

At the 2009 World Service Business Conference, delegates worldwide were introduced to the obstacles that many of our members face when they speak a language other than English, the language spoken by most OA members and the primary language at the World Service Office. Many of us monolingual delegates never realized the scope of difficulties that our international friends face. Delegates received a letter written in several mysterious languages and were asked to read it. Chances are the many of us were unable to translate most of the nine languages represented in this message.

The translation of the letter into the English language is now posted. Please read this document carefully. We strongly encourage you to take this letter and discuss this issue in your local groups and service bodies. How can we help those speaking different languages join this program? Think about what you and your fellow members could do to make OA more accessible to those who don't speak your language. Do you have multi-lingual members who can help start a meeting? What else can you do? Every action, no matter how small, that can be done to reach out to such people can save their lives.

Thank you for taking on this unique challenge that will bring fresh voices to our Fellowship. Your service is an important part of the success of our program's outreach to compulsive eaters all over the world who would otherwise be without hope.

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How would you feel if you needed Overeaters Anonymous to help you recover from compulsive eating and its physical, emotional, and spiritual damage, but they could not provide essential literature, books, or even the 12 Steps in your language?

What if your Intergroup wanted to send a delegate to the World Service Business Conference, but could not read the registration forms because they were printed in a language that none of your members understand? Would you give up in frustration and not send the delegate? Your Intergroup would then be excluded from the worldwide group conscience.

What if you needed advice from the fellowship on how to carry the message of recovery to your local communities, but the Public Information Manual that the World Service Office sent you isn't available in your native language?

Even in areas where only one language is generally spoken, there are a significant number of people who speak different languages exclusively. They cannot join Overeaters Anonymous because there are no meetings or literature available in their languages. In each of the Regions of OA, even those located in English-speaking countries, the population speaks many languages.

In OA, we all have the responsibility to extend the hand and heart of Overeaters Anonymous not only to still-suffering compulsive eaters who speak your language, but to everyone, no matter what language they speak. This task is certainly more challenging in our multi-lingual Regions, but immigration and globalization will make this issue universal to all ten Regions.

We must carry the message to anyone and everyone in our Regions who need and want recovery. We must find ways to reach out to those not speaking the dominant language of our communities. How do we prepare our Intergroups, Regions, and Service Boards to meet the challenge?

It is important that you take this note to your groups, Intergroups, and other service bodies to make others aware and discuss this issue. What steps will your service body take? Will your Region and Intergroup form a committee to discuss ideas and create an action plan? With the help of the World Service Office, your service body can start reaching out to those speaking the second-most common language in your area, and maybe even to a third language group. Let us work together to reach out to the world, one step at a time!

The translation of this "take-away" letter in English and other languages will be posted on the OA website in the next few months. We will announce when the translation is available. We hope that you have an increased awareness of the Language outreach challenges that we as a fellowship face. Please send your feedback and ideas to your Region Chair, or the Translations Committee at the World Service Office. We look forward to your fresh and creative ideas on how to carry the message of recovery to all.

