



IPRS - INTERSTENO PARLIAMENTARY AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL REPORTERS' SECTION

International Federation for Information and Communication Processing INTERSTENO



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Dear friends of IPRS,

My statement in the IPRS newsletter No. 1 of December 2011 that “IPRS is alive and kicking”, has been proven to be right by the large amount of activities that have been carried out since then, many of them behind the scenes. The new look of this newsletter is only one of the visible results.

IPRS organization

As many professional reporting and text capturing organizations have joined Intersteno/IPRS, the Intersteno Board decided in Ghent (February 2012) that the Intersteno Parliamentary Reporters' Section would henceforth be known as the ***Intersteno Parliamentary and other professional Reporters' Section***.

- The IPRS coordinator represents IPRS on the Board of Intersteno
- The IPRS Steering Committee implements the policies established for IPRS and acts under responsibility of the IPRS-coordinator
- IPRS favors a bottom-up approach and a hands-on mentality
- IPRS has friends not members
- All IPRS activities are carried out by IPRS friends on a voluntary basis

IPRS website www.iprs-info.org

The IPRS-website www.iprs-info.org is online. The website has a cheerful design and is a tangible demonstration that it is a group that all parliamentary and other professional reporters would like to be members of!

I express my gratitude to Mr Danny Devriendt and his students at the Artevelde College in Belgium for building the template and database, and the IPRS Steering Committee for the design and content. The IPRS website provides direct access to the IPRS forumpage on Facebook, to www.intersteno.org (the official portal to Intersteno) and to www.intersteno2013.org (the official portal to the Intersteno Congress 2013).

IPRS on Facebook

Since December 2011 the number of IPRS-friends on Facebook has risen from 75 to 275, an increase in five months of >250%!

IPRS news and information

News and information about IPRS is published on the IPRS website www.iprs-info.org, on the IPRS forum page on Facebook and by electronic newsletter to all IPRS friends who have registered as an IPRS friend on the website www.iprs-info.org. Please do not hesitate to register! Registration is free of charge and commits you to nothing. The information you provide will be used strictly to enable IPRS friends to network, to achieve a better understanding of the professional activities of IPRS friends and for better coordination of IPRS activities. As this information will only be accessible to registered IPRS friends by logging in, you will be asked to provide a password.

IPRS meetings Prague (September 29th-October 1st, 2012)

Whereas the biennial Intersteno congresses have a more formal character, the IPRS meetings held between congresses are informal. Therefore, these meetings allow for a better exchange of ideas, discussions in small groups, networking with peers and the possibility to know one another better. In Prague the IPRS meetings will be chaired by:

- Ms Rian Schwarz (The Netherlands) - member of the Intersteno Board for IPRS and Head of the Reporting Department of the Dutch parliament.

The discussion sessions will be mediated by the IPRS Steering Committee:

- Ms Patti Calabro (USA) - Owner of Calabro Reporting Services LLC
- Ms Lida Horlings (The Netherlands) - Owner of Horlings Conference Reporting
- Mr D'Arcy McPherson (Canada) - Managing Editor, Debates Services, Senate of Canada
- Ms Marlene Rijkse (The Netherlands) - Coordinator at the Reporting Department of the Dutch Parliament
- Mr Fabrizio Verruso (Italy) - Parliamentary reporter at the Sicilian Regional Assembly.

Program IPRS meetings Prague (NCRA and NVRA CE credits pending)

Saturday, September 29th

12.00-13.00h Lunch at Hotel DUO

IPRS meeting 1

13.30-13.35h

Welcoming remarks by Ms Rian Schwarz

13.35-14.35h

- Plenary introduction, discussion in subgroups, plenary conclusions - mediator: Ms Marlene Rijkse

"In what way does synchronizing a transcript to audio/video affect the editing of verbatim transcripts (false starts etc.) for reporters?"

