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The venue of our Congress in Beijing.



On 4th June the Chinese Committee signed an agreement for the use of the **OLYMPIC SPORTS CENTRUM STADIUM** as the venue of our Congress.

The new venue is located inside the big area which was devoted to the Olympic Games in 2008. This location has good connections with the centre of the town as well as with the airport.

Address: Anding Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing on the 1st.

The recommended hotel for this new venue is: **National Olympic Sports Center Hotel** (only 5 minutes' walk from the venue).



Those who have not yet booked accommodation can do so by contacting Ms Wei Xia -by e-mail weixia770@sina.com. The cost of the room (single or double occupancy) is **40 euro per night**. It is possible to add a third bed in the rooms, with a price difference of 20 euro.

Tel: 86-10 64910948 <http://www.hotelaoti.com>

The nearest subway is Line 10. From the hotel to the entrance is about 600 m. From the airport to the hotel there is an airport bus: Line 5. This goes to ZhongGuanCun station. You should get off at YaYunCun station. The price is 1.6 euro/person. The hotel can offer bus services at reasonable rates.

Additional information will be released in good time on our web site, together with details of the timings of the events planned for the Congress.

Exhibition, IPRS meeting and Conferences at the Congress

Exhibitors will show their products and services in the lobby area of the **National Olympic Sports Centre Hotel**.

The IPRS meeting and the Conferences will be held in the rooms of the same hotel.

www.intersteno.cn launched.

The new web site was officially released on 10th June and contains information about the activities in preparation of our big event.

If you are not familiar with the Chinese language you can click on 'English' in the upper right corner of the page, and get an automatic translation.



Internet contest 2009

On 15th May the Internet contest was concluded. A total of **1214 competitors** from 166 schools took part. It was possible to compete from 14th April till 15th May, notwithstanding that more than half competed during the last 10 days.

The diplomas were printed and delivered by 22nd May so that every teacher had them in good time to present to their students before the end of the school term.



This photo shows the Turkish team of the young competitors who took part in the Internet competition.

They travel from their elementary schools after classes or at weekends to attend specific courses in Istanbul, learning how to touch type.

Sezin Aktürk is the youngest of this group. Not only did he achieve a speed of 398 characters per minutes, he was also successful **in four additional languages**.

0-12 years old										
Place	Surname and name	Town/Nation	School/Association	Strokes per minute	Total strokes	Errors	error %	Points	Language	Software
1	Sezin Aktürk	Istanbul, TR	60. Anadolu İÖO ve Şampiyon Kursları	398	3984	8	0.201	3584	TR	JAVA
2	FATİH KAYACI	İZMİR, TR	ÖZEL OLGUN İLKÖĞRETİM OKULU	372	3728	6	0.161	3428	TR	JAVA
3	Koray Demirbaş	Istanbul, TR	Küçük Ülkü İÖO ve Şampiyon Kursları	353	3536	10	0.283	3036	TR	JAVA
4	Kunzová Kateřina	Karviná, CZ	ZŠ Dělnická	331	3319	7	0.211	2969	CZ	ZAV
5	Ella Flaum	Neukirchen, DE	Steno- und Maschinenschreibverein Neukirchen 1980 e. v.	291	2914	5	0.172	2664	DE	ZAV
6	Hendrych Petr	Opava 5, CZ	ZŠ Šrámkova - příspěv.org.	261	2614	14	0.536	1914	CZ	ZAV
7	Břicháčková Kristýna	Město Albrechtice, CZ	ZŠ Město Albrechtice	210	2107	4	0.190	1907	CZ	ZAV
8	Ondrašík Daniel	Město Albrechtice, CZ	ZŠ Město Albrechtice	211	2118	6	0.283	1818	CZ	ZAV
9	Mehveç Altay	İzmir, TR	İşıkent Eğitim Kampüsü	186	1860	5	0.269	1610	TR	JAVA
10	TURGUT ALP NEŞELİ	BURSA, TR	EMİNE ÖRNEK İLKÖĞRETİM OKULU	212	2124	13	0.612	1474	TR	JAVA

Although the young Turkish competitors won the first three places, it is important to remember the excellent results of the others from the **Czech Republic and Germany**. They are important examples and show that keyboarding for elementary schools is becoming a reality. This is a topic that will be discussed in a specific report to be presented at the conference in Beijing.

