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From the President's desk

From March 18-20 (Arriving on the evening of the 17th) the Intersteno Board will meet in Budapest for the last time before the Congress. The two-year term is coming to an end and in July the Assembly will have the chance to elect a new set of members. It is time that all members put forward their proposals. Intersteno needs new energies, new ideas, new methods to come forward and lead our Federation into the future. I especially appeal to those larger groups, to the most important stakeholders of Intersteno, to step ahead and contribute to the management, with a renewed spirit of community

Intersteno is not a company; it is not an association of people who live in the same country and experience the same professional or cultural context. Intersteno is an old and broad "miracle" which has lived through wars, divisions, changes and professional and technological revolutions. It is a complex organisation, made up of different opinions and aims, where members do what they can and show what they are; it is for enlightening young skills, for presenting new methods, for announcing new techniques and for gaining advantages from common experiences and studies ... but overall Intersteno wanted and wants to be a friendship forum, something that goes beyond our individual perspectives. It is a precious thing that I, and hopefully all of you, would like to safeguard and enrich day by day, year by year, Congress after Congress. We all put in what we can, and it is only due to the many efforts we all make that Intersteno can continue to be what it always was.



Registrations for the 50th Jubilee Congress are already open. This is a Congress organized directly by Intersteno (with the valuable support of local members). The programme is defined and, as promised, we have provided all necessary information so that you can plan your journey and accommodation in advance. Those of you who do not know yet Budapest will have a great surprise; those of you who have already visited it have more reasons to join. The weather will be great, prices are competitive, the city is beautiful. As mentioned on the Congress website (www.intersteno2015.org) the Council has decided to sponsor an invitation to all participants for the Jubilee dinner on board a ship on the Danube, the river which flows through Europe and links people from North to South and from West to East. You must not miss it!

I read some comments about the decision by Intersteno to directly organize the Congress. According to some friends Intersteno should not itself decide the location of the Congress but should take into account the contrary advice of National Groups. These objections mainly referred to the decision taken at the last Council meeting that the 51st Intersteno Congress (2017) will be held in Berlin.

Although this topic has been much discussed since from the 48th Congress in Paris (2011) I would like to express once again the opinion of the Board, shared by the Council with no vote against. After the Congress in Paris it was clear that the national groups were no longer in a financial condition to bear the risk of organizing a Congress in their own countries, and apart from the planned Congress in Gent (2013), effectively no concrete candidature was put forward for organizing the 50th Congress. In such a context, the Board, taking into account the responsibility of leading the Federation ahead, had two main options: not organizing the 50th Congress or organizing it regardless of the lack of a candidate. We went for the second option. To ensure success we had to consider all conditions. Mainly, we needed to keep costs as low as possible and give to participants a service that was as good as possible. The road towards such goal was (and still is) very narrow. There are not many locations where we can find an available adequate venue for our event at a cheap price, hotels with convenient rates, a range of economical and expensive services (catering, equipments, logistics, transportation).

Finally we chose Budapest, where we found a good venue (the Corvinus University) and all the services we need at a reasonable price. The evaluation on this choice, in my opinion, must not be based simply on whether the Hungarian or other national groups were in favour or against. The advice of the national group is important but, on the other side of the balance, it is very important to determine whether the Intersteno management is able to achieve success, in terms of participants, services, prices and efficiency. Since Intersteno is a commonwealth we expect that all members will contribute to help this project meet the target, encourage participation and cooperate with the organizing committee.

The decision taken in Shanghai to hold the 51st Congress in Berlin is the result of the same arguments: urgency of planning actions in advance, no alternative candidature, the need to keep the budget within sensible limits, the opportunities provided by the city which in the judgment of the Board and the Council enable us to ensure a successful programme.

Claiming that the "decision is against the National Group" is not fair. The Council listened to and sincerely considered the doubts expressed by the representative of the German Group. Nevertheless, after a deep discussion, no alternative options was left but to confirm the intention of choosing Berlin as the location of the 51st Congress. The support of the national groups and local association is and will be greatly appreciated, however and whenever it comes. I am sure that by discussing the situation and looking toward the same direction we will be able to grant Intersteno another step into future and provide another reason for friendship.

