



INTERSTENO at the International OPPD Workshop on Technical options for capturing and reporting parliamentary proceedings

INTERSTENO aims to provide an international forum for all people who work as professionals, are studying to become professionals or just take an interest in the following domains of activity: reporting, text and information processing, secretariat.

For more information, please read the leaflet about INTERSTENO that will be distributed during this International OPPD Workshop on Technical options for capturing and reporting parliamentary proceedings or look at www.intersteno.org.

IPRS - INTERSTENO parliamentary and other reporters' section

In 1993 the INTERSTENO Parliamentary Reporters' Section (IPRS) was set up within the framework of INTERSTENO. The aim of the IPRS is to provide a professional organization in order to enable parliamentary reporters to cooperate to improve the services they provide to democratic parliaments, both national and federal, throughout the world. This is of increasing importance as new technology revolutionizes the traditional methods of producing and publishing the verbatim reports of parliamentary proceedings.

Through the years IPRS has proved to be a very interesting forum for all kind of professional reporters, specifically parliamentary and court reporters. That's why the name has been changed in INTERSTENO Parliamentary and other Reporters' Section.

INTERSTENO and IPRS itself have a long and deep experience in reporting techniques and reporting and are willing to sustain those countries that aim to develop parliamentary reporting by sharing best practices and know-how. This is a fundamental step in order to improve the degree of democracy, as the report of legislative assemblies allow citizens to be acquainted about the national policy.

The activities of IPRS are coordinated by the Board of INTERSTENO, specifically by Ms. Rian Schwarz-van Poppel (also team manager of the Dutch Parliamentary Reporting Office). Unfortunately she will not be able to attend the International OPPD Workshop on Technical options for capturing and reporting parliamentary proceedings; at the moment she is in the United States to represent INTERSTENO at two congresses of court reporters.

However, Dr. Fausto Ramondelli will represent INTERSTENO at the International OPPD Workshop. Dr. Ramondelli is one of the founders of IPRS. He was a coordinator of IPRS for several years and he is a professional reporter of the Italian Senate.

In October 2010 an IPRS Meeting will be held in Budapest. Topics on the agenda of that meeting are consistent with the topics that will be discussed at the International OPPD Workshop. Besides INTERSTENO has now an Education Committee. Together with the INTERSTENO Scientific Committee, the Education Committee examines the training needs of new reporters who have to deal with new technologies. INTERSTENO is also willing to support local needs for certification of the basic skills of reporters. In fact INTERSTENO is open to any kind of technology and to foster the best professional use of them. Conferences at the INTERSTENO Congress have always had an open mind for different ways of reporting. At the last Congress, two reports were presented on automatic transcript of speeches (Japan parliament and Italian assemblies). They are available at www.intersteno.org. Professor Tatsuya Kawahara, who is a member of our scientific committee, will contribute to this meeting with updated information about the drawing up of reports at the Japanese Diet, supported by automatic transcript of speech.

It may be clear, OPPD and INTERSTENO/IPRS have a lot in common. Therefore, INTERSTENO/IPRS hopes and aims for close cooperation in future.

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