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### ❖ **Board meeting in Jülich - 10/12 February 2006** ❖



Hosted by the world renowned Prof. Dr. Boris Neubauer, the meeting of the Intersteno Board took place in an ancient and comfortable room at the top of the Hexenturm (Witches Tower) which was the ancient entrance to Jülich, a quiet, historic and yet modern town in Germany.

Jülich has many interesting places worth visiting, but the size of the agenda did not permit us to see them, as usually happens on these occasions since everybody is concentrating on the discussions.

A tour was made of the nearby town of Aachen, where a visit to the Cathedral recalled the 'old times' when Charlemagne was ruling the world, while the visit to the picturesque Town Hall where the famous Charlemagne Awards are released was a reminder of the history of the last 50 years.

The day ended happily with a very good dinner, with excellent wines, in an elegant restaurant in the same Town Hall.

Although Intersteno has been in existence for 119 years, this was the first time since 1963 that the Board had met under the direction of a Czech President. In 1963 Prof. Václav Frelm presided.

The work of the Board was mainly concentrated on the following points:

- **Improvements to the Constitution.** Cees van Beurden, coordinator of the working group for advice about the updating of the Constitution, presented the various proposals on which an in-depth discussion took place. Four members of the working group attended the meeting. The two other members will be informed by email. The advice of the Board will be submitted to the ad-hoc committee that will prepare and release a document by May 2006, for the discussion at the Central Committee meeting in Antalya.
  
- **Duties and composition of the Jury** for the next competitions in Prague.
  
- **Competition formulae** and classification lists.
  
- **Start of investigation** about the translations of the basic text for shorthand (speech-capturing)

competitions.

- **A world-wide marketing campaign** addressed to all countries which are not yet connected with Intersteno will commence. On the recommendation of the President, the Board, under the coordination of the vice-president Dott. Fausto Ramondelli, will release a message advocating meaningful cooperation with these countries. As a result of this activity it is hoped that a larger and more active 'Intersteno Family' will be welcomed in Prague 2007.

- **Brainstorming** about the post-Prague Congresses.

A detailed report about these and other points of discussion will be sent to the representatives of the National Groups.

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## ◆ Prague 2007 ◆

During the Board meeting, **Jaroslav Polacek**, President of the Organising Committee for the 46th Congress in Prague, gave an overview of the work already done and some general information on this event.

The Congress activities will take place in the modern building and campus of the University of Agriculture, which is within easy reach of the main centre of Prague via a metro line.

In these premises, besides the space for competitions and meetings, there are plenty of rooms for accommodating the participants, with different kind of accommodation (single, double and multiple bed rooms), up to 3 stars hotel quality.

A modern and well equipped cafeteria will serve lunches and refreshments.



Accommodation rates will also be very competitive.

One full day of the Congress will be devoted to games and meetings for young people (up to 25 years of age).

Additional information will be soon released. In the meantime reserve the dates 21-27 July 2007, for attending this event which will be one of the best of your Intersteno life.

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## ◆ Internet Keyboarding competition ◆

Schools registration for this competition is now open on our [www.intersteno.org](http://www.intersteno.org) website.

This year, for the first time, Intersteno offers the following:

- writing with several languages (**multilingual formula**)
- in addition 'senior' participants (**older than 20 years**) can take part. These participants must contact the

National Group which ensures their fair conduct in the competition.



Our competition has been announced by the newsletter of European schools net, which is sent out to several thousand teachers all over Europe.

The information has been also relayed by the *Polish portal of Education*, by the *German Schulen an Netz* and by the Swiss *educa.net*

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### ◆ Newsletter for Parliamentary reporters ◆

Thanks to the ceaseless activity of **Cees van Beurden**, a special Intersteno newsletter is sent out to parliamentary reporters all over the world. Three issues has been already distributed. If you are interested in this topic and would like to receive it, do not hesitate to send an e-mail to [info@vbreporting.nl](mailto:info@vbreporting.nl).

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### ◆ Forum TAL Rome 9-10 March 2006 ◆



#### Intersteno: A bridge between advanced technologies and professional all over the world.

With this motto the Italian group, together with Accademia Aliprandi, is presenting the activities of Intersteno at the Tal-Forum in Rome.

**Tal** is the Italian acronym of *Trattamento automatico della lingua* (**Automated language processing**) which means projects investigating the processing of voice, languages and texts with automatic translation and speech recognition, supported by advanced technologies in order to improve communications between humans and computers.



This event is sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Communication and Fondazione Bordoni, together with RAI: the Italian public network of radio and television.

Our participation is thanks to the sponsorship of **Synchronos** which provides the sub-titling service for the Conferences of this Forum.

Additional information at:

<http://www.forumtal.it>

<http://www.synchronos.it/> - <http://www.accademia-aliprandi.it>

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*Thanks Peter Walker, for revising this text.*

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