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European SignWriting Symposium
Brussels, Belgium, July 21-22, 2005

Hosted by Kasterlinden Bilingual School in Brussels, 33 researchers, teachers and software developers from 14 countries came together in an international forum to present and discuss their SignWriting projects.

SignWriting in Europe
http://www.SignWriting.org/europe

Photo left to right: Trevor Jenkins (UK), Ingvild Roald (Norway), Ulrike Nouck (Germany), Lars Majewski (Germany), Shane Ó hEorpa (Northern Ireland), Birgit Jacobsen (Germany), and Geoffrey Hunt (UK).
New Textbook on SignWriting
by Stefan Woehrmann, Osnabruck, Germany

This beautiful hard-backed textbook teaches SignWriting basics with lovely illustrations by the author himself. Stefan’s work with Deaf children is groundbreaking. His Mundbildschrift uses SignWriting Facial Expressions to teach Deaf children to read and speak.

Published in 2005 by Verlag Birgit Jacobsen:
www.gebaerden.de/produkte/gebaerdenschrift.html

Photo top right: Lucyna Długolecka, Poland, reads the new book on SignWriting by Stefan Woehrmann, which was on display at the Symposium. Photo at bottom: Stefan’s son, Gordian, is reading his father’s new book.
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Keynote Address on SignWriting
presented by Stefan Woehrmann at ICED 2005

The International Conference on Education of the Deaf (ICED), Maastricht, Netherlands, July 2005, included a Keynote Address by teacher Stefan Woehrmann from the Osnabruck School for the Deaf in Germany. Deaf children are reading, writing and speaking with more fluency because of SignWriting, which is used daily in Stefan’s classes. Stefan shared his positive results with some 800 attendees at ICED 2005.

SignWriting in Germany
http://www.SignWriting.org/germany

Photo above: Teacher Stefan Woehrmann with a Deaf student, who is using SignWriting to learn how to read and speak. The SignWriter DOS Computer Program is on the computer screen. This photo was taken from the Sehen Statt Hoeren Television Program about SignWriting, that was aired several times on German National Television, 2004-2005.
Flemish Deaf Children Use SignWriting
PowerPoint Presentation at ICED 2005

Kathleen Heylen and Sara Geudens presented their experiences as teachers to the ICED Conference in Maastricht, Netherlands, July 2005. Their PowerPoint presentation can be downloaded on the web:

Download PowerPoint Presentation
http://signwriting.org/belgium/kasterlinden12.html

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SignWriting in Norway
New Publications and Multiple Presentations

Dr. Ingvild Roald wrote a new textbook on SignWriting in 2005, entitled TEGNSKRIFT, and presented at several conferences, including the SignWriting Symposium in Brussels and the Norwegian Support System for Special Education Conference in Bergen, Norway.

SignWriting in Norway
http://www.SignWriting.org/norway

Above: A portion of a Poster Presentation by Dr. Ingvild Roald in 2005
SignPuddle Makes a Splash!
Web Dictionary Software for 39 Countries

Steve Slevinski's SignPuddle Online became a popular SignWriting-watering-hole in 2005, with sign language users all over the world writing and sharing signs directly on the web with each other.

SignPuddle Online
http://www.SignBank.org/signpuddle

Above: The French SignPuddle Dictionary on the web. SignPuddle helped SignWriting spread in 2005. Thirty-nine countries have their own SignPuddle dictionaries that are easy to use with free instruction and technical support.