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From the President's desk

Dear Friends,

The Board of Intersteno in the first online meeting held on the 11th of November passed the “Call for projects” for 2013. What is this?

The Council meeting in Prague agreed that the means (money and expertise) of Intersteno must be oriented to help members in their activities, either in countries or at a worldwide level. You and all members of Intersteno are leading actions, projects, researches, meetings, which may affect in a positive way not only the fellows of local associations, but the whole Intersteno community.

In these days the edges of the professions and skills are rapidly changing, along with the rushing speed of technology enhancement. So it is very useful to promote inquiries and seminars designed to deepen and spread knowledge on the state-of-the-art of our competencies. Members may be involved in studies or in exploring new professional frontiers. In some countries Intersteno members organize on a local campus or via competitions in order to involve youth in education or training activities. Elsewhere new professional groups arise and propose new reporting services which may be of interest to a wider audience in the world, since they may also be provided in other countries; somewhere research and the development of new tools deserve to be acknowledged by a wider audience... And so on.

This is the heart of Intersteno. Your ideas, your work, your solutions feed this large community and together enable its progress. Therefore, for its part, Intersteno wants to contribute to your projects, by way of financial resources or by lending its valuable name or by providing suggestions and support: we know that your efforts have a meaning which covers the environment where you operate and produce advancement for our entire community.

You will find information on the www.intersteno.org website. I and the Board expect you to profit from this opportunity and share your ideas with the Federation. If you have doubts about the extension and the meaning of “Call for Projects” please feel free to contact one of the Board members and we will try to give you hints.

From 8th to 10th of February the Board will meet in London. There, we will have the opportunity of celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Intersteno Foundation (September 1887), with the logistic support of our friend Peter Walker, former shorthand reporter at the House of Commons and other colleagues.

The agenda is rich in important topics for Intersteno.

The 49th Intersteno Congress is approaching and many duties are to be accomplished. The Organizing Committee led by our Secretary-General Danny Devriendt and by the Jury President Georgette Sante is now reaching the point of no return, when it cannot fail or draw back any more. We are aware of its capabilities and we know it will be successful. Read the latest news about the upcoming event and stay alert: very soon the online registration will be ready and you will be able to enter your name. I am sure you don't want to miss the opportunity to be in Ghent on July 2013.

A project for an **Intersteno Certification Programme** has been advanced by Jean Charles Le Masson, coordinator of the Scientific Committee, and will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Afterwards it will be submitted to all

Intersteno members for official approval. The aim of this project is to define a set of standard competences and skills for the various reporting professions that members of Intersteno occupy. We are aware that in each country the work activities assume peculiar and quite different features, but we also think that a list of reference requirements can be helpful for the education and training programmes carried on by members especially because through them it will be possible to validate certification with the Intersteno label.

In order to define these requirements it would be very helpful to have your advice, together with information about certification programmes ongoing in your country for each different kind of reporting service. Please forward your suggestions to the Scientific Committee (sccom@intersteno.org)

Dear readers, dear Intersteno members, this is the last e-news of 2012, which is fading very fast. More than one year has passed since the Paris Convention and we are within sight of the 49th Congress in Ghent. Together with all Board members I take this opportunity of wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Happy reading,

Fausto Ramondelli



The 49th INTERSTENO congress is coming closer: in about 200 days, it will start on 13th of July 2013 in Ghent Belgium.

Congress venue

The main venue for the 49th INTERSTENO congress is the Artevelde University College Ghent, campus Kantienberg, situated in the heart of the student area, close to the Sint-Pietersplein. 15 minutes of walking brings you in the historical city center of Ghent.

All congress activities, except the opening and prize-giving ceremony are held in the campus Kantienberg.



Arteveldehogeschool, campus Kantienberg - main congress venue

Sleeping accommodation

Depending on budget and wishes, Ghent offers a lot of possibilities, inside and outside the city center. You can find some proposals at the congress website.

