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## Sad news - Ms. Marija Tomc, Intersteno Honorary President, passed away on 16th May

We were very sorry to learn from Marijan Pavlic, secretary of the Croatian Stenographic Association the on 16th May Ms **Marija Tomc** passed away.

Ms Marija Tomc was a shorthand teacher and was the President of Intersteno for the organisation of the Congress of 1979 in Beograd, which was a very successful one. At the end of this Congress a printed report containing messages in several languages, with photos, was delivered.

She was member of the Central Committee although her health did not always permit her to be present at some events. She created the Intersteno group in Croatia; this group is now once more very active in our organisation.

The Board of Intersteno, in the name of all friends who had the opportunity to meet Ms Tomc, presents the deepest condolences to her family as well as to Intersteno friends in Croatia.

*Gian Paolo Trivulzio*  
President

## Council and IPRS meeting in Budapest - 1/3 October 2010

Over 60 persons have registered for these meetings. A few countries have not yet registered their representatives. We suggest doing so at once, since the hotel accommodation is nearing capacity.

Important topics will be discussed during the meeting of the professional reporters (IPRS). If you are unable to attend but you would like to contribute, please send a written document to Ms **Rian Schwarz-van Poppel** (rian.schwarz@planet.nl). All written documents will be made available on our website.

The registration form and agenda for these meetings can be seen at [www.intersteno.info](http://www.intersteno.info).

## Intersteno Congress - Paris 10-15 July 2011

The Organizing Committee of our next Congress is finalizing the agreements for the venue and the accommodation. We will keep you fully informed with the release of a special issue of our e-news in the near future.

Please also visit regularly the page Paris 2011 of our website as well as [www.intersteno.fr](http://www.intersteno.fr) for the latest info.

In our e-news issue n. 39 of December last, we reproduced *FUTURISTIC PARIS - Culture that fits in your pocket* - an overview of how you can surf the Internet to obtain interesting info when planning your visits in Paris. Our e-news 39 is still available on our website [www.intersteno.org](http://www.intersteno.org) by clicking on the button "E-news" in the left upper portion.

Since the majority of those attending our Congress are women, we have

pleasure in inviting them to read the following info and advices reproduced from PARIS NEWS // THE PARIS CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU N° 47 // TRENDS // MAY 2010. You can have updated info from blogs edited by women, and plan a wonderful and relaxing stay at our next Congress.

We thank the Paris Convention and visitors bureau for its permission to release this abstract.

A Parisian woman’s touch. In Paris some places in particular give extra special prominence to women.

This is what we call the Parisian “*woman’s touch*”. While certain places are reserved exclusively for them, women are happy to share other places while at the same time remaining the most important guests.

**Parisian women’s insider knowledge**

There are women living in the capital who love to share great tips and good places to go in Paris through their blogs. These blogs are an ideal way to discover Paris from the inside, from a female point of view.

Nathalie’s “*The Parisienne*” blog lists routes to take in the capital, reviews of exhibitions and food along with numerous photographs. Deedee Paris loves fashion and good ideas. Her blog is a goldmine for finding the best fashion addresses in the capital and for being in the know about private sales before anyone else. The City Guide section of her blog lists all these recommended addresses, along with a map of the capital. Since 1999, Heather Stimmler-Hall’s blog, *Secrets of Paris*, has been collecting information about Paris in English. Each month, a newsletter is posted on the blog with articles on unmissable Parisian addresses; you’ll also find cultural reviews and food reviews here. Lastly, *Do it in Paris* is a bilingual website on fashion, beauty and lifestyle in Paris: all the rubrics are great keys for discovering Parisian trends.

DEEDEE PARIS (in French)	<a href="http://www.deedeeparis.com">www.deedeeparis.com</a>
DO IT IN PARIS (bilingual)	<a href="http://www.doitinparis.com">www.doitinparis.com</a>
SECRETS OF PARIS (in English)	<a href="http://www.secretsofparis.com">www.secretsofparis.com</a>
THE PARISIENNE (in French)	<a href="http://nathzed.canalblog.com">http://nathzed.canalblog.com</a>

**Places for women only: sport, nights out dancing and relaxation**

Paris offers women places where they are treated just like queens. Here they and they alone are the centre of attention and every privilege.