On 15th February the new Intersteno website (www.intersteno.net) will be accessible. We hope you will appreciate the new outlook and the structure that in our view is more user-friendly and efficient. Emrah Kuyumku and his "Grafela" team together with Gian Paolo Trivulzio and Marco Olivo cooperated in this effort, allowing all of you to get quickly and comprehensively all the information you need, starting with the next Internet Keyboard Competitions.

Jim Cudahy, CEO of NCRA and member of the Intersteno Board, has announced that he will leave the Association by the end of February and will be appointed CEO of another Association unrelated to reporting. In the past years Jim has been a great support to us and has expressed the valuable opinions of one of the most important reporting associations in the world, an historical member of Intersteno. The Intersteno community thanks him and wishes him success in his new job.

Happy reading,

**Fausto Ramondelli
INTERSTENO president**

50th INTERSTENO congress in Budapest

Welcome to exhibitors at Corvinus University



Situated at the border of the Danube in the centre of Pest, the Corvinus University is most ideally located. The Szabadság híd (Liberty bridge) gives direct connection to the Buda-side of Budapest and at Fővám tér, you can take public transport in all directions.

Corvinus University will be home to all participants, who will have the opportunity to meet exhibitors since they are accommodated in a reserved area at the entrance of the venue, as shown in the following photos.



The 50th INTERSTENO congress Budapest 2015 is an excellent occasion to show, demonstrate and promote products and services to the world of professional reporters, typists/keyboarders, speech captioners, shorthand writers, word processing users – in short, to everyone who is dealing with words and characters.

Don't miss the occasion to be prominently visible at this **world-wide event**. You can choose one of the following packages:

PACKAGE		EXHIBITION Services included
Silver	Gold	
	✓	Exhibition space in main entrance area of about 6 m ² (two tables with chairs, two background panels, electricity supply, wireless internet connection).
✓		Exhibition space in main entrance environment of about 4 m ² (one table with chairs, one background panel, electricity supply, wireless internet connection).
✓	✓	Possibility to distribute information to interested persons.
✓	✓	Possibility to distribute information/gadgets in the congress bag.
✓	✓	Name and logo listed in the official congress programme and on congress website.
✓	✓	The congress card for one person is included in the exhibition fee (value: € 180). Congress card is compulsory for all congress participants.
	✓	Possibility to use one classroom, equipped with projector ?? and internet connection to give a demonstration of your product/software/service during the congress week (3 x 1 hour).
	✓	Projection of your logo in the opening ceremony aula.

at these very favourable conditions:

Exhibition area	■ Central hall, used by all congress people
Time schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Friday 17th July 2015, afternoon: building up your stand + start of exhibition ■ Saturday 18th July – Thursday 23rd July 2015, noon: exhibition area is open ■ Thursday 23rd July 2015, afternoon: breakdown of exhibition stands
Exhibition fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Paid before End February 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gold package: € 1000 Silver package: € 850 ■ Paid after February 2015 and before 30th April 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gold package: € 1200 Silver package: € 1000
Apply for exhibition and/or further information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ mailto: exhibit@intersteno2015.org

In addition you can decide to take advantage of our **sponsoring possibilities which give you an important visibility**:

- sponsoring of material and products like congress bag, congress t-shirts, printed material
- sponsoring of events: e.g. opening ceremony, prize-giving ceremony, competitions, youth event
- sponsoring of catering eg welcome cocktail, council dinner, celebration 50th INTERSTENO congress
- Publication of your logo in the programme leaflet and on the congress website
- Publication of your logo on sponsored products like congress bag, congress t-shirts...
- Possibility to place your banner(s) during congress events

- Possibility to have a (demo) booth in the congress venue
- Possibility to spread information on your product/services

If you or your firm wants to be more prominently visible during the 50th INTERSTENO congress or have other sponsorship proposals, please contact us at sponsor@intersteno2015.org for any further information.

Conferences and IPRS meetings in Budapest Call for papers



The world is changing at an impressive rate. ICT technologies and digitalization are more and more part of our everyday life as well as big data and cloud computing operations. In this framework, information is disseminated very rapidly, through forms of communication which go beyond the conventional distinction between spoken and written language.

