

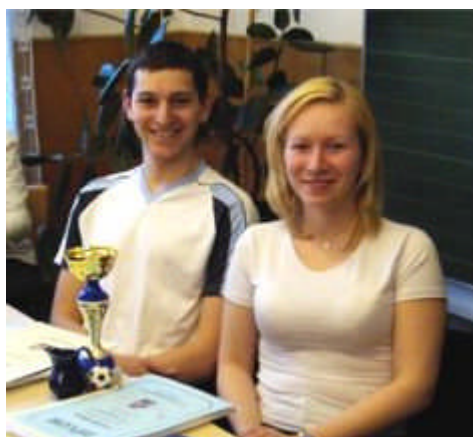
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◆ International youth meeting in Vienna 30th March - 2nd April 2006 ◆

Three national teams, in addition to the Austrian one, attended the 23th edition of this traditional meeting, organised by the Österreichischer Stenografenverband and supported by the Municipality of Vienna.

The event gave young students an opportunity to visit this wonderful town. They enjoyed the [Natural History Museum](#), attended a musical (Romeo and Julietta), visited the Parliament and met Mrs. Laura Rudash, who represented the Municipality of Vienna during a dinner at the famous restaurant on the top of [Donau Turm](#).



In this picture on the left are

Václav Mikula and Lucie Ševcovicová from Czech Republic

who gained the two first places in the 10 minutes keyboarding competition. You can see the classification list by teams at [this link](#). Below are the first 5 of the 11 who succeeded.

Václav Mikula reached the speed of **913 characters** during the 1 minute test.

Position	Name	Nation	Characters	Faults	Points	% of faults
1	Václav Mikula	Tschechien	6739	5	6489	0.074
2	Lucie Ševcovicová	Tschechien	6100	3	5950	0.049
3	Anita Rattig	Ungarn	4300	4	4100	0.093
4	Timea Vörös	Ungarn	3598	4	3398	0.077
5	Christina Stockhofe	Deutschland	3649	6	3349	0.114

For many years national teams from Belgium and the Netherlands were invited to take part in this "Jugendtreffen". To her regret Ms. Marlis Kulb had to inform both national groups of Intersteno that this year it was not possible for her to invite participants from these countries because the sponsor had reduced the budget for this traditional meeting. She hopes that next year the available budget will be sufficient to invite participants from the two countries again.



The Austrian President, Dr. Heinz Fisher, invited to the world-famous Hofburg all the Austrian participants of the last Intersteno Congress in Vienna. The group counted 70 persons, among them Mr. Rudolf Hundstorfer, who is the Leader of the Trade Unions and who was a good 'mentor' for the Vienna congress.

The Austrian President confirmed his good opinion about shorthand, which he is still personally using.

At this meeting Mag. Marlis Kulb introduced to Dr. Fisher the Intersteno President, Mr Jaroslav Zaviacic and Miss Helena Matouskova, who was nine times world champion in keyboarding.

Additional photos on this event can be seen [here](#).

◆ Pen-based computing - Microsoft invests 1,2 million dollars in research ◆

Brown University (based in Providence - Richmond - USA) and Microsoft Research are launching a three-year research alliance to create innovative software for pen-based computers such as Tablet PCs. The goal of the alliance is to make using computers easier for scientists, artists and others who routinely use handwriting and sketching to create and communicate.



During the three-year joint research and education alliance Microsoft Research and Brown University will explore and develop new ways of using pen-like styluses to operate computing devices.

Andries van Dam, Brown's vice president for research and a founding member and first chair of the Department of Computer Science said: "In some cases, the pen is mightier than the keyboard. Chemists and composers, archaeologists and artists all need pen and paper to create and communicate. We want to help them do their work digitally - in a way that is as easy and natural as drawing on paper." *To this list we add 'stenographers' who communicate with handwritten shorthand.*

The software would allow the data to be stored as digital ink and shared as handwriting, sketches or text.

