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I have been with the **Washington Delegation** as a **Local Staff** member for more than 26 years, since 1986. At present I am part of the team of the Science, Technology & Education section, and prior to 2002 in the Head of Delegation's team.

My staff representation activities have spanned about the same number of years, both on the local level and the "Outside the EU" Section of the Staff Committee in its present form and pre-existing 'regional' level.

As a European living in the USA I am sensitive to issues encountered by both our local staff and expatriates while working in a Delegation.

While all of us are motivated to make the EU a success story, the staff who makes it happen needs to equally remain motivated in their working environment.

Staff should not have to spend their valuable time on administrative problems. Unfortunately, over the years I have seen too many staff issues crop up, being resolved, only to resurface a few years later as 'new' problems. To deal with this, '**Social Dialogue**' has become a key element and accepted as such by both Administration and Staff, but its full implementation far from being achieved. We cannot let it become a simple buzzword. We need to keep working on improving this dialogue. I am fully dedicated to pursue this and the USHU team and its allying trade unions will work diligently together to defend your interests, but we can't do it alone. We need your support!