In this context where speed is crucial for surfing information and communication, people start speaking by writing and writing by speaking, with tangible effects on education and professions. From one aspect, fast-writing is more crucial. Schools are even encouraged to teach pupils how to write on a PC keyboard and in some cases to abandon handwriting for didactical reasons. On the other hand, ordinary Internet users and online newspapers are tempted to be the first to report or comment on a piece of news. To do so they sometimes do not even check the source of their information and continuously run the risk of sharing misreported or even fake news.

With the intention of answering to the many questions that this context poses, INTERSTENO is organizing the biennial Conference on Information and Communication Processing in the framework of the 50th Congress in Budapest on July 21st, 2015.

The conference will cover the following main topics:

- 1 How does the evolution of communication and information dissemination, especially through social network platforms, influence the relationship between spoken and written language? What happens within single languages in the world? How does communication among speakers of different languages take place in the era of automatic translation?
- 2 How do the technologies of Natural Language Processing, language corpora, cloud computing, Linked Open Data and other ICT tools influence the way reports are produced, published and consulted? How is the nature and meaning of "document" changing? What is the impact of all these technological trends on "documents" produced by parliamentary and court reporting services?

- 3** How can the competences of professionals working in the ever-changing field of information and communication processing, meant as a service to institutions and citizens, be better defined and enhanced? Is it possible to fix universal standard skills for reporting professions? Can these create a shared common ground in order to give birth to an international certification of the reporting professions? Can this start a disciplinary process with universities playing an important role in this standardization process?

Speakers are invited to send an abstract in English of max. 1500 characters about one of the above-mentioned main topics to the Intersteno Organization Committee at the following email address: carloeugeni@gmail.com by April 30th 2015. Please, make sure that the object of your email says "Abstract Intersteno Conference" and that reception of the email is confirmed by the organizers.

Organization Committee

Dr. Carlo Eugeni
Rian Schwarz-van Poppel
Scientific Committee

Internet contest - Registration begins on 16th February until 8th March

As usual registration will be possible on www.zav.cz (ZAV Software) or www.intersteno.org for Taki software.

In the new .org website, in addition to English, French and German features, it is now possible to get messages and confirmation letters in other languages.

In principle the language shown will be the one set in your browser, but you can choose another one from the list (as shown in the image here on the right).

If there is a translation of all messages in that language you will see and receive them. Otherwise the English version will be shown.

Gian Paolo Trivulzio

News from Countries

Argentina

Jorge Bravo, Sergio Salinas and Victor Gonzalez, of the Argentine Association of Parliamentary Stenographers (AATP), went to Chile to take part in the Congress of the Spanish American Association of stenographers (FIAT). After the Congress they visited the Parliament to meet their colleagues from the Senate and Chamber of Deputies of Chile.



Moreover Jorge Bravo and Sergio Salinas – President and Secretary of AATP- together with Dr. Domingo Mazza, Director of the Publications of the National Senate, went to the Province of Salta (Argentina), where they visited the Senate of this Province and were received not only by the stenographers as colleagues, but by the President of Senate, dott. Andres Zottos , the secretaries of the Senate and the senators. As a result of these meetings a project was born to translate into Braille the Constitution of the Province of Salta. This project was carried out thanks to the joint efforts of Dott. Mazza and Juan Basile, who did the **translation** into Braille. This Constitution was officially presented in the presence of the Governor, deputy Governor, senators and provincial deputies, as well as Jorge Bravo, Domingo Mazza, Sergio Salinas and the stenographers of Salta Senate.



Stenographers of the Province of Cordoba, following four years working in cooperation with other legislation offices, were awarded acknowledgement in a "Statute of the legislative employers". In this Statute it is foreseen that the stenographers must be hired by **'competitive examination'**. This method of employment has always been requested by the Argentine stenographers as it is seen as a way of gaining access to the most accomplished stenographers.

The stenographers of the Senate, together with those from the Publications Office, took part in the Museums night, which was visited by 12.000 persons. They also gave several demonstrations of their work in the National Parliament.

It is worth noting that in 2014 the stenographers of the Argentine Senate did a great deal of work. For example they reported 240 meetings of the Commission of the Interiors of the Senate (240 in 2014; 158 in 2013: an increase of 50%). Notwithstanding this increase, reports were always finished on the same day as the meetings. It is worth pointing out that the work of the stenographers of the Senate was again awarded the certification of the International quality rules, ISO 9001.