The organization committee has done a lot of efforts to find low-budget basic sleeping accommodation. The number of beds is limited. Interested groups and individuals should contact urgently the organization committee through which these low-budget-accommodations have to be booked. The earlier you take your reservations/options, the more sure you will be to get your preferred accommodation.

For some of these accommodations the quantity of available rooms will be only known in spring 2013.

Congress fees

Congress card

Compulsory for all congress participants! Price includes:

- Congress bag and badge, congress program, gadgets
- Opening ceremony
- Opening cocktail
- Access to congress venue
- Access to competition training
- Access to exhibition area
- Access to IPRS-meetings
- Access to conferences on Wednesday
- **Thank you event on Tuesday evening (Belgian food and drinks)**
- Youth event and party (up to 26 years)
- Prize giving ceremony

	Congress card	Competitions
Price Up to 15th May 2013	€ 175,00	€ 35,00
After 15th May 2013	€ 200,00	---

Competition fee

- gives access to all scheduled competitions
- congress card is compulsory!

Registrations start at 28th December 2012

Registrations for the 49th INTERSTENO congress start at 28th December 2012 and can only be done by www.intersteno2013.org > **Registration form**.

All actual information on the congress

All actual information on the congress, details on the program, the excursions, hotel accommodation... can be found at the congress website

www.intersteno2013.org

Looking forward to your registration!



The Belgian organization committee

Exhibit at the 49th INTERSTENO congress!

The 49th INTERSTENO congress Ghent 2013 is the excellent occasion to show, demonstrate, promote your products and services to the world of professional reporters, typists/keyboarders, speech captioners, shorthand writers, word processing users,... to everyone who is dealing with words and characters.



INTERSTENO 2013	www.intersteno2013.org
Venue	Main congress venue Artevelde University College Ghent (Belgium) Voetweg 66, BE-9000 Ghent
Exhibition environment	Main entrance area/environment (where all people come in and out)
Time schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Friday 12th July: building up your stand + start of exhibition ▪ Saturday 13th July - Thursday 18th July noon: exhibition area is open ▪ Thursday 18th afternoon: break down of exhibition stands
Exhibition fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paid before 31st January 2013 Gold package: € 1000 Silver package: € 850 ▪ Paid after 31st January 2013 and before 30th April 2013 Gold package: € 1200 Silver package: € 1000
Becoming (head) sponsor	If you or your firm wants to be more prominent visible during the 49th INTERSTENO congress or has other sponsor proposals, please contact us at sponsor@intersteno2013.org for any further information.
Contact	▪ mailto: exhibit@intersteno2013.org
More information on the congress	www.intersteno2013.org

Don't miss the occasion to be prominent visible as exhibitor and/or sponsor of this world wide event and don't wait too long: the number of exhibitors is limited!

31st December 2012 - Important deadline!

By this date all countries are requested to submit their nominations for the new Board to be elected during our next Congress according to our Statute. In addition, nominations for new or alternative names for membership of the Scientific and Education Committee are welcome. Your proposals will be evaluated during the Board meeting in London at the beginning of next February.

Competition rules for Ghent2013

Our Jury President, Ms Georgette Sante, has released the final version in English and French of the rules, which are available at the menu Competition on our www.intersteno.org site. On the same page you can also read the rules for the Audio-transcription trial competition which are available in English, French and German.

Surfing the information tsunami - Call of papers for the conferences at the Congress in Ghent 2013.

Several proposals for contributions to the Conference programme have already been submitted. We remind you that the deadline for this submission is 31st January next.

The Conference programme as well as the form for submitting proposals in line with the general aims of the congress, are available at www.intersteno2013.org, www.iprs-info.org and www.intersteno.org.



[The form can also be accessed using this link](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEp5OV91ZFdaa2YyZjBJWU4dm9QOVE6MQ)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEp5OV91ZFdaa2YyZjBJWU4dm9QOVE6MQ>

For any additional information please contact Dr Carlo Eugeni at conferences@intersteno.org.