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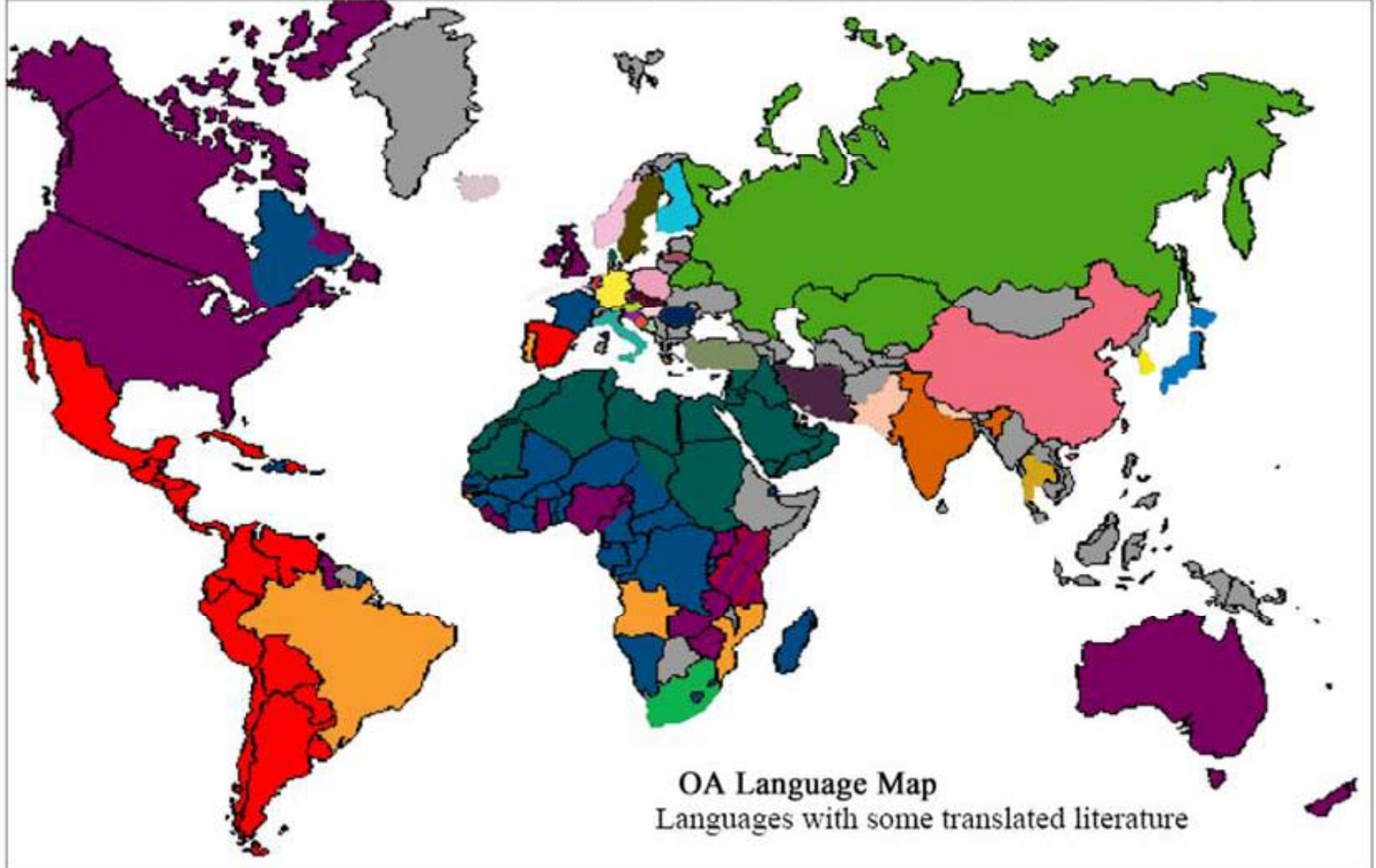
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THE MANY LANGUAGES OF RECOVERY

Region Chairs Forum

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OA Language Map
 Languages with some translated literature

世界各国に伸びていくOAが直面する、あらゆるサービスレベルでの多言語によるコミュニケーションの問題点と解決策の可能性について、WSBC代表者たちの意識と関心を高めるためには。