AATP, together with their colleagues from the Publications Office and other offices of the Senate, took part in the 2nd Congress of Social Responsibility. Stenographers Marina Fons and Clarisa Balbi exhibited at the 'National Senate artists' exhibition.'



December 2014 saw the completion of the first edition of PALABRAS DIBUJADAS, the first broadcast about shorthand on Argentine radio, thanks to the radio station of the Library of the Senate –www.bcn.gov.ar.



Belgium

On Saturday January 17, the General Assembly of the APSB (Association des Professeurs de Secrétariat Bureautique) took place in Namur. It was a great pleasure for the administrators to welcome a number of new and young teachers ready to help and work for the promotion of our skills. This "new blood" is appreciated.



On Sunday January 18, the ABW committee met for a pleasant dinner in a restaurant near Tienen (the home town of Mr. Jos Jossart). Ms Jeannine Delange and Ms Georgette Sante had been invited by their northern neighbours.



Croatia

36th CROATIAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN COMPUTER TYPING

A record number of nearly 70 contestants from all over Croatia, starting from Čakovec in the north to Dubrovnik in the south, performed at this year's Croatian championship in computer typing as part of the 36th Day of the Keyboard, held in Zagreb on Saturday 15th November 2014, and organized by the Croatian shorthand society during the International book fair.



Competitors of 36th Day of keyboard

All competitions and events took place in the modern computer building of the Croatian shorthand society in the centre of Zagreb. The Informatic lecture on professional word processing and how to practise accuracy when writing on the keyboard was held on the same day. The contestants were divided into group A – professional typists, and group B – those aged up to 17 years and a further category of those aged from 17 to 20, in accordance with the regulations of the International Federation of Intersteno.



Informatic lecture – Presenters: Eva Horvath-Žaja and Marica Piršlin

A total of 13 competitors took part in the group A contest, involving a 30-minute transcript of the text, won for the third time in a row by **Andrea Muženić-Vidak** from Jablanovec near Zagreb, with the international grandmaster result of **518,83** net characters per minute. Second place went to Pamela Katai from Zagreb (447,93), and the third to Kristina Zlodi, an employee of the Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts from Zagreb (421,63).

The high school students and competitors aged up to 20, competed in the 10-minute online transcript of the text. First place in the junior category (17-20 years of age), in which 39 competitors from eight Croatian high schools took part, was taken by **Žana Manenica**, a student from the Economic and Trade school of Dubrovnik with a grandmaster score of 494,3 net characters per minute, just in front of Ana Baričević, a student of the Economic Šaqdministration school of Slavonski Brod (397,4), and Petra Tomić, student from the Economic school Braća Radić of Đakovo (394,5).

In the category of pupils up to 17 years of age , which attracted 15 competitors, first place went to **Dominik Mujanović**, a student of the Economic school of Požega with the excellent result of I.A class (378,7 net characters per minute). The second was Josipa Kotlar, student of the Economic and Trade school of Dubrovnik (349,3), and the third Jasmina Garibović, student of the Administrative school of Zagreb (335,8).



Dominik Mujanović, Žana Manenica and Andrea Muženić-Vidak

All qualifying competitors received diplomas while the first three places in the groups received appropriate trophies and qualified for consideration for inclusion in the Croatian typing team that will compete at the World Championship as part of the 50th Anniversary Congress of Intersteno in Budapest which will take place from 18th July 2014.

Josip Hanjš

Czech and Slovak Republic

Results for the latest important championship with the support of ZAV Internet School and Interinfo Czech Republic

Polish national championship

22. 11. - Polish national championship of PC writing in Tychy with support of ZAV School. 10 minutes writing, 50 penalty points each fault.



Best results:

Student	Youth	Senior
Marek Prasol 2859	František Puchala 5266	Damian Mrowiec 5318

25. 11. - ZAV-Zvolen 2014: 7th year



Team Results

- OA Hlohovec,
- SOŠ OaS Prešov,
- OA Košice,
- OA Rožňava,
- SŠ Detva, 6. SOŠ Zvolen.