For their wellbeing, ladies will find that certain sports clubs are exclusively reserved for them. This is the case at Lady Fitness which offers fitness and sport sessions, machines especially designed for women, personalized programmes and a spa and hammam. As for Lady Moving, it offers a new slimming and toning programme which is only thirty minutes long – practical for busy women. It also offers a space to relax. These two sports centres offer classes and day-membership packages.

For the more courageous, an event organized each year in the capital enables women to test their fitness. In 2010, this will take place on 10, 11 and 12 September and will bring together 18,000 women for a 6 km run. To find the most practical outfit for these sports activities, the Attractive store offers all the necessary accessories. The first sports shop dedicated to women, it offers a large choice and good specialist advice for women.

### After sport, you need to relax!

Parisian nightlife has a certain number of places or evenings just for girls. Every Tuesday evening, the famous Bus Palladium organizes "*Parisiennes Dolls*" evenings, where girls are honoured with free entry and drinks, surprises, etc. and only selected boys can enter. And to liven up the rock atmosphere, women are in charge of the music. The Cab regularly organizes evenings "*Pour elles*", where the first part of the night is reserved exclusively for women to have dinner with their girl friends before the doors are opened to men. The latest of its kind, *Les Filles de Paris*, which opened in January on rue Quincampoix, is a place where women can have something to eat, dance and have fun at the same time. Most of the time the DJs are women and this maintains the atmosphere of the restaurant, the boudoir area and the bar-club throughout the night.

To recover from these lively evenings, there is nothing better than a Turkish bath with friends. The *Mosquée de Paris*, is reserved for women on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In an oriental style setting, they can get a massage before enjoying a mint tea and a few cakes. The *Hammam Pacha* is reserved exclusively for women. It offers steam baths as well as treatments, massages and even the chance to dine here. The *Bains du Marais* offers days reserved for women on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is also the opportunity for a traditional Turkish bath.

### Sports centres and stores

ATTRACTIVE	123 rue de Rennes, Paris 6th Tel +33 (0)1 42 22 11 49 www.attractive.fr
LADY FITNESS	20 rue du Sentier, Paris 2nd Tel +33 (0)1 45 08 42 75 www.ladyfitness.fr
LADY MOVING	123 bd Saint-Michel, Paris 5th Tel +33 (0)1 55 42 92 37 www.ladymoving.fr
LA PARISIENNE	10, 11 and 12 September 2010 Tel +33 (0)1 46 65 39 38 www.la-parisienne.net

### Clubs

BUS PALLADIUM	6 rue Fontaine, Paris 9th Tel +33 (0)1 45 26 80 35 www.lebuspalladium.com
CAB	2 pl du Palais-Royal, Paris 1st Tel +33 (0)1 58 62 56 25 www.cabaret.fr
LES FILLES DE PARIS	57 rue Quincampoix, Paris 4th Tel +33 (0)1 42 71 72 20

## Wellbeing

LES BAINS DU MARAIS	31-33 rue des Blancs-Manteaux, Paris 4th Tel +33 (0)1 44 61 02 02 www.lesbainsdumarais.fr
HAMMAM PACHA	17 rue Mayet, Paris 6th Tel +33 (0)1 43 06 55 55 www.hammampacha.com
LA MOSQUÉE DE PARIS	39 rue Saint-Hilaire, Paris 5th Tel +33 (0)1 43 31 38 20 www.la-mosquee.com

Internet Contest 2010 - 1541 competitors. Another banner year!



We owe many thanks to the teachers, directors and of course to the students who participated in this year's contest.

The huge increase in the number of entries is mainly due to larger participation from nearly every country and to a marketing campaign sponsored by Intersteno for Germany and Slovakia. German competitors were 51 (previous year 12), while Slovakia participated with 208, thus being the third largest nation after Italy and Czech Republic.

In addition, the results in quality have improved and many teachers have motivated their students to participate in the multilanguage formula.