Board meeting via video-conference also preparing for the next meeting in London

On 11th November Board members attended a meeting using video-conference facilities. The meeting lasted about two hours and was recorded.

A follow-up of the discussions in Prague was carried out, as well as settling the final plan for the next meeting, which will be in London from 9th to 10th February. One session of the London meeting will be in the Houses of Parliament, courtesy of Ms **Lorraine Sutherland**, the editor of the Official Report, House of Commons. The other sessions will take place at the London School of Economics, which was the venue of the London Congress in 1937 marking the 50th anniversary of our Federation.

News from Japan

Mr. **Tsuguo Kaneko**, for many years leader of our Federation in the Japanese Group, was appointed President of the *Japan Stenography Association* on 17th November last. This association is a Public Interest Incorporated Association, as per the new Association Law issued on 1st November.

In a message for the 130th anniversary of the Japanese Association our President, Fausto Ramondelli, recalled that "*Japanese stenographers have consistently participated in Intersteno. In 1887 an editor of a Tokyo newspaper (Mr. Seki) took part in the Foundation sitting in London: he explained how stenography had become a means of utmost help for reporting in the Parliament and the newspapers. He also said that stenography was used in the Tribunals and for recording public speeches.*

Later, in 1955, at the Munich Congress, M. Kimoto, from Osaka, was present and 33 stenographers took part in the Belgrade Congress (1979). Among these, Mr. Janiki Takusari, whom I met later, at the Sofia Congress 1985, when he presented the newer development of Japanese stenography, including a Steno machine. I still save in my memory box a booklet with instructions about the Japanese shorthand system. More recently Japan, thanks also to your scientific activity, brought interesting ideas and proposals to our Federation and together with the Chinese and Korean delegations is implementing Intersteno knowledge about Eastern writings and languages."

Intersteno ensemble



Do you play a musical instrument? Did you succeed in one of our championships? Join the **Intersteno ensemble group** which is available on Facebook and contact its leader, Armando Covello (covello.armando@alice.it) who came first in the speech capturing competition using speech recognition in Paris 2011, and who is also a very good professional stenographer and pianist.

The goal is to arrange a live or recorded performance showing the connections between fast writing and music.

Happy 20th birthday to SMS

A 22 years-old-British engineer, Neil Papworth, sent the first short message over the phone in December 1992. It took some time before this technique was made available and we can say that it was only at the beginning of the century that SMS became a common communication tool.

The growth in text messages has now reached the huge figure of over 200.000 messages per second.

The use of this tool has also brought to what is defined to be an SMS language or textese, i.e. arising from the needs to reduce the number of strokes for writing a word or groups of words. Some of these 'abbreviations' like such as ASAP (as soon as possible) and IMHO (in my humble opinion) are also currently used in informal e-mails and similar documents. Using the first letter of a word recalls the ancient and continuously used current methods ways of creating 'short forms' in traditional shorthand or stenotype. Also abbreviations like kbrd (keyboard) are omitting vowels as it happens in several steno systems. Can we say that it is a 'revival of steno' in the 21st century?

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Events

Celebrating the 130th Anniversary of Japanese Shorthand

Celebrations to commemorate 130 years of shorthand were held at several places in Japan.

The first shorthand course was held on 28th October 1882 and that date was named as *The Day of Japanese Shorthand*. On that day, The Japanese Stenography Association holds various events every year.

Special events were held this autumn in Osaka, Tokyo and Iwate. In early days shorthand was used for dictation. In addition, it was used to write down the words of storytellers, known as Rakugoka. This led to the publication of a new category of books. In the light of this background a symposium was held in Osaka on 13th October 2012, with the theme of storytelling books published in shorthand.





Yoshiharu Ohhori

A master of pen reporting, Mr. Yoshiharu Ohhori took down the talk of the storyteller, Mr. Nanryo Kyokudoh and succeeded in publishing the first electronic book. (<http://www.sokki.or.jp/wp-content/uploads/koshinoumi.pdf>)

In addition, steno captioners made the storytelling subtitles in real time and delivered it to the audience. Following this three persons reported on the storytelling genre.