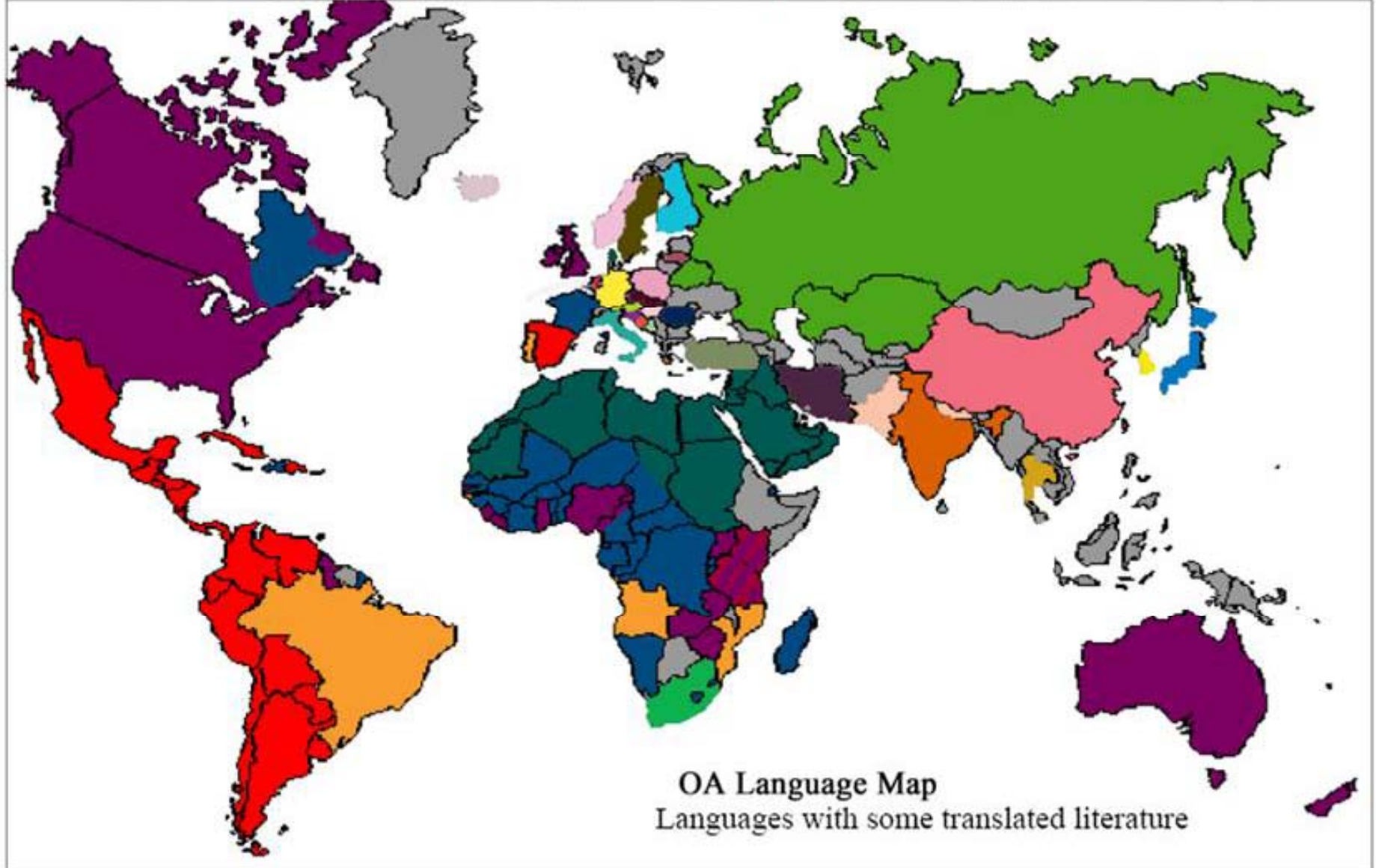
Forum purpose

To focus attention of delegates at WSBC on the issues, problems and potential solutions at all service levels related to the multi-language nature of our Fellowship.

Languages OA documents have been translated into -
via WSO licensing process

- Afrikaans
- Arabic
- Dutch
- Farsi
- Finnish
- Flemish
- French
- **German**
- Greek
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- Icelandic
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The 10 most commonly translated OA documents (part 1)

- Commitment To Abstinence
 - Afrikaans, Dutch, Farsi, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Icelandic, Portuguese, Spanish
- A Program of Recovery
 - Afrikaans, Farsi, Finnish, Flemish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Icelandic, Japanese, Spanish
- The Tools of Recovery
 - Afrikaans, Farsi, Finnish, Flemish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Icelandic, Japanese, Spanish
- Before You Take That First Compulsive Bite
 - Dutch, Flemish, French, German, Greek, Icelandic, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish
- The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA
 - Dutch, Farsi, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Portuguese, Spanish

The 10 most commonly translated OA documents (part 2)