One Italian competitor, Ms. Denise Mandirola, did special training to take part in this competition using Stenotype-Melani steno machine. She is ranked in a separate list, as is laid down in the rules for world-wide competition.

Our contest enabled us to 'discover' new talents in keyboarding, from elementary schools up to universities. We published info on a few of them in previous issues: you will find below the curriculum of one of these 'new entries' and we will be pleased to present others on another occasion.

We are convinced that the most important result arising from this kind of competition is the growth of persons who have trusted in it and are now involved in its management in their countries, thus creating the basis for further improvements and for the future of Intersteno. gpt

Country	Qty	%
ITALY	495	34,114
CZECH REPUBLIC	264	18,194
SLOVAKIA	208	14,335
TURKEY	174	11,992
HUNGARY	67	4,618
HRVATSKA	52	3,584
GERMANY	51	3,515
BELGIUM	45	3,101
AUSTRIA	36	2,481
RUSSIA	30	2,068

Country	Qty	%
FRANCE	11	0,758
SWITZERLAND	6	0,414
POLAND	5	0,345
BRAZIL	2	0,138
USA	2	0,138
CANADA	1	0,069
ROMANIA	1	0,069
SERBIA	1	0,069
<b>Total</b>	<b>1451</b>	

### Who's who - the champions

Congresses and competitions give the opportunity to meet new people and to admire their performances.

The names of these champions can be read in the classification lists which are available at the menu competition of our [www.intersteno.org](http://www.intersteno.org) website. But the names and results are not enough to enable us to know a bit more about the background and the qualities of these people. Of course, everybody knows the tremendous results and the qualities of Ms. Helena Matoušková (CZ) who reached the highest speed in keyboarding (955,10 characters per minute, with 0,01% of faults) during the Congress in Roma 2003, as well as the wonderful result of Dott Prof Boris Neubauer (DE), who was successful in writing in 17 languages at the Prague Congress.

Mr. Jari Niittuinperä, coordinator of the speech-capturing competitions, has listed champions in this specialty using different technology in his reports for the Prague and Beijing Congresses. We invite you to read them.

On the Internet we meet only virtually, but the names of champions at Internet contests are now becoming familiar and invite our curiosity As a result we have presented a few of them in past issues of our e-news letter : Jelani Nelson (USA) - e-news 37 (June 2009) - and the group of very young Turkish people - Daniel Chen (USA)- e-news 29 (June 2008) -and Miloš Černilovský . Below you will find the curriculum of Sean Wrona (USA) who participated this year for the first time in our competitions.



### Sean Wrona

#### Experience

Independent contract work for corporate and research clients using SPSS and SAS statistical software packages to run statistical analyses (regressions, ANOVAs, MANOVAs, correlations, validity/reliability analyses) on client data.

## Education

- Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; August 2003 - May 2007
- Master of Professional Studies Applied Statistics, Class of 2008, 3.26 GPA.
- BA Economics, Class of 2007, 3.27 GPA, Dean's List Spring 2004.
- Cicero-North Syracuse High School, September 2000 - June 2003
- Ranked 11th in class of 595, 1999 District Spelling Bee Champion, 2002-03 C-NS math league champion, Mathlete of the Year (2002-2003), Java Student of the Year (2002), Plank Road Chamber of Commerce Academic Award (2003)

## Skills

Computer skills (including Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint), HTML, CSS, PHP, SQL, SAS, SPSS, JMP, Java, JavaScript, C++, Visual Basic, MATLAB. Typing speed 150 wpm with 97% accuracy.

## Publications & Class Projects

*"Assessing the Effects of Medicare Reform"* The Visible Hand, Volume XIII, Issue II. Spring 2006.

This article discussed the effects of South Carolina governor Mark Sanford's proposal to reform Medicare by replacing it with personal health accounts that could be used to purchase private health care.

*"Do Public School Spending Differentials Affect Graduation Rates?"* The Visible Hand, Volume XIV, Issue I. Fall 2006.

I ran and analyzed a regression model using New York state governmental data which discussed the effect of average spending per student on high school graduation rates, holding school population, student/teacher ratio, and suspension rate constant.