14.35-15.45h

- Plenary introduction, discussions in subgroups, plenary conclusions - mediator: Ms Patti Calabro

"Can Virtual Reporting be a solution for freelance (court)reporters to get more jobs covered?"*

[*Virtual Reporting: access to a meeting, trial, arbitration, deposition, by seeing and hearing all participants via Skype or similar software, using an Apple iPad2/an iPhone 4 or a PC with a webcam].

19.45h Welcoming dinner at Hotel DUO

Sunday, September 30th

IPRS meeting 2

09.00-10.00h

- Plenary introduction, discussion in subgroups, plenary conclusions - mediator: Mr Fabrizio Verruso
"In what way can hiring of external freelance reporting agencies/freelance reporters be a solution for parliamentary reporting offices to better cope with work peaks?"

10.00-11.00h

- Plenary introduction, discussion in subgroups, plenary conclusions - mediator: Mr D'Arcy McPherson
"Is it a reporter's job to prevent a speaker from looking ridiculous?"

11.00-12.00h

- Report of IPRS meetings Paris 2011
- Plenary discussion about further development of IPRS (website www.iprs-info.org; IPRS-sessions at Intersteno Ghent 2013; questionnaire) - mediator: Ms Lida Horlings

12.00 Lunch at Hotel DUO

18.30h Dinner 'Celebration 125 years Intersteno' at Castle Mělník

Monday, October 1st

IPRS meeting 3

09.00-12.00h

- Visit to Czech Parliament

12.00h Lunch at Hotel DUO

15.00h Trip to Prague Venice and Prague Castle

Venue

The IPRS meetings will be hosted at the Hotel DUO Prague, Teplická 492, 190 00 Praha (Czech Republic) from Saturday, September 29th to Monday, October 1st, 2012. An optional excursion is scheduled on Tuesday, October 2nd, 2012.

Hotel website: www.hotelduo.co.uk. Hotel DUO Prague is located just 15 minutes by metro from the centre of Prague, with a new metro station right across the street.

Prices

Service	Single Room	Double room
Basic conference package including: 3 nights in Hotel DUO Prague including breakfast 3 lunches 4 sessions with coffee break use of Internet Welcoming dinner and dinner to celebrate '125 years of INTERSTENO' Trip to Prague Venice and Prague Castle	CZK 10500	CZK 18000

Visit to the Parliament on Monday morning		
Extra night (per room)	CZK 1300	CZK 1400
Optional excursion on Tuesday, October 2 nd , to northern Bohemia	CZK 1500	

Registration can only be done online at www.intersteno.info where you find all information and a registration form. Please register before June 15th, 2012.

Payment of fees

Registration is only valid after receipt of the total congress fee on account:

IBAN CZ76 0800 0000 0002 0273 2349

BIC/Swift: GIBACZPX

Name of the Bank: Česká spořitelna

Bank Address: Praha, Sokolovská 1

All bank costs are the responsibility of the person paying.

Payment can only be made in CZK. Payment in other currencies is not possible due to the risk of fluctuation in exchange rates.

Conference agenda Intersteno Congress 2013 Ghent

The Board of Intersteno has installed a temporary Presentations Committee with the task to prepare the conference agenda and the call for papers for the Intersteno Congress 2013 in Ghent. In order to avoid overlap between presentations at the general conferences and presentations at IPRS sessions, the Intersteno Board has appointed Ms Lida Horlings and Ms Rian Schwarz as members of the Presentations Committee.

ECOS2012

Intersteno/IPRS will be represented by Ms Lida Horlings at ECOS2012, the European congress for STT and CART reporters, which will be held in Nijkerk (The Netherlands) from August 24 to 26, 2012. For more information about this congress please visit <http://www.ecos2012.nl/ecos2012inthenetherlands>.

I wish you all happy summer holidays and I am really looking forward to reconnecting with IPRS friends and meeting the many new ones in Prague!

Rian Schwarz
member of the Intersteno Board for IPRS

P.S. Please don't forget to register as IPRS friend on www.iprs-info.org