Individual results

- 1. Branislav Beňovič, 2. Daniel Beňovič (both OA Hlohovec),
- 3. Dávid Lech, 4. Dorota Jusková (both SOŠ OaS Prešov),
- 5. Karin Szabová (SOŠ Zvolen),
- 6. Tomáš Hajdúk (OA Rožňava),
- 7. Lenka Havrilová (OA Košice).

29. 11. - Championship ČR OPEN

29. 11. - Championship ČR OPEN held for the third time in the Handelsakademie of Olomouc, according to the age categories of the world championship



At least one golden medal won by:

- Karolína Foukalová (Gymnázium Rožnov pod Radhoštěm),
- Petr Hais (OA Praha, Heroldovy sady),

- Lucie Hejtmánková (VŠE Praha),
- Martina Ivanova (Litovel, ZŠ Vítězná),
- Veronika Matelová (OA a VOŠE Zlín),
- Anna Mičková (Gymmnázium Lesní čtvrt, Zlín),
- Klára Odehnalová, (Slezské gymnázium Opava),
- Jana Šebestíková (Česká spořitelna Praha).

[Jaroslav Zaviačič](#)

Luxemburg

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Maacher Lycée website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'MAACHER LYCÉE', 'ADMINISTRATION', 'ENSEIGNEMENT', and 'COURS DU SOIR'. Below the navigation bar is a large image of a young woman smiling. To the right of the image, the text 'Lux-Speed-Typing 2015' is displayed in a large, bold font. Below this, it says 'du 19 janvier au 27 février 2015'. A list of links follows: 'Affiche officielle', 'Règlement concours', 'Inscriptions du 5 au 16 janvier', and 'Login'. There are also left and right navigation arrows.

Thanks to the activity of Ms **Nicole Gangolf** (teacher at Maacher Lycée in Grevenmacher) who set up a **LUX-Speed-Typing Group**, for the first time **114 students**, accompanied by 12 teachers, will take part in a national keyboarding competition of this small but very important European country from 19 January to 27 February.

It is compulsory for competitors to **write in three languages**: French, German and English as per the following criteria.

!!! 3 vitesses obligatoires à 10 minutes !!!
3 langues obligatoires : français, allemand, anglais

CRITERES ET CATEGORIES D'AGE

Âges (années)	Cat.	Caractères minutes	Max fautes (inf. à)	Durée (minutes)	Pénal. par faute en frappes
		Langues obligatoires			
		F, D, GB			
< 12	Enfants				
13 - 16	Elèves	100	0,50%	10	50
17 - 20	Juniors	120	0,50%	10	50
> 20	Seniors	140	0,50%	10	50

Décompte fait de la vitesse brute

Ms. Nicole Gangolf is registered as Associated Member of INTERSTENO.

Japan



The Mainichi national typing contest was held in Tokyo, Japan in December 2014. This contest was held for the first time in 2002. About 70,000 people participated in the online preliminary contest and about 130 selected people joined this nationwide contest. The Prime Minister's prize was awarded to the champion and the school prize was also awarded to schools that achieved excellent results.

This contest is the largest in Japan. A total of 1.44 million people from more than 1,900 venues across the country have participated since 2002. It is sponsored by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Depending on the results of the competition certification will be awarded to all participants. Moreover, special awards, including The Prime Minister's Award, will be presented to those gaining excellent results.

The focus is on elementary, junior, and senior high schools as well as computer schools and overseas Japanese school. It is hoped that, through the contest, more participants will be able to enhance their abilities in typing as well as basic academic and information dissemination skills.

Until last year the competitions took place in a room to which there was no audience access. This year we held the competition on a stage in front of an audience. In future we would like to develop new approaches, such as creating new competition categories. In this way we shall continue to take on new challenges.