### Empirical project, Intro to Econometrics May 2006

In my final homework assignment for this class, I wrote a series of SAS programs to analyze the relationship between sleep and the amount of time worked as well as the relationship between exchange rates and a company's stock price, holding time constant and reported the results of these two analyses based on the SAS code I wrote.

### Final project, Statistical Methods for the Social Sciences II Dec. 2007

I analyzed the relationship between the average salary of graduates by college and US News & World Report academic prestige ratings, type of university (university vs. liberal arts college vs. regional college), affiliation of each university (public vs. private vs. parochial), fraternity participation rate, and number of computers per student, using the JMP statistical software package.

### Statistical Consulting Spring 2008

I met with a Cornell statistical consultant and six clients with various levels of statistical knowledge and aided the consultant in giving advice on specific statistical problems.

### Empirical project, Applied Statistical Analysis Spring 2008

Wrote SAS programs for Prof. John Bunge, head of the MPS program at Cornell in order to estimate populations of species.

## Activities

### Webmaster, race-database.com, June 2007 - Present

Entered complete results for all 600+ Champ Car and Indy Car races from 1979 to present, and over 500 Formula One races, as well as all 3,800+ drivers to have entered a Formula One, Champ Car, Indy Car, or NASCAR Nextel Cup race. Inputted over 100,000 rows of data into an SQL database, and coded the website using PHP to efficiently display the database queries online.

### Statistician, Mensa Scrabble-by-Mail SIG, November 1999 - April 2003

Organized a 15-20 page column (greatly expanding a column that was about 5 pages long in earlier times) in a bimonthly newsletter including commentary, game scores (needed to compile ratings), several statistical categories such as upsets, winning streaks, a "game championship" which evaluated players in each game series (held every four months). Built a database in Microsoft Access analyzing over a decade of Scrabble data.

## Affiliations

American Statistical Association, 2001 - present, Cornell Economics Society, September 2005 - June 2007

## Awards

Winner of Ultimate Typing Championship at SXSW Interactive Conference in Austin; March 14, 2010

Set an unofficial world record by typing a 574-word text at 163 wpm

## Belgium - Special day for exchanging teaching experiences

On Saturday April 17, 2010, the Belgian partnership "Enseignons.be" ([www.enseignons.be](http://www.enseignons.be)) organized its third day of workshops, debates and exchange of lessons, exercises and teaching experiment.

