

STSM Maria José Freire, Lisbon

Maria José stayed with us for a week, and during this intensive week she wanted to gather as much information as possible to work on her PhD.

She is responsible for the bachelor on Sign Language Interpreting in her institute ; therefore she had limited time to visit us.

Her research combines two major topics, that are also very much relevant in our faculty : terminology and term formation (neologisms) and this in Portuguese Sign Language. How new signs come up, how are they formed and assimilated by the Deaf community. She was working with videos and interviews with Deaf native speakers.

She got a lot of information on terminology and termformation, she worked with me and with colleagues from the terminology section, but most of her time went to the contacts with our section on sign language. The colleagues discussed with her the aspects of terminology and new signs, using international sign as a language of universal communication.

She also gave a guest lecture to the students in the signlanguage programme. Her time was filled with a large amount of contact building and information feed.

We were very happy to have her in our institute, and we invited her to come back another time, so as to be able to work in depth on her research questions.

Prof dr Frieda Steurs

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