

NRPSI appoints new Executive Director

13 May 2019: The National Register of Public Service Interpreters (NRPSI) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Orlov as its new Executive Director.

Mike replaces Stephen Bishop who, having successfully led the organisation for six years, is leaving to pursue a new professional challenge. In addition to having responsibility for all operational aspects of the organisation, Mike will work with the NRPSI Board to deliver NRPSI's strategy to maintain and develop professional interpreting standards. This includes launching the proposed new National Register of Public Service Translators and achieving the organisation's ultimate strategic aim of statutory regulation of the public service language profession.

With a background in media and publishing, Mike has extensive experience of working at board-level and a proven track record of directing and implementing change programmes to improve organisational performance. He has held senior positions in leading companies, both here in the UK and in the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, including News Group International, Northern & Shell, the London Evening Standard, The Mail on Sunday, and Reed, Turret and Haymarket.

Throughout his career, Mike has provided management consultancy, coaching, mentoring and training to associate professionals. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Leadership and Management (FInstLM), an experienced communicator, speaker and published business writer.

Ted Sangster, Chair of NRPSI: *"We are delighted to have recruited Mike Orlov. He has a great deal of experience in successfully delivering complex projects in challenging environments. His proven capabilities will be invaluable in helping us to take NRPSI forward, to deliver not only the new register of translators but also our goal of statutory regulation of the public service language profession. I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of the NRPSI Board to thank Stephen Bishop, whose achievements have put us in a strong position to pursue these strategic aims."*

Mike Orlov: *“I’m pleased to be joining NRPSI at such a pivotal and exciting time in its twenty-five-year history. I look forward to working with colleagues, Registrants and other key players to help secure the future of NRPSI and the public service language profession. I’m a great believer in the power of collaboration and that collectively we can achieve statutory regulation of the public service language profession and protection for professional linguists.”*

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About NRPSI

The National Register of Public Service Interpreters (NRPSI) is the UK’s independent voluntary Regulator of the public service interpreting profession. Funded by Registrants’ fees, it is a not-for-profit organisation. By maintaining interpreting standards, it safeguards the public. All Registrants – there are currently around 1,800 covering approximately 100 languages – satisfy rigorous entry criteria in terms of qualifications and experience, and demonstrate their commitment to professional standards by signing NRPSI’s Code of Professional Conduct. While NRPSI is a voluntary Regulator, its powers allow it to discipline and, ultimately, exclude a Registrant who breaks its Code of Professional Conduct. In this way, it can ensure that interpreters on the National Register, which is publicly available and searchable online for free, are appropriately qualified, have the level of competence claimed and employ best practice. <http://www.nrpsi.org.uk/>