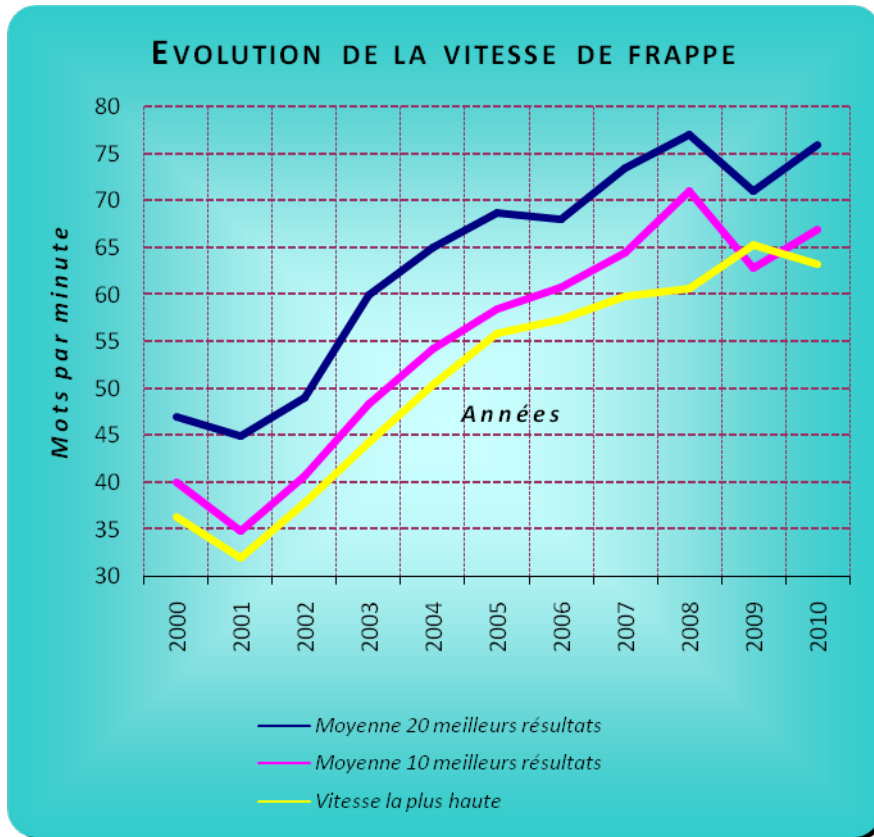


Teachers from APSB (Association of Teachers in secretarial and office studies; South Belgium) participated with 10 students. Their purpose was twofold. The first was to "show" the APSB association in a richly documented and interactive workshop. They also brought a lot of material and participated in the exchanges so as to remain faithful with their principle that collaboration is better than individualism, since that so often leads to "re-inventing the wheel."

Everybody wore a blue T-shirt with the new slogan: "*To push forward fast writing and capturing techniques... the small + which makes the ≠!*". Panels, diagrams and a double-sided sheet told of the objectives and activities of the APSB.

Among these, a place was reserved for Intersteno where an Excel graphic showed the significant increase in keyboarding performances, both in accuracy and in speed, since 2003, when a lot of school were training free online on the Java module and competing in Internet contests, thanks to collaboration with the Italian Intersteno group.





The students of Chantal Lawarée (Athénée royal Baudouin Ier in Jemeppe s/Sambre) and Danielle Cherain (Athénée royal Ans-Allieur) gave demonstrations of the rational use of keyboard, accuracy and speed typing and exercises in text processing.

G. Sante



## 27th APSB contests - Prize giving ceremony



The prizegiving ceremony of the 27th school championship organized by APSB (Association des Professeurs de Secrétariat-Bureautique), on April 24th 2010, was held in the Athénée royal in Ans/Alleur (Belgium) under its director, M. Manuel Dony. It also provided the opportunity to celebrate 28 years of Mrs. Stiernon's devotion to the association.

This ceremony was enhanced by a number of personalities such as school directors, education inspectors ... and by Mrs. Marie Dominique Simonet, Minister for Education, who was very proud to help and award prizes to the champions in the various categories as well as presenting gifts that were provided by the Association and several personalities for the best competitors.

In her speech Mrs. Simonet highlighted the need for ICT to be taught to the very young and pointed out that school was the best place to learn the necessary skills, that would prove to be useful then and in social and professional life.

She praised the competitions as a means of developing a concept of excellence, helping young people to pay attention to accuracy relating even to the aesthetic lay-out of a document, instilling a respect for the written word and allowing communication of one's thoughts to others.

These events promote the understanding of new technologies, but they also help to overcome obstacles that might prevent young people from understanding them with confidence and therefore efficiency. They help to make them independent and fit for many professions, not just those related to secretarial work. The international character of APSB's work also contributed to opening Europe and the world to young people. It also improved the quality of learning and vocational training. gs

## 10th year of ZAV JUNIOR competition - Karvina (Czech Republic) - 21 May 2010



The 10th national competition for students, under the name "ZAV JUNIOR", took place in Karvina in the Czech Republic. This event was organized by Interinfo Czech Republic, ZAV Internet school, Delnicka High School of Karvina, under the patronage of the Magistrat of the town, Mr. Petr Juras.

Helena Matoušková, using the ZAV-JURY software, evaluated the training and competition works.

Invitations to the event were sent to foreign schools, but only one school from Poland could attend since Karvina was inundated, rendering travels nearly impossible. Ultimately 21 schools totalling 75 students were present.

On this occasion, information about the worldwide competitions and the Congress in Paris in 2011 was released.

The best competitors in text production (10 min, 50 penalty per fault):

1. Cieslarová Karin (Karvina) 5338 btto, 7 Fehler, 4988 netto,
2. Foukalová Karolína 4623,
3. Puchala Franciszek (Polen, Gostyn) 4431,
4. Musil Milan (Mesto Albrechtice) 4341,
5. Hanusova Sarka (Kopidln) 3857,
6. Beilova Ingrid (Opava) 3696.