We congratulate these young competitors and their teachers on their success and we are sure that we will see their names again in the next competitions.

High level competitors from USA

Last year, for the first time, a competitor from USA took part in the Internet contest. He was **Mr. Daniel Chen**, who successfully wrote in 15 languages, thus achieving first place in the multilanguage classification in the 17-20 age category.

Daniel Chen was a student at the Harvard University of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and this year he replicated last year's high scores with the same quantity of languages, attaining first place in the age category 21-99.

In our e-news n. 29 (June 2008) you can read his curriculum.



This year another young American participated. He is also based in Cambridge where he attends the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

His name is Jelani Nelson and he was also successful in writing at 628 cpm in his mother tongue.

Here is the message he wrote to our USA Representative Ms. Virgine Biggers:

I am a 3rd-year computer science PhD student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, where I work in the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory's Theory of Computation group. I live just 30 minutes' walking distance from Daniel Chen (who currently has the highest multilingual and mother-tongue scores in this year's Intersteno Internet contest), though we have never met in real life.

I first learned to properly touch-type approximately 12 years ago while in 8th grade, though I had used keyboards before that as well, and had also played piano. My 8th grade computer science teacher, Mr. Erensel, used to make all his students play "Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing" for the first 15 minutes of every class.

That practice increased my speed to about 120wpm with fairly good accuracy. When I got to college, there was a time when I often practiced typing on Typera (<http://typera.tk>, I'm "Minilek"). I also sometimes practice on Dactylo Zone (<http://www.typingzone.com>), TypeRacer (<http://www.typeracer.com>), and the Typing Speed application on

Facebook.

This practice, together with everyday use of my computer, has helped me maintain/improve my speed. These days, my speed typically fluctuates between 160wpm and 190wpm, depending on text difficulty and my state of mind.

I heard about Intersteno through Dactylo Zone and thought I'd try out this year's online contest. I would like to thank the organizers for putting the contest together.

We congratulate these young men: it is a pity that they cannot be this year with us in Beijing and we hope to meet them at the next Congress of 2011.

We hope that, following their example, and with wider dissemination of information to American teachers, it will be possible to have a bigger quantity of competitors from this important nation.

Competition in Dubrovnik (Croatia)

The national competition in business administration for two professions (Administrative Secretary and Junior Administrative Clerk) was held in Dubrovnik on the 5th and 6th of May 2009 organised by the Agency for Vocational Education, the National Commission and the host school.

The competitors from the Administrative Secretary branch had, for the first time, the opportunity to participate in the Intersteno 2009 competition online.



Intersteno Board meeting in Paris 29th-31st May

All members of the Board met in Paris at the end of May and had the opportunity to visit two possible venues for the Congress in Paris in 2011, if a decision on this location is taken.

A lot of topics were evaluated and an audio-conference via Skype was

arranged with China in order to share information about the latest steps in the Congress organisation.

As already announced at the beginning of this e-news the venue of the Congress has been finally chosen, and good hotel accommodation in the neighbourhood has been suggested.

A Jury Member will most probably go to Beijing at the beginning of July to coordinate and check that everything is in line with the needs of the world-wide competitions.

Due to the uncertainty over the new venue and the late release of the final information, several persons did not register in good time for the Congress and competitions. It was therefore decided to postpone the deadline for registrations up to 15th June, with the exception of China, whose competitors and others taking part in the Congress will be able to register up to 15th July.

The Board examined the documents sent in by China and specifically the proposal to set up an education committee. A positive decision was taken. This Committee will be included in the Scientific Committee, and a formal document will be submitted for discussion and approval to the Council members in Beijing. It was agreed that **education** will be the *leitmotiv* of the next two years of Intersteno.