- The Twelve-Step Workbook
 - Dutch, Farsi, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Portuguese, Swedish, Spanish
- To the Newcomer
 - Afrikaans, Dutch, Finnish, Flemish, French, German, Hebrew, Spanish, Turkish
- OA Is Not a Diet Club
 - Farsi, Flemish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish
- Many Symptoms, One Solution
 - French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, Hebrew, Italian, Spanish, Swedish
- For Today
 - French, German, Greek, Japanese, Portuguese, Hebrew, Spanish

Countries known to have non-English speaking OA groups

- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- Columbia
- Costa Rica
- Egypt
- France
- Finland
- Germany
- Greece
- Guatemala
- Holland
- Iceland
- Iran
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea
- Mexico
- Norway
- Puerto Rico
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Venezuela

WSO sent the recent survey in the following 26 languages

- Arabic
- Bosnian
- Czech
- Danish
- Finnish
- Flemish
- French
- German
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Hungarian
- Icelandic
- Italian
- Japanese
- Maltese
- Norwegian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Slovenian
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- Swedish
- Thai
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Countries with registered OA meetings

grouped by number of meetings (part 1)

- 4613 groups
 - USA
- 300-400 groups
 - MEXICO , CANADA
- 100-200 groups
 - ENGLAND, GERMANY, ISRAEL, BRAZIL
- 50-99 groups
 - AUSTRALIA, ITALY, SPAIN, NEW ZEALAND, IRELAND, FRANCE, COLOMBIA, JAPAN, SWEDEN
- 10-19 groups
 - VENEZUELA, SWITZERLAND, DENMARK, GREECE, BELGIUM, SCOTLAND, ARGENTINA, NETHERLANDS, POLAND, ICELAND

Countries with registered OA meetings

grouped by number of meetings (part 2)

- 5 -9 groups
 - SOUTH AFRICA, GUATEMALA , FINLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND, COSTA RICA, AUSTRIA, CUBA, WALES, INDIA
- 3-4 groups
 - CHINA, IRAN, SLOVENIA, URUGUAY, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, MALTA, NORWAY, THAILAND
- 2 groups
 - HONDURAS, ARUBA, LATVIA, RUSSIA, SLOVAKIA, TURKEY, ZIMBABWE, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- 1 group
 - EGYPT, GIBRALTAR, HUNGARY, KENYA, NIGERIA, OMAN, PAKISTAN, QATAR, TRINIDAD, SAINT KITTS, SAINT LUCIA, BARBADOS, BERMUDA, CHILE, ECUADOR, LUXEMBOURG, BOSNIA & HERZEGOV, CAYMAN ISLANDS, SOUTH KOREA, CZECH REPUBLIC, EL SALVADOR

AA 'BIG BOOK' translations

(Plus *12x12 in Italics*)

- AFRIKAANS
- ARABIC
- *ARMENIAN*
- *BULGARIAN*
- *CHINESE*
- *CROATIAN*
- *CZECH*
- DANISH
- FLEMISH
- FILIPINO
- FINNISH
- FRENCH
- GERMAN
- *GREEK*
- HEBREW
- *HUNGARIAN*
- ICELANDIC
- INDONESIAN
- ITALIAN
- JAPANESE
- KHMER
- KOREAN
- *LATVIAN*
- *LITHUANIAN*
- *MONGOLIAN*
- NEPALI
- NORWEGIAN
- PERSIAN
- *POLISH*
- PORTUGUESE
- *ROMANIAN*
- *RUSSIAN*
- SINHALA
- SLOVAK
- *SLOVENE*
- *SPANISH*
- *SWAHILI*
- SWEDISH
- THAI
- *TURKISH*
- *UKRAINIAN*
- URDU
- VIETNAMESE
- *BRAILLE*

Countries with OA meetings but no OA language translations recorded by WSO

- Bosnia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- India
- Hungary
- South Korea
- Latvia
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Poland
- Russia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Thailand

On line meetings in other languages

- Spanish – 3
- Scandinavian - 2



Languages with translation volunteers

- Austrian
- Dutch
- Flemish
- French
- German
- Hebrew
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Russian
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FORUM FEEDBACK

Closing Comments

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