



INTERSTENO council meeting

Beijing, 15th and 20th August 2009

Venue	National Olympic Sports Center Hotel, Beijing (CN)
Present	Joke Bakker (The Netherlands), Jacqueline Bertin-Mahieux (France), Virgene Biggers (USA), Maria Luisa Corti Crippa (Italy), Jan den Holder (The Netherlands), Danny Devriendt (Belgium, secretary-treasurer), Waltraut Dierks (Germany), Anita Dobos (Hungary), Linda Drake (USA), Teri Gaudet (USA), Françoise Girardet (Switzerland), Csilla Hegedüs (Hungary), Gregor Keller (Germany, honorary president), Mladen Klepac (Croatia), Seçkin Kose (Turkey), Jean Charles Le Masson (France), Harald Liebhart (Austria), Jari Niittuiperä (Finland), Miloš Procházka (Czech Republic), Liao Qing (China), Georgette Sante (Belgium, jury president), Tang Keliang (China), Gian Paolo Trivulzio (Italy, president), Fabrizio Verruso (Italy), Karen Yates (USA), Ihsan Yener (Turkey, honorary president), Jaroslav Zaviačič (Czech Republic, vice-president)
Working Schedule	Saturday, 15 th August 2009 - 08.30 h – First meeting Thursday, 20 th August 2009 - 08.30 h – Second meeting Thursday, 20 th August 2009 - 12.30 h – Third meeting

Opening

The meeting is opened by Mr. Gian Paolo Trivulzio, president of Intersteno, who welcomes all participants to the Council meeting and especially some new members:

- Mr. Harald Liebhart (Austria), new council member
- Mr. Miloš Procházka (Czech Republic), new council member
- Ms. Karen Yates (USA), NCRA
- Ms. Françoise Girardet (Switzerland), representing Mr. Mauro Panzera

Greetings and best wishes for the congress are sent by some absent people: Mr. William Bonnet (honorary president), Mr. Mauro Panzera (honorary member), Ms. Gabrielle Fasnacht (honorary member), Mr. Cees van Beurden (board member), Dr. Boris Neubauer (board member), Mr. Mark Golden (board member), Ms. Thérèse Librecht (Belgium), Mr. Jorge Bravo (Argentina), Ms. Novakova (Czech Republic), Mr. John Wenclawski (Stenograph USA), Mr. Peter Walker (UK) and Mr. Ivan Šoš (Slovak Republic). Last one informed us to stop his membership of the council.

In memoriam

A moment of silence and deep respect is shared and addressed to our dear friends Mr. **Franz Sager** (Austria) and Mr. **David Rogala** (USA) who passed away in the beginning of 2009. We will never forget them and keep the best memories on their very appreciated contribution to the INTERSTENO federation and on their warm friendship.

President's and Secretary-Treasurer's report (spread on paper at 15^h July)

Taking into account the following remarks, the report of the President and the Secretary-Treasurer is approved:

- The Czech Republic helped the Austrian group in organizing their competitions and certifications after the sudden death of Mr. Franz Sager.
- The Correspondence and Minute Taking competition is added to the list of competitions with about 136 registered participants at the moment of the report.

Approval of the Minutes of the council meeting in Tychy

The minutes are approved without remarks.

Practical information on the running congress

About 800 persons will attend the opening ceremony, including guests and government representatives. English and German translation will be projected on two screens. The audience will be grouped by country, country representatives sitting on the first rows. Each country representative will bring the national flag to the stage.

The reception will be in the same hall, because of the heat outside.

Documents are spread to each country to fill out the names of the delegates for the coming General Assembly.

Election of the Jury President

In secret vote Ms. **Georgette Sante** (Belgium) is unanimous re-elected as jury president. Mr. Jaroslav Zaviacic, INTERSTENO vice-president, stresses her good diplomatic skills and the good collaboration in the jury.

Nomination of the Jury leaders

Text Production	Ms. Helena Matouskova (CZ)
Text Correction	Ms. Waltraut Dierks (DE)
Professional Word Processing	Ms. Georgette Sante (BE)
Shorthand Speech Capturing	Mr. Jari Niittuinperä (FI)
Real Time Transcription	Ms. Teri Gaudet (USA)
Multilingual shorthand	Ms. Joke Bakker (NL)
Correspondence and Minute Taking	Mr. Jan den Holder (NL)

Ms. Joke Bakker will replace Dr. Boris Neubauer, who is too busy with other projects in and outside Intersteno.

Ms. Teri Gaudet (USA) replaces Ms. Maria Luisa Corti Crippa (Italy), who announced to stop the leadership of the real time competition for personal and health reasons. Ms. Gaudet will be assisted by Ms. **Linda Drake** (USA).

Elections of the leader of the Scientific Committee

In secret vote **Dr. Boris Neubauer** (Germany) is unanimous re-elected as leader of the Scientific Committee.

Board 2009-2011

The council follows the suggestion of the Board to propose to the General Assembly to elect the follow Board members:

President	Gian Paolo Trivulzio (Italy)
Vice president	Jaroslav Zaviačič (Czech Republic)
Secretary-Treasurer	Danny Devriendt (Belgium)
Member	Mark J. Golden (USA)
Member – IPRS	Rian Schwarz-van Poppel (the Netherlands)

Ms. Rian Schwarz-Van Poppel will replace Mr. Cees Van Beurden, who stops the coordination of IPRS for health reasons. Mr. **Fabrizio Verruso** will help Ms. Schwarz-Van Poppel, especially in managing the IPRS Facebook group.

Mr. Gian Paolo Trivulzio accepts the nomination for president, but he suggests strongly to the council to look for another president in 2011.

Statute modifications

Proposal to change the constitution

Articles 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 18, 21, 23, 24 and 25:

changing *individual member* everywhere in *associated member* to avoid misunderstandings about the use of the wording *individual member*. This is unanimously accepted.

