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◆ **Our President invited in China** ◆



Intersteno President, Mr. Jaroslav Zaviacic, was invited to a Conference of Stenographers in Shenyang (China) and was the only person coming from a foreign country.

In his greeting speech, he informed the delegates about the activities of Intersteno and invited them to the World Championships 2007 in Prague.

The Academie of Shenyang released to the guest of Czekia, the title of Honorary Professor, on the basis of his pedagogical activity.

At the headoffice of Yawe Sulu stenomachines in Pekin, there was a brainstorming about the possibility that chinese stenographers using stenomachine can participate, on the same basis of other Intersteno National groups, to Intersteno championships in Prague.

Very active during this meeting was the father of chinese stenography, Mister Yawe, 92 years old, and his son, Tang. These high personalities are the guaranty of further improvements of Stenography in China and of cooperation with Intersteno.



In the next meeting of the Council of Intersteno in Antalya, most probably China will propose to have Congress and championships in Pekin in 2009.

◆ Internet 2006 ◆

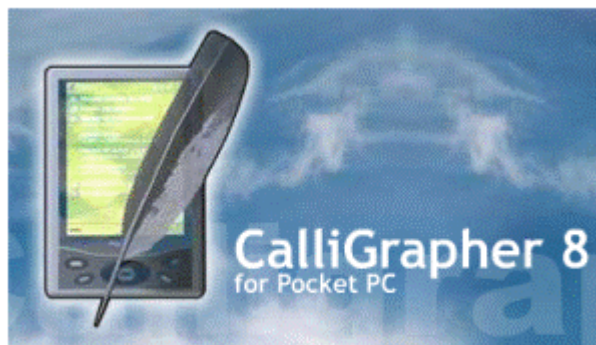
A lot of diplomas have flown in these days **from Belgium to 12 countries**, among which India, certifying the results of **885 competitors** who attended this year the keyboarding competition by Internet.

The biggest surprise was the ability of 120 of them to write in several foreign languages: the scepticism before the beginning changed in an exciting battle on the net, with a lot of messages asking help to teachers and competitors how to type at the best on the usual keyboard the 'strange' signs used in turkish and other eastern languages. A fruitful exchange of experiences and a virtual meeting of newcomers and old foxes.

The Board of Intersteno congratulates all participants to this event, which has consistently grown apace in only 3 years, as well as all Intersteno representatives who coordinated and checked its loyal and correct happening. This competition would not be possible without the enormous help of our Italian (Trivulzio/Olivo) and Czech (Matouskova/Zaviacic) friends who delivered the software and followed up the competition very close.

We hope to welcome teachers and students in the next year's competition and at the World Championship in Prague.

◆ Taking handwritten notes on tablet PC, synchronized with digital audio recording ◆



Handwriting recognition is becoming more and more popular and it's integrated in many pocket Pc.

Microsoft, which is investing a lot of resources in handwriting and speech recognition, has now improved its One Note software for tablet PC.

One of these improvements is related to digital recording of speech, so that a writer (a **stenographer we hope**) can have his notes linked to the speech he is taking down.

Even if audio recording of dictation is not allowed during the Worldwide Competitions, nearly all professionals in the world use sound recording as backup for proofing their records. This software will easier summary or verbatim reporting. A new challenge also for teachers.

◆ Reporting activity: competences , technologies and structures ◆

ACCADEMIA GIUSEPPE ALIPRANDI (*Florence*) and **ITC- IRST** (*Povo di Trento*) announce this meeting covering important aspects of assembly and court reporting. It will take place in Povo di Trento on **2nd December 2006**.

The programme of this meeting will be published during this month on www.intersteno.it together with a booking form. Early booking is suggested for hotel accomodations since December is a peak period in Trento: a lot of persons are coming to visit the Chistmas's markets of this region.

◆Secrets from the past ◆

At the beginning of January an announcement was put in a weekly newspaper edited in Basel (a Swiss town on the border with Germany) asking for somebody who could read a text written in **Gabelsberger shorthand in German**. This message was resent to Ms. Daniela Bianchi and then finally addressed to Dott. Prof. Boris Neubauer who was able to convert the shorthand text in current writing. So now the person who asked for this service, knows what was inside that 'secret' document and can be happy (or not), we do not know!

Now we have an additional opportunity to discover a secret. **An expert in fine arts, contacted Accademia Aliprandi in Florence (Italy)** since he found a drawing which includes by a text written in shorthand. The text was submitted to Mr. Peter Walker, who promptly informed that it is not written with Pitman system, the same was said from Ms. Gabrielle Fasnacht who examined and compared it with the signs of Duployé and Aimè-Paris.

According to this expert, the drawing is about the end of 1800 and most probably was done in France or Italy.

The Italian members of Accademia are investigating about this text, if somebody else is able to give assistance, please contact **Dott. Prof. Carlo Rodriguez, President of Accademia Aliprandi**, at the e-mail c.rodriquez@idi-formazione.it

Here is the drawing:



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