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## **50 years of 'new' Intersteno**



**50 years ago, Marcel Racine** invited representatives of many European countries to meet at Mont Pelerin, a wonderful place on the hills of Vevey (Switzerland).

From there, one has a magnificent view not only on the lake of Geneva, but on the highest summits of the Alps mountains.

From this meeting, maybe with the inspiration of this magnificent view, Intersteno was brought to a new life, after the forced pause due to the II World war. Notwithstanding the big problems existing in that moment in many European countries, the faith in a better future prevailed and Intersteno people will be proud to celebrate in Wien also the 50th anniversary of the first keyboarding world championship, which took place the following year in Monaco-Montecarlo together with the new start of the Intersteno Congresses.

## **The Austrian Group of Intersteno**

The 45th Intersteno Congress is organised by the Austrian Intersteno Group, which is an important part of the huge activity of **OSTV - Österreichischer Verband für Stenografie und Textverarbeitung** i.e. Austrian Association for Steno and text processing.

600 are the members of this officially registered association, which devotes its activity in training courses in its head office in Wien (very near to the historical centre of this town) as well as in fostering shorthand and keyboarding competitions all over Austria.



If the number of participants in steno competitions has unfortunately decreased in the last years due to the elimination of shorthand teaching in public schools, competitors in keyboarding competitions **has gone up till 12.000**. In the last 4 years competitions of this kind took place also with the support of Internet.

Training is made with the aid of computers, all members receive a monthly review and updated information is made available on [www.ostv.at](http://www.ostv.at) web site.

The activity of the Austrian Group is well known all over Europe, since each year (and for more than 20 years now) a **Youth meeting is organized with keyboarding competition**. This event is supported by the Municipality of Wien and is attended by about 50 persons coming from different European countries.

## **Sad news - Friedrich Baumgartner (A) passed away on the 21st of January.**

Our President, Missis Marlis Kulb informes that **Mr. Friedrich Baumgartner** passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2005, after a long period of illness, in the age of 75 years.

Mr. Baumgartner represented during many years the Austrian National Group in the Intersteno Central Committee. In the years 70, he took the heavy duty and responsibility of jury president in the world championships typewriting.

After he retired from Intersteno, about 10 years ago, he was still active in the Austrian Association, where many of us had the opportunity to meet him. Mr. Baumgartner was the 'inventor' in 1985 of dictations for steno training via telephone, and has continuously followed this activity.

## **Parliamentary meetings in Vienna**

The parliamentary reporters will gather on Sunday 24th July at 9:00 in a reserved room of the Schulzentrum Längenfeldegasse, for discussing specific topics of this activity. A lecture about the state of the art will take place on Wednesday 27th, and the group will be received by their colleagues at the Austrian Parliament on the next days. On the registration form, available at [www.intersteno.at](http://www.intersteno.at), one can book participation to these meetings, which are reserved to reporters of any kind of assemblies.

## **Keyboarding certification competition byInternet**

From **April 25th till May 13th**, several hundred young competitors will take part at the III<sup>^</sup> edition of this Intersteno contest, 436 were the participants at the last contest (maximum 20 years of age) who showed very excellent results in speed and accuracy. Additional information will be released in the next number of Intersteno e-news. In the meantime training exercises are available free of charge on <http://internet.intersteno.it/page.php> or [www.intersteno.org](http://www.intersteno.org).

## **Board meeting in Vienna**

The Board of Intersteno will meet in Wien from 4rd till 7th February next. To this meeting Jaroslav Zaviavic, Boris Neubauer and Gian Paolo Trivulzio will attend as guests. A report on this meeting will be available in the next number of e-news, which will appear in February 2005.

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