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Additional comments and photos can be seen at this link  
<http://www.zav.cz/souteze/399-vyrocní-zav-junior-karvina.html>

## Croatian national competitions for Intersteno 2010

The national competition to select representatives of Croatia (Harvatska) to attend Intersteno 2010 took place in Fiume (Rijeka) from April 29th to 30th 2010. This event was linked with the national competition of the by-sector of Public Administration, with the collaboration of the Professional Education Agency and the Economic High School Mijo Mirković of Fiume

A total of 52 competitors attended the event and the Organising Committee was proud of both the quantity and quality of the results.

Ms Lea Klečak of the High School of Commerce and Economy of Ragusa (Dubrovnik), gained the best result of the year, with a speed of 438 characters per minute. .



This new was released by prof. Marica Piršlin, prof, Upravna i birotehnička škola Zagreb and by dott. Elisabetta Fortunato, of the Professional Education Agency.

## Speech recognition supporting learning: The future - Net4Voice Final Conference - Bologna (Italy) 13th May 2010

Organized by the University of Bologna (which was the Coordinator of the Project supported by the European Union), the main aim of the conference was to present the Net4Voice project results and to open a discussion on the existing solutions for adopting Speech Recognition Technology in learning, and the future opportunities for improving the technology and adopting it on a large scale in education.

As well as the Net4Voice representatives from partners' Institutions, participants to the conference included educational institutions, public administrations, local, regional and national education authorities, developers of speech recognition technologies, service providers for people with disabilities, and people interested in the use of ICT to enhance education and inclusion.

After a general overview of the Net4Voice project and the research and application of ICT in education by the Net4Voice team, the main topics covered during the day were:

- An open view on ICT, and especially on Speech Recognition technology to enhance education, and to provide inclusive learning for people with special needs
- The presentation of the methodological approach defined and tested by the Net4Voice team for adopting Speech Recognition technology in education.

The conference was held in English with live captions and Italian translations for attendees.

Dottor Carlo Eugeni and prof. Luigi Zambelli, who are members of the Intersteno Education Committee, took place in this event and were involved in the organization.

Reports of the speaker coming from different European countries, can be read at <https://www.net4voice.eu/net4voice/Lists/News/>

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*I think that the topics discussed on this occasion, could be commented and further investigated among the members of our Education Committee, which must have their eyes on the future. (Gian Paolo Trivulzio)*

## MyLegal.com - USA - Niche social network fills void for Legal Industry

MyLegal.com bridges the gap between Facebook and LinkedIn as the “go-to” place for legal professionals, including lawyers and all professionals who provide services to attorneys and law firms.

Launched on July 31, 2009, MyLegal.com is attracting thousands of legal professionals who are in search of meaningful networking opportunities that translate into increased revenue.

Facebook is a great way to connect with old friends and can be lots of fun, but many professionals, legal and nonlegal, feel it’s a little too casual, with the inadvertent and sometimes embarrassing intermingling of personal and professional relationships. LinkedIn provides a more professional experience, but, for many, the scope is too broad, with some users feeling overwhelmed by a multitude of groups, repetitive discussions and vendor self-promotion.

MyLegal.com is led by two of the most experienced women in the litigation support space, Lisa DiMonte, CEO, (who is also an Associate Member of Intersteno) and Kathy DiLorenzo, Vice President of Business Development. Combined, the women have over 60 years of experience in the legal space.

Well known within their respective fields, members of the MyLegal.com Advisory Board provide expertise and consultation in strategic short- and



long-term planning, including business and marketing strategies, effective partnering and collaboration with public and private organizations, associations and news media, and identification and implementation of resources, tools and technology that benefit all those in the legal profession.

MyLegal.com offers legal professionals just one source to access legal articles and blogs, industry-specific press releases and product demos, as well as forums for collaboration and networking, all of which enhance the opportunity to connect service providers to prospective clients. Organizations and associations host private groups on MyLegal.com so that they can confidentially ask questions and exchange ideas and information in a secure environment.

