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◆ **Prague is ready to take off** ◆

The Organizing Committee is putting the final touches needed to create a perfect Congress that will conclude a long series of Intersteno Congresses held in Europe. In 2009 the new Congress will be in Pekin (China).

All information is released and updated in www.intersteno.org and www.intersteno.cz, so stay tuned.

The Vice President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic, **Jan Kasal** assumed the patronage of our Congress and sent this letter to the Organizing Committee:

I am pleased to assume the patronage of the World Championships in Information Processing associated with the International Congress of Intersteno 2007. Due to the extraordinary success of our representatives at the last world championship Prague acquired the privilege of arranging the contest after more than 40 years. Such a large amount of medals won on an international scale is a huge success for our country. I wish we could be as successful in other areas as we are in word processing! The odds are that such appreciation in other areas might be acknowledged with even greater interest and respect.



I believe the pursuit of both aims in the Czech Republic will help to increase the prestige of this contest and will bring to the notice of the public these unjustly neglected but very useful skills. My experience of working in the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic has convinced me of the importance of good quality and fast word processing because it is vital that information is presented to us in a manner that enables us to appreciate the sense of it. Meeting the representatives of Interinfo CR persuaded me that such valuable skills can, in addition to being such an essential part of our everyday life, become a hobby for others, providing a competitive and entertaining environment..

I wish good luck to the Czech organizers of the world championship and the Intersteno congress, and to all participants, both in their competitive and in professional lives. I am already looking forward to a meeting and I believe that we will be at least as successful as we were at the last championships in 2005.

Jan Kasal

The following leading personalities also assumed personal patronage:

- the President of the Economic Chamber of Czech Republic, **Jaromír Drábek**.
- Parliamentarian **Michaela Šojdrová**, Vicechairwoman of the Committee for science, learning, culture, youth and physical training:
- The General Director of the National Library, **Vlastimil Ježek**,

◆ How much? ◆

Congress Participation fees - compulsory for everyone attending the Congress and including the farewell gala dinner during prize awarding

4700 CZK

Competition participation fee, which permits attendance at any of the 7 competitions

1000 CZK

These fees will be valid **until 31st May 2007**. After that date they will be **increased to 5700 CZK** for the Congress Fee and **1200 CZK for competition fee**.

Registrations will be accepted up to, but not later than, 10th July 2007.

You can calculate these amounts in [your currency by clicking on this link](#)

The farewell dinner on Thursday evening, will take place in the wonderful **Žofín**, neo-Renaissance building on Slavonic Island. It acquired its present appearance in 1886, and was restored in 1992 - 1994.



A traditional place where important social and cultural events are held. It provides an exclusive environment for concerts, balls, congresses, gala receptions and business events, and offers exquisite services. Part of the building is a restaurant with a garden. All rooms are air-conditioned.

You can start admiring it and dreaming about being there. [see this link](#). You can also take a virtual tour.

◆ What about competitions? ◆

Competitions will certify abilities in

- Text production
- Text correction
- Professional Word processing
- Steno/Speech capturing
- Realtime speech capturing
- Correspondence and minute taking
- Steno/Speech capturing in several languages

Special attention will be given to **disabled people**, for whom **separate classifications lists will be issued**.

A synthesis of the features of each kind of competition [is available here](#).

◆ **Competitions rules** ◆

A new document has been prepared, which includes all kind of competitions and contains **important differences from past competitions**. Competitors are strongly recommended [to read it now](#). This document is available in English, French and German on our traditional web sites.

◆ **Which topics will be covered in the lectures?** ◆

They will be coordinated by Mark Golden(USA) as follows:

Session 1 (afternoon of 23 July) will focus on the technology and technical capabilities and limitations of capturing words and processing text (including everything from written shorthand to text entry to stenographic shorthand and voice recognition).

Session 2 (morning of 24 July) will cover applications or uses of the technology in different environments, and the social/economic value of the profession

◆ **Parliamentary reporters are welcome**◆

To the special IPRS meeting on Sunday 23rd when several important items will be discussed. These include:

- * The way in which parliamentary reporting services are adapting themselves to the use of new technologies.
- * How do these technologies influence the standards of the profession and the organization of the service?
- * What new services can be delivered to the MPs and the public, making use of new technologies and is this a task for parliamentary reporters or for others either inside or outside the service?

A visit to the Czeck Parliament is also planned.

Registration must be done using the form available at www.intersteno.org or www.intersteno.cz

Thanks to Peter Walker for revising these texts.

◆ **This newsletter in PDF format.** ◆

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