Article 13

13.1 A quorum shall consist of one-half of the National groups whose membership fees are current and paid in full at the time of the Council meeting. The Council is normally entitled to take decisions whenever a quorum is present.

13.2 The Council decides with 50 % + 1 of votes. The representatives of the National Groups, attending the meeting, have one vote each. The Board as a body has also one vote. An equal division of votes means a rejection.

After discussion this proposal is accepted with 10 votes in favor and 2 abstentions.

Auditing Committee – Budget

On behalf of the Auditing Committee (Ms. Joke Bakker (NL), Mr. Harald Liebhart (AT), Mr. Gregor Keller (DE)), Mr. Keller confirms that the finances of the federation are healthy and that after sample control all registrations and documents seem to be correct.

Furthermore Mr. Keller makes the following recommendations and remarks, to be discussed in a next council meeting:

- to prepare for the future a more detailed budget
- to discuss rules on the declaration of travel costs
- to evaluate to split up the duties of secretary and treasurer
- to define the responsibilities for who can spend INTERSTENO-money until which amount.

For 2009-2011 Austria, Croatia and China will indicate a member of the Auditing Committee that will work under the coordination of Mr. Gregor Keller. For Austria Mr. Harald Liebhart is appointed.

The secretary-treasurer thanks the Auditing Committee for their work and advises, especially Ms. Joke Bakker who stops her work in the Auditing Committee due to the constitutional foreseen cycling of countries.

Education: core theme 2009-2011 with educational committee

On initiative of Mr. Tang Keliang (CN) and with support of the INTERSTENO-Board the proposal to establish an educational committee and to make **education** the core theme in the next two years 2009-2011 is accepted.

Education is not linked to one specific technology but to all technologies used in INTERSTENO environment, taking in consideration the local possibilities and organisations.

The educational committee, coordinated by Mr. Tang Keliang, will be a subcommittee of the Scientific Committee. **Each country is invited to nominate two members for this committee. Members should be able to communicate in English language, should have experience in teaching and should be open minded in general and in means of education in particular.**

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Argentina	Mr. Jorge Alberto Bravo
Austria	Mr. Harald Liebhart
Belgium	Ms. Thérèse Librecht
Bosnia	Ms. Ferida Kukic
China	Mr. Tang Keliang
Czech Republic	Mr. Miloš Procházka
Germany	Ms Waltraut Dierks
Finland	Mr. Jari Niittuinperä
France	Ms. Jacqueline Bertin-Mahieux
Hungary	Ms. Csilla Hegedüs
Italy	Dr. Fausto Ramondelli
Japan	Mr. Tsuguo Kaneko
Korea	Mr. Soon Kwan Hong

Kroatia	Ms. Marica Piršlin – absent
Poland	Ms. Teresa Wawrzynek
Switzerland	Ms. Jeanette Luck
Slovak Republic	Pending
Spain	Pending
The Netherlands	Ms. Joke Bakker
Turkey	Mr. Seckin Köse
USA	Ms. Virgine Biggers

Proposed new Associated Members to the General Assembly

The following new associated members will be proposed to the General Assembly:

- Mr. Richard Flament (USA)
- Court Reporting Nord (Italy)
- Ms. Judy Henderson (USA)
- Combat Veteran Voicewriters LLC (USA)
- Calibro Reporting Services LLC (USA)
- Ms. Linda Lee Barry (USA)
- Stenomedia (France)
- Merrill Corporation (USA)

Internet contest 2010

The Internet contest 2010 will be held from **15th April until 15th May 2010**.

Prices remain at 5 euro (mother tongue) or 7 euro (multilingual).

National groups can take a commission of 1 euro, only if they take care of the payments and payment administration of their group.

Proposals and decisions about Intersteno fees

The Intersteno fee remains at 37,00 euro each delegate and 175,00 euro each associated member.

The following changes in the delegate table are accepted, starting in 2010:

Country	Basic	Inhabitants	Participants	Total	Change
Austria	4	0	1	5	-1
Belgium	4	0	1	5	
Bosnia	4	0	0	4	
China	4	5	2	11	+1
Croatia	4	0	0	4	
Czech Republic	4	0	3	7	+1
Finland	4	0	0	4	

France	4	3	1	8	
Germany	4	3	7	14	
Hungary	4	0	3	7	
Italy	4	3	3	10	
Japan	4	5	0	9	
Korea	4	2	0	6	
Poland	4	2	0	6	
Slovakia	4	0	0	4	
Spain	4	2	0	6	-1
Switzerland	4	0	1	5	
The Netherlands	4	1	1	6	
Turkey	4	3	1	8	
USA	4	5	1	10	
Total	80	34	25	139	

Next Council meeting

The next council meeting will be in **Budapest (Hungary)**, in autumn 2010. Ms. Csilla Hegedüs and Ms. Anita Dobos will prepare this meeting location and showed us how attractive this choice will be.

Next Congress

The 48th INTERSTENO congress will be held in **Paris (France)** in **July 2011**. Ms. Jacqueline Bertin-Mahieux and Mr. Jean Charles Le Masson accompany their invitation with a dynamic PowerPoint-show.

Honorary members

The council unanimously proposes to the general assembly to grant the title of

- Honorary chairman to Mr. **Tang Keliang** (CN) for the organisation of the 47th Intersteno congress in Beijing.
- Honorary president to Mr. **Cees van Beurden** (NL) for his huge work on different levels in the Federation, especially his very well appreciated revitalising and coordinating role of IPRS.
- Honorary member to Ms. **Maria Louisa Corti** for her contributions to the INTERSTENO conferences, her long work in the INTERSTENO Jury, including the coordination of the real time transcription competitions.