessment is a rather young field within sign language linguistics and sign language teaching.
- Due to the (emerging) implementation of the CEFR for different signed languages, such as Irish Sign Language, German Sign Language and Sign Language of the Netherlands, signed language assessment is becoming a very important issue within the community.

Goals of the SIG for SIGN
- To foster a network for Deaf and hearing professionals involved and interested in signed language assessment for different groups of signed language learners (e.g., L1, L2)
- The SIG for SIGN serves as a platform for exchange between the signed language assessment and the spoken language assessment communities
- The languages used for this SIG for SIGN are International Sign and English

Target groups
- (Signed) language test developers and researchers interested in signed languages and signed language assessment
- Signed language teachers and other professional groups involved in signed language assessment in an academic or non-academic context
- Teachers in primary and secondary school teaching deaf children

Activities
- To share information on conferences related to language assessment with the community of signed language developers and testers
- To disseminate information (publications, test materials) on signed language assessment in general and specifically related to the CEFR
- To investigate the international need for different purposes of signed language assessment
- To address issues related to methodological issues involved in test development
- To foster Web-based test formats for test delivery
- To organize/plan workshop/conference every 2-3 years before the EALTA conference

Forums of Exchange
- Mailing lists / Dropbox
- Social media (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn)
- Video/Skype conference
- Conferences