



# IPRS Newsletter

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**IPRS – INTERSTENO PARLIAMENTARY AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL REPORTERS' SECTION**  
**INTERSTENO – International Federation for Information and Communication Processing**

Dear IPRS friends,

The new year is already a few weeks old. I sincerely hope that 2014 started well for all of you, both in your private and in your professional lives.

The INTERSTENO Congress in Ghent is half a year behind us. Once more I thank all those who participated in the IPRS meetings during the conference. Without you, the IPRS meetings could not have been such a success. In Ghent, once again I experienced much commitment to IPRS and I noticed that all participants are willing to share information, and also love to receive information. And that is the purpose of IPRS: to let reporters from all over the world exchange their experiences.

The Steering Committee is currently working on the preparations of the Council/IPRS Meeting in Shanghai. The Chinese organization will present the final program in April/May. The date is already fixed: 22-24 October 2014. Hopefully many of you are able to make the trip to Shanghai and to attend the IPRS meeting. We promise you there will be interesting workshops and presentations. Those of you who want to propose a topic or give a presentation are hereby invited to present their ideas to the Steering Committee ([steercom@iprs-info.org](mailto:steercom@iprs-info.org)).

As soon as the Chinese organization announces the final program for Shanghai, we will send out another IPRS newsletter. In short, we'll keep you informed!

*Rian Schwarz*  
Coordinator IPRS



*Friends of IPRS gathered in front of the flags in the European Parliament's Altiero Spinelli building in Brussels, Belgium*

## IPRS Newsletter

It's been a while since we released our previous newsletter. These days news can be spread rapidly via social media sites like Facebook and Twitter. Perhaps the format of an electronic newsletter has become a little outdated in the age of social media, where news is instant.

If you want to stay on top of the latest IPRS related news, the best way to do this is by joining our Facebook group and following us on Twitter. Alternatively, if you use a news reader, you can subscribe to our news feed via RSS.

These channels will ensure that you get the latest news almost in real time. On the other hand, a newsletter, which is released every few months or so, will, by its nature, always contain old news.

However, we are aware that not everybody wants to use Facebook, Twitter or RSS. For these people, a newsletter can certainly be a way to stay informed. Therefore we decided to keep the IPRS Newsletter alive, and we'll try to release a short newsletter more often.

## IPRS website [www.iprs-info.org](http://www.iprs-info.org)

The IPRS website at [www.iprs-info.org](http://www.iprs-info.org) has been greatly improved and expanded since our last newsletter. It now contains a news section and a downloads page enabling you to download reports and presentations of past IPRS meetings.

We express our gratitude to Mr. Geert Bonte from Belgium, who became our new webmaster in September 2012, for maintaining the website and database, and for adding new functionality to the site.

On the IPRS website, you will also find pages dedicated to the recent IPRS meetings in Ghent (2013) and Prague (2012), with pictures and videos.

The screenshot shows the IPRS website homepage. At the top left is the IPRS logo, a globe with 'INTERSTENO' written on it. To its right is the text 'IPRS Intersteno Parliamentary and other professional Reporters' Section' and the website URL 'www.iprs-info.org'. Below this is a blue banner with the text 'International Federation for Information and Communication Processing INTERSTENO'. The main content area features a collage of photos from various meetings. On the left side, there is a navigation menu with links: Home, News, IPRS 2013 Ghent, IPRS 2012 Prague, What is IPRS?, Register as a friend of IPRS, IPRS Newsletter, Downloads, www.intersteno.org, and www.intersteno2013.org. Below the menu is a login form with fields for E-mail, Password, and a Login button, along with a 'Forgot password?' link. The main content area displays several news items: 'Intersteno Call for projects 2014' (posted Sunday, February 2nd 2014 at 16:11 UTC), 'Intersteno E-news No. 61' (posted Sunday, February 2nd 2014 at 15:24 UTC), 'Location for next IPRS meeting is Shanghai!' (posted Tuesday, January 21st 2014 at 23:31 UTC), and '50th Intersteno Congress in Budapest' (posted Wednesday, January 1st 2014 at 18:07 UTC). On the right side, there are social media links for RSS news feed, issuu, Facebook, and Twitter, along with a 'Call for projects 2014' button and a '50th INTERSTENO congress Budapest 2015' banner.

*The news section on the IPRS website*

### IPRS on Facebook

At the moment we're writing this, the number of members in our Facebook group has increased to 553, which means it has more than doubled since our previous newsletter.

If you are on Facebook and haven't joined our group yet, we strongly encourage you to do so. The IPRS Facebook group is not only used to spread news, but also to exchange ideas and experiences with a worldwide net of open minded reporters, positively facing the challenge of (technological) improvements.

### Become a friend of IPRS

Besides joining our Facebook group, we also encourage you to register as a "friend of IPRS" on our website if you haven't already. This will ensure you get this newsletter and will allow you to access the list of people who have also registered. At the moment we're writing this, more than 100 people have registered as a friend of IPRS.

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 is only accessible to registered IPRS friends by logging in, you will be asked to provide a password.

### Videos of the IPRS meetings in Ghent

The videos of the presentations given at the IPRS meetings in Ghent during the 49th Intersteno Congress (July 13th – 19th, 2013) have been posted on [YouTube](#) and are also accessible via the [IPRS 2013 Ghent](#) page on our website.



*Daniël Tuijnman and Kimberly Turnage providing real-time captioning during the IPRS meetings in Ghent*

### IPRS visit to the European Parliament in Brussels

During the 49th Intersteno Congress, about 100 friends of IPRS visited the European Parliament (EP) in Brussels, Belgium.

Unfortunately, cracks in the ceiling of the Central Hemicycle made it impossible to visit this room, where the meetings of the EP take place when the EP resides in Brussels.

In a smaller room, which can be considered a scale model of the hemicycle, a general introduction about the workings of the European Parliament, the European Council and the European Commission was given by EP official Ms. Truus Yperman, followed by a presentation tailored to the IPRS public. This presentation, entitled *The European Parliament: 24 languages, one official report*, was given by Mr. Olivier Danjoux.



*Mr. Danjoux explains the challenges in creating a verbatim report in 24 languages*

### **Next IPRS meeting in Shanghai**

At this moment, only the location and date of the next IPRS meeting are known. This meeting will take place in Shanghai, China, from 22nd – 24th October 2014, together with the Intersteno Council meeting.

More details, including the program, will be published shortly on our website and in the newsletter.

### **50th Intersteno Congress in Budapest**

On New Year's Eve, Intersteno released the location and date of its next congress. The 50th Intersteno Congress will be held in Budapest, Hungary, from 18th – 24th July 2015.

The congress venue will be the Corvinus University, very centrally located at the border of the Danube.

This jubilee congress will be the first one organized directly by Intersteno (as opposed to previous congresses, which have traditionally been organized by individual member countries).

More information will follow in the next few months on the new website [www.intersteno2015.org](http://www.intersteno2015.org).

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If you have any news to share with your IPRS colleagues and friends or if you want to announce upcoming events in this newsletter or on the IPRS website, write to [news@iprs-info.org](mailto:news@iprs-info.org).

Please forward this newsletter to any colleagues and friends who also might be interested.

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