The public forums provide an area for legal professionals of all types to engage in conversations with their colleagues or an expanded group of legal professionals outside their core area of expertise. The ability to post a question to this expanded group of legal professionals allows every MyLegal.com member to benefit from the combined knowledge and experience of experts in every aspect of litigation.

MyLegal.com also offers the most extensive and comprehensive searchable calendar of legal events in the industry, including conferences, webinars, and other CLE opportunities. The events are searchable by date, city, state and event description.

MyLegal.com recently launched its Online Professional Directory. For attorneys, paralegals and legal secretaries, the new online directory is an excellent resource for locating qualified legal service providers anywhere in the world. For legal service providers, such as court reporters, transcriptionists, videographers, trial consultants, notaries public, interpreters, translators, process servers and other professionals who serve the legal industry, the Online Professional Directory is a cost-effective way to connect directly to prospective clients around the world. Individuals and companies can customize listings to include information about their services, credentials, specialties, scope of expertise, as well as areas of coverage. All text entered in the customized listing becomes fully searchable and web accessible to the global legal community. A professional listing on MyLegal.com works as a lead generator, a veritable second website, if you will, for MyLegal.com members.

**So what's next for MyLegal.com?** The Professional Directory offering will be expanded to allow the addition of audio and video, with distribution and share features, as well as provider reviews. Future development will also include enhanced search capabilities to allow users to weight specific criteria that are important in finding a legal service provider. MyLegal.com also plans to offer social media packaging, a service that syndicates information, such as an article, blog, a press release, a product demo or a talk radio appearance, across multiple social media sites.

A combined media outlet and professional networking site for the legal community, MyLegal.com connects every day with lawyers, paralegals, legal secretaries, and all the professionals who serve them, through its online legal groups, partners, members, vendors, contributors, and supporters, as well as the MyLegal.com Talk Radio Show. MyLegal.com continues to build relationships and partnerships that position it as the premier resource for legal professionals.

www.mylegal.com

*I suggest reporters all over the world visit the contents of this interesting website and give their comments: we will discuss it during the next IPRS meeting to be held in Budapest to discuss methods of improving practical cooperation among professionals all over the world. (gpt)*

## Chinese News

### A Comprehensive Training Programme for the Handicapped will be launched in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

(Ming Lu, Baotou) "Meeting of Employment Service for the Disabled & Message)Service by the Blind in Mongolian Autonomous Region" was held in Hyde Hotel of Baotou City, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The Baotou Municipal Committee of the Communist Party, the municipal government and the Municipal Disabled Persons' Federation attached great importance and gave substantial support to this meeting. The Baotou Minglu Yawei Steno Training Center made an integrated record for this significant meeting by using large screen projection, which was well received by the present leadership.

### Focus on training professional teachers to welcome Yawei Training Era



A seven-day professional teacher training course was held at the Beijing Stenography Association's Training Centre from 14th to 20th April. It was the first time that such an event had taken place.

This training was organised by the CIPSC Stenography Professional Committee, Beijing Stenography Association and Beijing Xiaojun Office Equipment Ltd. In order to guarantee the quality of the lessons, Mr. Liaoqing, the president of the Beijing Stenography training center delivered the programme in person. Ms. Yang Fengyan, the director of the training center also delivered some lessons.



## “Yawei” Steno competition will be held in Baoding

The second Yawei Steno competition will be held in the Hebei Software Institute in Baoding in June. This competition is organised by the Vocational-Technical Education Institute of China, the National Occupational Skill Testing Professional Committee and Beijing Stenography Association.

## A Chinese Delegation Visits Korea



The Intersteno Chairman, Beijing Stenography Association President, Mr. Tang Keliang led a Chinese delegation to Korea from May 14th-19th, 2010. The delegation included senior stenographer Ms. Wang Rui, the director of Beijing Stenography Association Training Center, Ms. Yang Fengyan and director of Beijing Stenography Association Mr. Xia Guodong. During the visit, they were the guests of the Korea Parliament, the Supreme Court, the Korea Stenography Association, Jiangnan Steno Institute and CAS Steno Company.



