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◆ **Internet competition.** ◆

The third edition of this competition is now running. There are 670 competitors from 13 countries who are using Zav and Java-Olivo software. The results for each competitor are published in real-time and the consolidated classification lists are available each Sunday on [www.intersteno.at](http://www.intersteno.at), [www.intersteno.it](http://www.intersteno.it) and [www.intersteno.org](http://www.intersteno.org).

This competition is supported by the Italian Ministry of Education, university and research, as well as other organisations, and provides a wonderful opportunity for teachers and students to enter into the professional and motivating influence of the Intersteno family.

◆ **Parliamentary meeting in Vienna.** ◆

The Vienna Congress will be dedicating three specific events to parliamentary and assembly reporters. The first is on Sunday 24th June at 9.00 a.m. in the VHS Room of the Schulzentrum in Längenfeldengasse when two members of the staff of the Official Report at the House of Commons in London will speak of their experience. **Vivian Widgery** (Deputy Editor, House of Commons Official Report) and **Emma Brazier** (Committee sub-editor) will, respectively, approach the topic from the management and the union points of view.

On the same occasion, **Pavel Dibelka**, Head of the Stenographic Service of the in Czech Parliament, will speak about the situation and future tasks of this Service.

**Monika Meyer** of the Austrian Parliament will release a speech (Off the record - Merry tales about the work in Parliament) during the session of Conference on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

The following day there, at 9.00, there will be a visit to the Austrian Parliament.

◆ **New or renewed Intersteno web sites.** ◆

Turkey has fully renewed and improved the contents of its website at the new address [www.interstenoturk.com](http://www.interstenoturk.com). This site was a surprise gift from an important group of co-operators for our Honorary President, Ishan Yener. A lot of information is included.

The same applies to the new web-site prepared by the President of the Intersteno Group in France, Madame Jacqueline Bertin-Maieux. The new address is [www.intersteno-france.org](http://www.intersteno-france.org).

[www.intersteno.be](http://www.intersteno.be) is the new web-site of the Intersteno Group in Belgium. This site is still under construction, but several pages are already available.

◆ **Learning traditional shorthand with new electronic media.** ◆

E-learning is taking the first steps in spreading the learning of shorthand. An example of Pitman shorthand can be seen at <http://www.stenold.org/onlineshand.html>, an Indian organisation which has also recently delivered diplomas for a training course with the Kistler steno systems, invented by a Swiss-Americans who claims that his system is compatible with the computer. We

hope to have additional information if the President of this organisation comes to Vienna, as he is planning to do.



Training with CD rom was projected in year 2002 for the Stolze-Schrey system by the Swiss association **SSV and presented at the Intersteno Congress in Rome.**

A new project which combines **CD and e-learning modules is under development** by a group of three ladies from German and Austria. An outlines of this module can be seen at [www.esteno.de](http://www.esteno.de) and will be presented in July at the Vienna Congress.

This project is based on the Unified System of Shorthand used in Germany and Austria

#### ◆ **Discovering the messages from the past.** ◆

"*Diary 1943-1945. War, Banishment, Imprisonment, Back to home*", is the title of a 213 page book recently published in Roma. The author is **Amedeo Ventura** an Italian lieutenant during the Second World War, who has now passed away. Amedeo was a shorthand teacher and used this ability to write thoughts, impressions and considerations during this sad period of his life. He used a very small notebook and after finishing it, he used recycled paper, like that used for preparing cigarettes. After nearly 60 years one of his sons was eager to know the contents of these notes and he contacted the Italian group of Intersteno after an Internet search. He was put in contact with **Anna Maria Trombetti** (member of Accademia Aliprandi - Florence). She did some very difficult work because the paper had been damaged over the years, although the shorthand outlines were perfectly written. This is another instance of Intersteno acting as a bridge between different interests and areas of knowledge.

#### ◆ **Holland - Keyboarding Marathon.** ◆

From **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2005** a keyboarding marathon will be held in Holland. The marathon begins on Friday at 19.00 and ends on Saturday at 19.00. **Four teams of four persons each (two from Germany, one from Belgium and one from Holland)** will type for 24 hours. Every team member types for one hour, gets three hours' rest and is then on again. In this way every team **will type for 24 hours**. The aim is to get an entry in the Guinness Book of Records. If possible that a junior team will take part, consisting of 24 pupils not older than 16 years. Because they will need a full night's sleep two of them, forming a relay team, will type simultaneously for one hour, so that together they also produce text throughout 24 hours.

It is clear that a huge amount of text has to be prepared for this keyboarding marathon and that a lot of things have to be organised, such as catering, couches, security and so on. **The event will take place in the city of Assen**, in the northern part of Holland, where a very modern school is giving its full co-operation. There is a big hall in the centre of the building surrounded by glass walls. The participants will be seated behind their PCs and will be able to work undisturbed by the spectators watching from outside. Everything will be projected on to a large screen outside the hall. **This mega-event will be covered by the press (radio, television and newspapers).**

*Text revision by Peter Walkers, with many thanks.*

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