In this photo, all members of the Board and guests, together with a few members of Interinfo France and the Representative of the Tourist Office of Paris. (picture by Mr Zaviacic)

Intersteno General Assembly in Beijing

The General Assembly will take place on 20th August in the Beijing Olympic Sports Center at 11.00 am. If the necessary quorum to change the constitution is not reached as per art. 23.3 and 23.4 of our Constitution, a new General Assembly will be held at 11.30 am on the same day and in the same location, to which you are kindly invited.

AGENDA of the General Assembly

1	Registration and counting of the delegates present
2	Report of the President and the Secretary-Treasurer
3	Discussion and approval of the reports of the President and the Secretary-Treasurer
4	Financial report of the Auditing Committee - Approval of the accounts
5	Budget
6	Proposal on changing the Constitution (see annexed document)
7	Members
8	Appointment of the extra delegates in the General Assembly
9	Membership fees for national groups and individual members
10	Election of the Board: President, Vice-president, Secretary-Treasurer and two other members
11	Nomination of the Auditing Committee - new council
12	Next Congress
13	Reflection on the future by the new President
14	Miscellaneous

Proposal to change the constitution **Articles 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 18, 21, 23, 24 and 25**: changing *individual member* everywhere to ?? *associated member* to avoid misunderstandings about the use of the wording *individual member*.

Article 13 13.1 *A quorum shall consist of one-half of the National groups whose membership fees are current and paid in full at the time of the Council meeting. The Council is normally entitled to take decisions whenever a quorum is present.* 13.2 *The Council decides with 50 % + 1 of votes. The representatives of the National Groups, attending the meeting, have one vote each. The Board as a body has also one vote. An equal division of votes means a rejection.*

NCRA Convention - August 6-9 - National Harbour - Maryland (Metro Washington D.C. area)

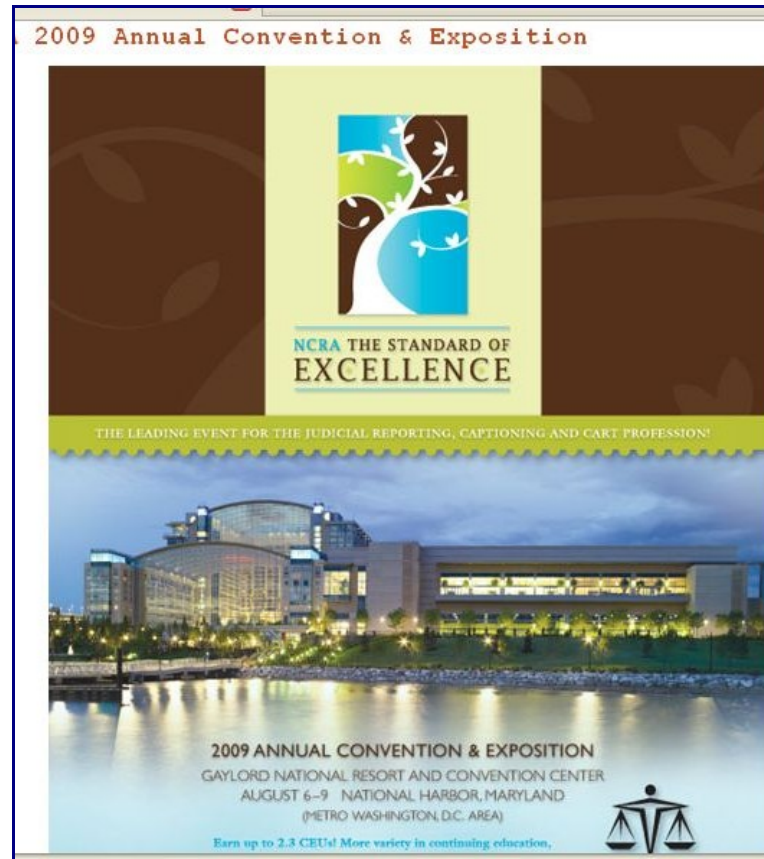
August 2009 is full of events: besides our Congress in China, our American friends of NCRA are having their convention just a few days beforehand.