## WHAT'S NEW?

*The info herewith is based upon reliable information gathered from various sources but it is not intended as an advertisement of products, services or producers.*

### WePAD the European alternative to iPad

Over 1 million iPad were sold in the USA 28 days after the beginning of the sale.

In Europe sales began on 27th May and we will give figures in our next issues.

In the meantime Neofonie, a German company, presented a product which can be defined as the European alternative. The presentation was



made by Neofonie's founder and managing director, Helmut Hoffer von Ankershoffen in Berlin. You can see a video of this presentation by clicking on the E-news button in the home page of our [intersteno.org](http://intersteno.org) site.

Mr Ankershoffen stressed the system's openness: Two USB ports allow users to connect all kinds of devices with the WePad, from external keyboards to data sticks.

People who want to put music on their WePad do not need to have any particular software, Mr Ankershoffen said - a blow at Apple's devices that require particular Apple software such as iTunes.

The WePad's basic version, which comes with Wi-Fi and 16-gigabyte storage, is set to cost euro 449, the larger 32-gigabyte version with a fast 3G modem is euro 569.

Mr Ankershoffen claimed that given its technological superiority and greater openness, "That's a bargain compared with the iPad."

The WePad, with its 11.6-inch screen, is powered by an Intel chip and relies on a Linux software base which is compatible with Google's Android and all Flash applications.

Availability of this product was planned for July but it seems that it will be gradually released from the middle of September, while a presentation tour in many German cities is planned.

Let the contest begin: will this new product really be an alternative? We will keep you informed and moreover we expect your comments.

### MobileTranscript - for lawyers and reporters. All transcripts available in realtime on Iphone.

Reporting is a competitive industry and professional reporters are always looking for ways to maximize the service that they provide to their customers. By providing services like RealLegal e-transcripts or real-time reporting, reporters keep their clients happy.

The creators of Mobile Transcript have come up with a new service that they hope that court reporters will pay for and provide to their attorney

clients: iPhone-formatted depositions. A court reporter signs up for the service and uploads the deposition to a website, and the deposition is immediately converted into a Mobile Transcript. Attorneys create a free account with the company and they can download the transcripts directly to an iPhone. The app alerts when new transcripts are available.

The lawyer can highlight key testimony right on the screen and e-mail selected points to expert witnesses, associates and paralegals.

When iPhone Software 4.0 comes out (hopefully June 2010, see info below), the developer of this application plans to add a bunch of new features including bookmarks, the ability to e-mail the entire transcript with yellow highlights as a PDF file, the ability to swipe a finger to move from page to page (instead of having to use the arrow keys).



## lphone4

The release of the new version 4 of Iphone is expected in June.

The new additional features are being kept secret, even if rumours are being spread in the magazines.

One feature is certain: the covers will come in five different colors.



We will keep you informed about the updates in our next issue.

## Automatic transcription of speeches

Automatic transcription of speech was a topic presented at our Congress in Beijing with reports from Dott Gianni Lazzari (Italy) and prof. Tatsuya Kawahari (Japan).

PerVoice, an Italian company, which is offering transcription via Internet transfer of audio files, announced recently that the service is also available in English (UK and USA), Spanish and will be available shortly for the Arabic and German languages. A new feature giving real-time results will be released during next summer.

Information available at <http://www.pervoice.it/en/news.php>.

IBM has also devoted considerable efforts to automatic transcription, releasing a software application called ViaScribe,

Here is a short description: ViaScribe contains a speech recognition engine capable of transcribing live or pre-recorded speech. Live speech is delivered to the system via a standard or USB microphone. Typically, public speakers wear noise-canceling wireless headsets or lapel microphones that record high quality sound without impeding movement. ViaScribe can also transcribe pre-recorded speech from a variety of audio and video formats, including WAV, MP3, and AVI.

During a live presentation, ViaScribe serves as a real-time text display - like a closed captioning window - outputting text as it is processed by the speech recognition engine.

Because natural spoken language generally does not lend itself to rules of grammar and punctuation, ViaScribe promotes readability by introducing a paragraph break or other markers whenever the speaker pauses to take a breath. These pauses can be customized according to the speaker's individual speech characteristics.

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