In Tokyo, the second real time transcribing competition and the high-speed competition were held on 27th October.

In the real-time transcribing competition - the Championship of the Notetaker class - (200 syllable x 5 minutes), Mr. Atsushi Okada (JIS keyboard, syllabic input system) won with an error rate of 1%. Miss Kumiko Fuse (Japanese Stenotype: Hayatokun system) won the Championship of the Reporter class (280 syllables x 5 minutes) with an error rate of 9.1%.



In the high-speed competition (350 syllables x 5 minutes), Mr. Shuuichi Kako (V system: Graphic shorthand) won the Championship with only 8 errors.

A commemorative event was held in **Morioka City**, Iwate Prefecture, where the inventor, Koki Takusari was born, on the Shorthand Memorial Day of 28th October.

At the shorthand demonstration verbal reading was written down by the House of Councillors system (Sangiinshiki), the House of Representatives system (Shuugiinshiki), the Nakane system, the Waseda system and the V system, which was developed by Mr. Masakatsu Kotani.

There was also a seminar by Mr. Masakatsu Kotani on the first shorthand signs which Takusari taught 130 years ago. In the afternoon, Mr. Tsuguo Kaneko gave a lecture on the achievements of Koki Takusari. Dr. Aikitsu Tanakadate gave a lecture on the Revelation of Japanese machine shorthand.

Mr. Tsutomu Mimaki gave a lecture on his study of storytelling and shorthand books in Rakugo.

Various documents on the subject of shorthand, including photographs and books were displayed and information panels were posted in the room.

Finally, on 17th November The Japanese Stenography Association commended those persons who had rendered distinguished services and made important contributions to the cause of shorthand.

The work of Professor Tatsuya Kawahara of Kyoto University, who has contributed to the development of the automatic speech recognition system in the House of Representatives was celebrated.

Report by Tsuguo Kaneko; translation by Miss Mihoko Kawashima

34th Croatian national computer typing championship - "The day of keyboard"

The 34th Croatian national championship in computer typing titled "The Day of the Keyboard", was held in Zagreb on 17th November 2012. The event is traditionally organized by the Croatian Stenographic Society in collaboration with the Zagreb Fair and the Croatian Association of Technical Culture during the International Book Fair INTERLIBER. This year the whole event took place under the honorary patronage of the President of the Zagreb City Council, Mr. Davor Bernardić.



A record number of 47 participants was reported, from 30 cities and towns throughout the country from the north of Varaždin to Dubrovnik in the south. Excellent results were produced.

The award of top typist, involving a 30-minute transcript of text, went to Andrea Muženić Vidak, a student of political science, with an excellent score of 497,10 net cpm. Second place went to Tanja Ivana Juričev, a law student (458,27) and in third place was Katarina Klarić, an employee in the Zagreb City Assembly (422,07).

The high school students competed in the category of a 10-minute transcript of text. First place went to Ivana Kokot, from the Economic School in Varaždin (Gospodarska škola Varaždin), with a respectable score of



435,90 net cpm. Second place went to Robert Drmić, from the Economic and Trade School of Slavonski Brod (Ekonomska i trgovačka škola iz Slavanskog broda) 363,40 net cpm, and third place was awarded to Frederick Frize, of the Administrative and Office student school in Zagreb (Upravna i birotehnička škola u Zagrebu) 355,20 net cpm.

This year's national championship was also the qualifying event for the World Championship in Ghent at the 49th Intersteno Congress.

Croatian Stenographic Society receives high State Honours



On the occasion of Croatian Independence Day (October 8th), the Croatian Head of State, Mr. Ivo Josipović, presented the Croatian Stenographic Society with the respected Charter of the Croatian State to mark the occasion of the 130th anniversary of the organisation.