It is a pity that this planning does not permit us to take part in both events. The NCRA convention is full of interesting meetings on the many aspects of reporting activity which are facing changes in technology. There are also the human reactions that are linked to the current uncertainties at a world-wide level.

Among the many seminars we would like to underline that dedicated to Certified Legal Video Specialist (CLVS)

This half-day program is designed for CLVSs, freelance reporters or court reporting firm owners who are interested in expanding their knowledge in this specialty. While this is an opportunity to learn about new products in the marketplace, each session will be presented by well-respected vendors in the industry, so the discussions will be product-specific.

Another important meeting is dedicated to the skills needed to become a Certified Manager of Reporting Services. Here the evolution of the reporting market needs new type of manager who is able to take responsibility for the many activities involved in operating an efficient company.



NVRA Convention in Nashville -Opryland 26-29th August 2009.

NVRA Annual Convention - Opryland
AUGUST 26, 2009 THROUGH AUGUST 29, 2009

**2009 NVRA Convention
"Ticket to Success"**

Nashville. The very name evokes vivid images - a single spotlight illuminating a microphone...stately Southern mansions...and MUSIC. What is the "Nashville Sound"? Well, it certainly has a country overlay, but the music that is written, produced and performed in Nashville extends well beyond Country Music borders. All genres are celebrated in Music City.

And, the Gaylord Opryland Hotel invites you to experience the energy and excitement of Music City. Prepare to be amazed at the hotel's nine acres of indoor gardens, cascading waterfalls and an indoor river with its own Delta flatboat. All under cover and set to the perfect temperature for this late August meeting.

TENTATIVE Schedule at a Glance -
See complete program details by clicking on the link below: "View Complete Convention Agenda"

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

11:00am-5:00pm	Convention Registration Desk Open
1:00-5:00pm	CVR Workshop (separate registration required)*
1:00pm - 6:00pm	NVRA Board of Directors Meeting
6:30pm	Reception for Military Reporters
Free Evening	Evening on Your Own in Nashville - see committee recommendations on complete program details

Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee
2800 Opryland Drive
Nashville, TN 37214
 Map
 Event

For complete info about this event of our American Associated Member, please visit <http://www.nvra.org/displayconvention.cfm>.

Besides formal meetings and certification activity, several speakers will present the latest developments in voice writing products showing how to use them for the best results.

WHAT'S NEW?

The info herewith is based upon reliable information gathered from various sources, but it is not intended as an advertisement of products, services or producers.

Windows 7 in Europe without Internet Explorer

To deal with the European Union's anti-trust laws, Microsoft plans to ship the new operating system Windows 7 in Europe without the company's Internet Explorer Web browser. The release of Windows 7 in Europe is planned for the end of October next.

The move comes in response to a complaint filed in 2007 with the European Commission by Opera, the Oslo, Norway-based browser developer. Opera claimed that Microsoft illegally bundled Internet Explorer with the Windows operating system.

That case is pending and a decision could come soon. The commission, the executive branch of the European Union, issued a preliminary ruling in January that Microsoft had violated European competition law by including Internet Explorer in Windows since 1996.

"Given the pending legal proceeding, we've decided that instead of including Internet Explorer in Windows 7 in Europe, we will offer it separately and on an easy-to-install basis to both computer manufacturers and users," said Dave Heiner, Microsoft's vice president and deputy general counsel, in a statement posted on a company blog on legal issues.

Internet Explorer rivals in the browser market include Mozilla Firefox, Apple Safari and Google Chrome, as well as Opera. While Microsoft continues to dominate 65.5 its share has eroded over time with the growing popularity of Firefox. In 2004, Microsoft had 90 percent of the browser market.

Windows 7 will come with Internet Explorer 8 on computers sold outside Europe.

iPhone 3G now available (32 and 64 G)

Friday 18th June: the new Apple iPhone 3 G is on sale. It has several improvements over the previous version including a wider keyboard for facilitating the writing of messages and texts.

It can be used also with voice commands.



Many thanks to Peter Walker for the revision of these texts

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