◆ Forum Tal Roma - 9/10th March 2006 ◆

As announced in the previous edition, Intersteno Italia and Accademia Aliprandi attended the Convention of the Forum on the Automated Language Processing in Roma.

During the two-day meeting the Italian National Group was able to spread information about Intersteno's activities and forge closer links with research centres and firms exhibiting the results of their researches.

Much interest was shown in the Intersteno competitions, especially the keyboarding online contest. The subtitling of the conference produced by the stenotype machine and made visible on large plasma screens

was highly appreciated.

The motto '*Intersteno is a bridge between advanced technologies and professionals all over the world*' proved to be true.

As an example of the practical results of the contacts made on this occasion, Intersteno Italia and Accademia Aliprandi are launching a Congress entitled "Effectiveness, compatibility and perspectives: technologies supporting the reporting activity, evaluated by professionals". The Congress will take place in Trento (Northern Italy) on 1st and 2nd December 2006 and will be hosted by [ITC-irst](#) (Center for Scientific and Technological Research). Trento is easily accessible by international [trains from Germany and Austria](#). The nearest airport is Verona, about 90 kilometres, with bus and train connections from Trento.

◆ **New shorthand keyboard** ◆



The Newrite system, a German-based shorthand was adapted to the English language by Mr. Walter Kistler, an eminent USA industrialist who learned shorthand in his schooldays in Switzerland. Mr. Kistler also introduced this system in the USA a decade ago .

An article in The Wall Street Journal about the Stenographers' Guild and the contribution to shorthand made by its President Mr S.V. Ramaswamy, attracted the attention of Mr Walter who thought that the best way to promote the Newrite shorthand would be through The Stenographers' Guild of India. Introduced in India in 2005 the Newrite system is at present being practised by over 500 students at Chennai, India.

The unique feature of Newrite is that, because it has shorthand strokes engraved on the keys, by operating the keyboard the students can see both the keys being operated via the monitor and the transcription in the English language by pressing a translate button. A picture of the shorthand keyboard is shown above.

For details those interested may contact Mr S.V. Rmaswamy, the Honorary President, The Stenographers' Guild, No.1, Guild Street, T.Nagar, Chennai-600017, India, Phone : 91-44-24342421; 91-44-24337387, fax 91-44-42070858, website: www.stenold.org. email: stenold@vsnl.com, and also svram@vsnl.com.

◆ **Leipzig Open 2006** ◆

On 25th March 2006 the 13th Leipzig Open shorthand competition was organised by the Stenografenverein Leipzig 1990 in the German city of Leipzig. Mr. Manfred Kehrer, president of the Stenografenverein Leipzig, welcomed about 30 professional shorthand writers from Germany, Austria, Czech Republic and Hungary, among them top flight world-renowned practitioners.

Both Intersteno-President Jaroslav Zaviacic and Intersteno Secretary-Treasurer Danny Devriendt were impressed by the high quality of the dictated text on tourism. Other Intersteno-personalities who travelled to Leipzig were Ms. Eva Maurer, Ms. Helena Matoušková and Ms. Ludmila Novaková.

Five competitors succeeded in finishing the total of 5 minutes in the highest A-category within the penalty limits. Dr. Bernhard Gremmer (Landshut) took the first place with 467 syllables and only 17 penalty points, followed by Manfred Kehrer (Leipzig) also with 467 syllables but 21 penalty points.

	Name	Country	Cat.	Min.	Penalty	Syllables
1	Dr. Bernhard Gremmer	Germany	A	5	17	467
2	Manfred Kehrer	Germany	A	5	21	467
3	Zsuzsa Ferenc	Hungary	A	5	25	467
4	Helena Janovská	Czech Republic	A	5	40	446
5	Judit Arvai-Dani	Hungary	A	5	43	467

In addition to the two young participants from the Czech Republic who used their computer to take the dictation, all other participants are to be congratulated on their success with their handwritten shorthand skills.

Let's hope for such good results at the next world championship in Prague 2007!

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