



## IPRS - INTERSTENO PARLIAMENTARY AND OTHER REPORTERS' SECTION



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Dear friends of IPRS,

It is nearly the end of the year and summer seems to be far behind us. The same applies to the Intersteno Congress; it has been five months since this wonderful event took place. There were a total of not less than 600 participants from all corners of the world, of whom one third was younger than 26 years! This is encouraging for the future.

About 100 reporters attended the Congress: parliamentary reporters, court reporters and freelance reporters. Most of them attended the two IPRS meetings. I look back on those meetings with pleasure and pride. The first meeting was held in the buildings of the Assemblée Nationale. Before the meeting there was a guided tour of the Assemblée Nationale, by courtesy of the friendly director of the French Parliamentary Reporting Office, Mr Thierry Marchand, and two of his employees. After the meeting we were warmly welcomed by Mr Marchand and his employees in the chambers of the French reporting office.

The second IPRS meeting took place in the less characteristic, modern FIAP building. At both meetings technological developments were discussed, including automatic speech recognition. Also, presentations were given about the profession of parliamentary reporter for disabled persons and the working methods of the reporting offices in various parliaments. The last item on the agenda was the present situation and the future of IPRS.

It is clear that IPRS is alive and kicking. There is a great need to exchange information, especially regarding (consequences of) technological developments. To improve the impact of IPRS activity, I proposed to the Board the creation of a Steering Committee. Fortunately, the Board enthusiastically agreed to this proposal. The Steering Committee (Ms Lida Horlings, chair), Ms Patti Calabro, Ms Marlene Rijkse, Mr D'Arcy Mc Pherson and Mr Fabrizio Verruso) focuses on the following items:

- A standalone website for IPRS is under construction: [www.IPRS-info.org](http://www.IPRS-info.org). We plan to have the content of this website - which will be linked to the Intersteno website - online in 2012.
- A databank is being built in order to administer IPRS more effectively in the future. This databank will also be available in 2012.
- The Steering Committee is very grateful that students of the Belgian Artevelde Hogeschool (Mr Danny Devriendt) assist to develop the website and to build the databank!
- Exploring possibilities to grant 'credit-points' to NCRA-members for attending Intersteno- and IPRS-activities.

Please let it be clear: the Steering Committee welcomes ideas about the future of IPRS from all reporters! Reporters from all over the world in touch with each other, that is IPRS! Because the reporters from all over the world are IPRS!! Our challenge is to give IPRS a solid structure and its own identity in the future years. Therefore, I invite each and everyone of you to actively contribute ideas and to take part. Please address your ideas to Lida Horlings [info@verslagbureau.nl](mailto:info@verslagbureau.nl)

The next IPRS-meeting will probably take place in October 2012. You will be timely informed about the exact date and venue. That information will also be published on the IPRS page on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=45304650294>

For information about the Intersteno congress in 2013 in Belgium: [www.intersteno2013.org](http://www.intersteno2013.org) and on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/#!/Gent2013>

And because it is nearly the end of the year, I gladly share the Christmas wishes which Mr Fabrizio Verruso published on the IPRS-page on Facebook:



To  
all  
IPRS  
friends,  
so that our  
ability may report,  
not only in this period,  
but in every day of Year, words  
of peace and love. Because Christmas  
it's not a pure "date", but a "state of heart".  
An important state of heart. Could you all share this  
with your families and friends, together us,  
hoping to meet again in a next rendezvous!  
To you all again, because you  
don't wait Christmas  
to be better!

**Marry Christmas and Happy new Year!**

**Ms Rian Schwarz**  
**Member of the Board of Intersteno for IPRS**

... AND THE SONG FOR 2012 FOR IPRS IS: <http://youtu.be/iHvdaYFx2U>