



SOUNDINGS

Music of Our Lands and Our Lives

17TH INTERNATIONAL
HANDBELL SYMPOSIUM
JULY 26–30, 2016
VANCOUVER, CANADA

Clarification of Roles for Registration

You may have some questions regarding what role you should be using to register for the IHS2016 event or whether you need to register at all if you are planning to:

- ▶ offer a workshop session and are not interested in being a part of the massed ringing;
- ▶ attend as a representative of a national guild;
- ▶ attend as a spouse/companion or a family member of a ringing delegate.

We have had some similar questions from others so we have re-visited our role designations and registration procedures as a result of these various requests.

The various roles for which a ringing delegate can register are straight-forward and should be self-explanatory ('Individual Ringer', 'Member of an Attending Choir', 'Massed Ringing Conductor', etc.). The **SOUND EFFECTS Youth Track** delegate is a separate category.

NON-RINGING DELEGATES

The IHS2016 Planning Committee confirms that the role of '**Non-Ringing Delegate**' is designed for the spouse or companion of a full delegate, and is not intended to be a "catch-all" for handbell musicians who, for whatever reason, want to attend the symposium but do not want to participate in the massed ringing. If you are a handbell musician or a representative of an IHC-member guild attending the symposium, even if you are not ringing, you should register as a full delegate. We are happy to support any individual in finding a place within the massed ringing sessions if they are interested in being involved in that aspect of the symposium.

The exception is for those who are attending as a **Chaperone** or **Translator**, who should register under that role.

The non-ringing delegate role includes meals, social events and concerts that a ringing delegate's companion may wish to share with the delegate. While there will be no pre-arranged activities for non-ringing delegates, there will be an opportunity for them to meet together on the first day of the Symposium. A representative of Tourism Vancouver will also be available should they wish to make their own sightseeing arrangements.

PRESENTER

The IHS2016 PC has a role for '**Presenter**' that is solely for the purpose of being able to invite specific individuals to provide a workshop session, most likely not music or handbell related. For example, we plan to invite artists and performers from our First Nations communities to present culturally-focussed sessions on dance, drumming, history and cultures of Canada's First Peoples, etc. This role provides a one-time opportunity to visit the conference site just to present their session, and does not include any meals, social events or concerts.

VOLUNTEERS

The role of '**Volunteer**' is not included in the on-line registration process. Individuals wishing to volunteer simply sign up as a volunteer with Kathie Zalasky, the IHS2016 Volunteer Coordinator, zalasky@shaw.ca, who will track, organize, schedule and liaise with all volunteers. A volunteer shows up on-site for his/her particular shift and leaves when it is completed. Unlike any of the official delegate roles, volunteers pay nothing, but they will not have access to any of the concerts (unless they purchase tickets for the one or two concerts that will be open to the public), workshops, massed ringing sessions, and will not be included in any of the on-site delegate meals. They will receive minor compensation in the form of a gift card for a nearby food court, expected to be in the range of \$15 for every shift worked (to be confirmed).

In some cases, particularly for members of the host guilds (BCGEHR and HGC), a ringing delegate may also be interested in acting as a Volunteer and we will be happy to accept such offers and find suitable opportunities that do not negatively impact their attendance, such as acting as a host in a workshop session, greeting or providing directions.

SOUND EFFECTS YOUTH TRACK CHAPERONE

The SEYT Chaperone role is separate and different from an IHS2016 chaperone. The registration fee is different, they register only for the days of the Youth Track (July 28–30), and chaperones must be vetted by the planning committee and agree to a criminal record check.



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