Translation into Japanese

2014年12月に日本でタイピングの全国大会（毎日パソコン入力コンクール）が開催されました。2002年に第1回が開催され今年で第14回目となる大会で、今年は全国から約7万人が参加しました。オンラインで予選を実施し、東京で開催される全国大会には、およそ130名が参加しました。優勝者には、内閣総理大臣賞等の賞が贈られたほか、学校団体の内、優秀な学校には学校賞が贈られました。

このコンテストは、2002年以来これまでに全国で1900以上の会場から累計144万人が参加している国内最大規模のタイピングコンテストです。また、総務省、文部科学省、厚生労働省、経済産業省などから後援を受けている大会でもあります。

競技の結果に応じて、参加者全員に段級位認定証が授与されます。さらに成績優秀者には、内閣総理大臣賞をはじめとする特別賞が授与されます。

主な参加団体としては、小学校、中学校、高等学校のほか、海外の日本人学校、全国のパソコンスクール、学習塾などです。この大会を通して、より多くの方々が競って高め合いながら、文字入力技能・基礎学力・情報発信力を高めていただけることを願っております。

昨年まで、全国大会の競技は観客のいない競技専用の部屋で行われていました。今年は趣向を変え、観客がいる目の前の舞台で競技を行いました。今後もこうした新しい取り組みに挑戦していきたいと考えています。

The Netherlands

The executive committee of Interinfo (the Dutch National Group of Intersteno) has sent the commission of Education, Culture and Science of the (Dutch) Lower House a letter on December 10, 2014 with a request that it should encourage professional, personal guidance with typing lessons (touch type) at primary schools.

The reason to do so stemmed from two messages in a newspaper and on television:

- 1 The article 'wie schrijft er nog met een pen' (who still writes with a pen) by Ton Voermans in the Dutch newspaper 'Algemeen Dagblad' of November 26, 2014. Refer to: <http://www.ad.nl/ad/nl/1012/Nederland/article/detail/3798597/2014/11/26/Wie-schrijft-er-nog-met-een-pen.dhtml>.

A report of BBC News of November 21, 2014 about the same subject was entitled 'Finland: typing takes over as handwriting lessons end'.

Refer to: <http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-news-from-elsewhere-30146160>.

- 2 In response to the above-mentioned article an item appeared in 'Jeugdjournaal' (Dutch-language televison with Kids News) of November 26, 2014 named: 'Finse scholen stoppen met schrijfles' (Finnish students will no longer be taught handwriting at primary school).

Refer to: <http://jeugdjournaal.nl/uitzending/avond/2014-11-26>.

Mentioned was that in the opinion of Finnish schools writing by hand is old-fashioned. That is why children will instead be taught typing skills. They find that much more convenient because nowadays touchscreens and keyboards are being used in a growing number of situations. In this broadcast is also noted that the Secretary of Education reflects on the future of typing and writing lessons in the Netherlands.

Interinfo points out that the current generation of students are growing up in a digital world in which typing skills are indispensable. But, on the other hand, primary schools in

the Netherlands pay little attention to teaching touch-typing. Children who do not touch-type spend a substantial amount of their typing time correcting typing errors.

Scientific research carried out by dr. (PhD.) Henny van der Meijden, affiliated to the Radboud University Nijmegen, demonstrates the huge profit on many fronts of being able to touch-type. She compared a group that learned touch-typing under expert supervision with a group (control group) that did not follow such a course.

She drew the following conclusions:

Those who had learned touch-typing under the personal guidance of an experienced instructor:

- Were able to type more than three times as fast as before the typing course.
- Achieved an incredibly better result in terms of error rate.
- The dictation is performed significantly better and they have made progress in typing their own texts.

The non-touch typists showed a slightly better result than before but were still making more than 1 error in every 4 keystrokes. The touch typists, in contrast, were making fewer than 1 error in every 100 keystrokes.

See E-news number 66, pages 16 and 17 for more extensive results of research done by Henny van der Meijden.

The above-mentioned commission of the Dutch Lower House responded with the decision that the members of this commission could take the letter of Interinfo into consideration (if desired) during a meeting about future-oriented basic education on January 15, 2015. The executive committee of Interinfo will report any results of this meeting in the next e-news of Intersteno.

Turkey



TURKISH INTERNET KEYBOARDING COMPETITION CELEBRATES ITS 10TH YEAR WITH RECORD PARTICIPATION.

Since the first competition in 2006 the National Keyboarding Competition via Internet, organised by the Intersteno Turkish Group has been a popular and officially recognised national championship in Turkey. At the beginning of every year it is organized by Intersteno-Turk with the participation of college, high school, elementary and even primary school students from all around Turkey, as well as interested individual seniors .