In the light of its contribution to the development of Croatian society and to the international reputation of Croatia, the Charter was granted to the Croatian Stenographic Society to mark its “outstanding contribution to the process of technological development and modernization”.

The awards ceremony was held in the office of the President of the Croatian Republic on 11th October. The Charter was received by the President of the Croatian Stenographic Society, Mr. Josip Hanjš, who was accompanied by a delegation consisting of Mr. Mato Majstorović (Secretary), Miss Mihaela Farkaš (business secretary) and the presidents of all four professional sections of the Society: professor Ms. Marica Piršlin (pedagogical), Ms. Nada Drenški (shorthand), Miss Katarina Klarić (typing) and Miss Kristina Zlodi (IT).

News from China: the Shenyang Competitions



The 49th International Stenography Competition - “The Way to Ghent” - was held in Shenyang, Liaoning Province from 15th-18th October. This event is used to select competitors who will take part in the Intersteno Congress in Ghent next year.

During the proceedings the annual meeting of the Chinese Information Society Stenography Committee was held. In addition China’s Yawei Stenography Education Summit Forum also took place. The opening ceremony started at 3pm on the 15th and included marching and artistic performances.

Representatives from state-run or private institutions took part in the competition. Participants were divided into groups according to age and professional level: text creation, professional, advanced, medium-level, adult, junior, and pupil.

The content of the competitions included abstract recording, PC text proofreading, and professional text processing. There was also blind stenography, walking stenography, maximum typing-through reading, and other programmes with Chinese features.



In the maximum typing-through-reading competition two participants broke the record of 648 characters per minute set at the last competition. They are Liao Yuqin from Jiangxi Vocational Academy of Justice and Police (with a speed of 652 characters per minute), and Jiang Xiuxiang from Beijing Geely University (with a speed of 674 characters per minute) who achieved the highest speed in this competition..

Twelve winners have been selected from 252 participants who will make up the Chinese national team to participate in the “International Stenography Competition” in 2013 in Ghent, Belgium. Since 2007, when Chinese competitors first participated, they have made great achievements. We hope that they will produce even more wonderful performances in Ghent.

On 16th October Mr. Li Sheng (general director of the Chinese Information Society), Mr. Tang Keliang (chairman of the Stenography Professional Committee), Mr. Sun Huimin (president of the InterSteno Education Committee), and Ms. Du Guoling (director of the public welfare centre) gave presentations at the annual meeting, which was reported in the Chinese public media, such as Sina.com,

Netease.com, Beijing People Education Newspaper, Liaoning TV, Chinese Stenography Net, and Friends of Stenographers (journal).



This year we celebrate the 19th birthday of Chinese ethnography. Since the Yawei Chinese Stenography machine was invented in earlier 1990s Chinese stenography has moved from shorthand to the computer fast typing stage. The competition organizing committee has also selected the top five stenographers.

Report by Simon Sun

What's New

Windows 8 released

On October 26th 2012, Microsoft released Windows 8, the newest version of the Windows operating system. Increasing its focus on mobile applications, Microsoft created a version of the OS to run specifically on the new architecture. Windows 8 also introduces a new look and feel that mimics a tablet experience on the desktop environment.

Once you log in you are taken to the new Windows 8 Start screen, which replaces the old Start menu. The screen should be familiar to Windows Phone users: there is a set of tiles (replacing the previous folders), each of which represents an application, and many of which show the relevant information and notifications. For example, your email tile will tell you how many unread emails you have (and who they're from), your calendar tile will show upcoming events, and so on.



Once you get to the desktop, you'll be in much more familiar territory. There you have your taskbar, your desktop icons, and your normal windows.

These are only the first sight features that you encounter. Microsoft claims that they are over 300, including Cloud, using a Microsoft account. At that point your address book, photos, SkyDrive data, and even data within third-party apps can sync up to the cloud, and you can access them on any Windows 8 device.

What about the 'old versions' of Windows? Microsoft will stop support for Windows XP in 2014, Vista in 2016 and Windows 7 in 2020.

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