The competition, which has optimized rules and conditions for students and young people so as to encourage them to participate in the world internet competitions and Congresses of Intersteno, has seen participation incrementally increase so that hundreds of

competitors from numerous countries join annually, contrasting with the beginnings of the competition when there were only about one hundred participants.

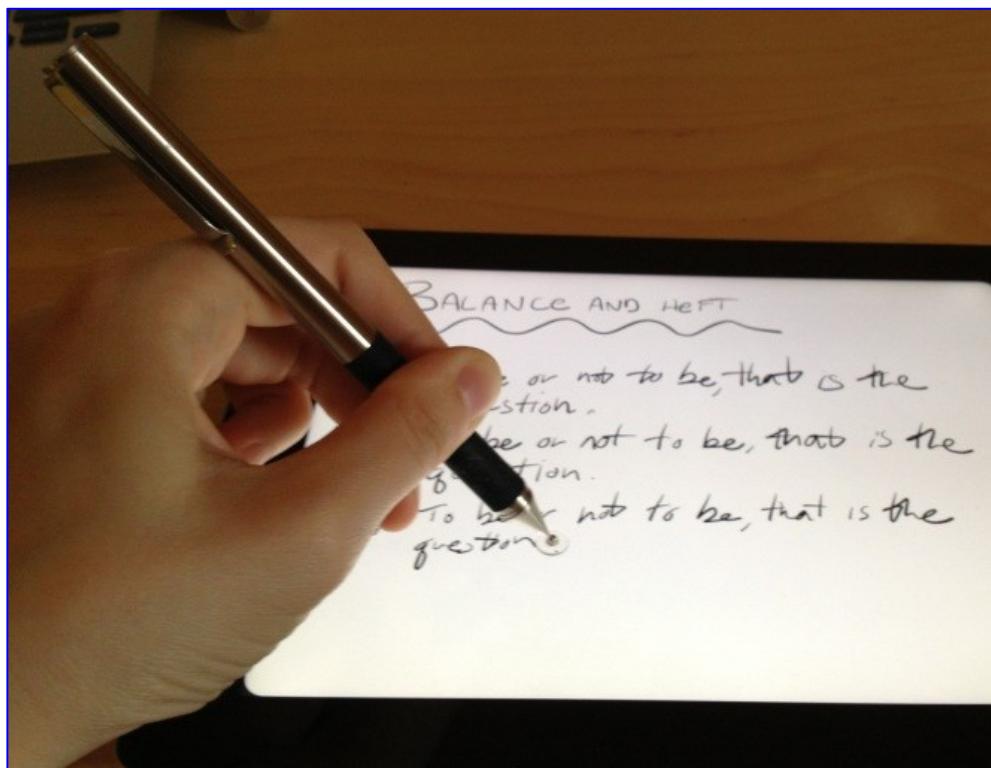
This year its 10th anniversary is marked with an exceptional entry **totalling 836 persons from 150 schools - a national record**. The increased interests and requirements of government that impact upon keyboarding occupations, together with the integration of a new generation of young people into the digital social life of Turkey, have played an important role in this development. In addition, the technical and organisational roles of the Intersteno Italian Group has been a great support.

The started on 2nd January and will continue until 31st January.

Emrah Kuyumku

What's new

Apple iPad stylus



According to a recent report from PCworld, there are rumors that Apple will launch a stylus this spring. The report says that the first iteration of this stylus will be a fairly standard writing and pointing implement that would be charged via a Lightning connector.

Advanced features, like 3D handwriting using a built-in gyroscope and accelerometer, would come in future models. It is suggested that 3D handwriting would enable one to write in the air and have the data sent to the iPad.

EVENTS

The 26th Federal Cup competition was held on November 8 in Regensburg (Germany)

This occasion coincided with the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Regensburg Stenographers' Association, marked with a reception by the Lord Mayor Joachim Wolbergs in the Kurfürstenzimmer of the old Town Hall.

Competitions were held for speech-capturing at speeds ranging from 250 to 475 syllables, and three competitors successfully captured the entire dictation. They were: Wolfgang Groth, Stefan Schubert and Matthias Kuhn.

In addition, competitions in text production and text correction were held.

Results can be seen at this link:

http://www.stenografenbund.de/fileadmin/dstb_upload/Ergebnislisten/2014-BPS/Ergebnisliste_BPS_2014.pdf



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