



2017 Berlin (Germany) – 22-28 July 2017

After four sun-filled congresses (Beijing 2009, Paris 2011, Ghent 2013, and Budapest 2015), the atmosphere in Berlin 2017 was intermittently dampened by the rain, leaving us with a somewhat gloomy memory of that edition. Perhaps this feeling was also linked to the emotion we shared during the opening ceremony, when we honored the memory of two great figures of Intersteno who passed away in 2016: Gian Paolo Trivulzio (Italy) and Ihsan Yener (Türkiye).

Moreover, we were more tired because of two factors: (1) the activities being split across two locations, which added extra stress to an already demanding week, and (2) the increased workload: even though attendance decreased slightly (fewer than 500 participants), a significantly higher number of tests had to be evaluated (a 46% increase), while the number of correctors remained unchanged.



Opening ceremony – Delphi Film Palast am Zoo



Racine show
26 countries – 5 continents



Gian Paolo & Ihsan Yener
We miss them!



Bongo Bang
A Belgian group for opening ceremony

Berlin was the second congress not hosted by an inviting country, but organized directly by Intersteno, which assumed full economic responsibility. At the helm was Belgian representative Danny Devriendt (Ghent), the Federation's secretary-treasurer, supported by our compatriot and jury president Georgette Sante (Sprimont), as well as the five other members of the Intersteno Board: Fausto Ramondelli (Italy – president), Rian Schwarz-van Poppel (Netherlands – vice-president), Carlo Eugeni (Italy – scientific committee), Russell Page (USA), and Tang Keliang (China).



Board 2016



Board 2017



Georgette Sante – Danny Devriendt

Going to Berlin was originally suggested by Ralf Groß (Germany), who had recommended the Estrella Hotel. However, once the specific requirements of our congress were outlined, the venue proved to be too expensive. Since

we had promised him that the congress would take place in Berlin, numerous contacts were made and several visits conducted by President Fausto Ramondelli and Danny Devriendt.

They eventually found an acceptable solution—not in the outskirts of Berlin as initially planned, but in the famous Kurfürstendamm district (often referred to as the “Berlin Champs-Élysées”), just a stone’s throw from Potsdamer Platz and Checkpoint Charlie. The Hollywood Media Film Hotel offered a sufficient number of large rooms, making it possible to organize the PC competitions as well as the speech-capturing championships for the larger delegations (Germany, the Czech Republic, Türkiye, China...). Meanwhile, the Rackow Schule provided a wide range of smaller rooms, which were used for offices, correction rooms, and certain speech competitions involving only a limited number of participants. The opening ceremony and the award ceremony were held just in front of the Rackow Schule, in the Delphi Film Palast am Zoo cinema.



Rackow Schule



Hollywood Media Film Hotel



Delphi Film Palast am Zoo

An important Belgian taskforce!

This was a record: Berlin saw the highest number of Belgian participants ever registered at a congress—surpassing even the Ghent congress in 2013. For the first time, the number of Walloon participants (25) exceeded that of our Dutch-speaking Belgian colleagues (18). And a fully Belgian team had the honor of welcoming the congress participants, handing out badges, programs, documents, gadgets, and more — all neatly packed in a pretty red bag matching the color of their T-shirts. Every one of them was a volunteer.



Jeannine Delange, Juliette et Fanny Corbesier, Agnès Coeckelberghs, Joseph Lepière, Etienne Sterkendries, Magali Kairis

These volunteers arrived in Berlin 3-4 days before the opening. They prepared the rooms, added tables, chairs, and electrical cables, and organized the opening ceremony. Throughout the congress, each of them adapted to the various activities and needs, at times acting as movers, photographers, media managers, accountants, couriers, excursion guides, or even members of the jury for competitions, alongside the few teachers who had joined us.

*Jean-Pierre Renonnet
Wiring and photographs*



*Olivier Levrau & Jasper Wouters
Word Processing Jury*



*Lilian Remacle Juliette
Jury Note Taking*



*Lylia + Danielle Cherain
Jury TP & TC*



*Colette Fettweis
Jury Help*



In Wallonia, *Marie-France Delleuze*, a teacher at ICTF F. Rops in Namur, registered her student *Alissone Olivier* and came to the congress with her. *Laurence Defawe*, who teaches at the Athénée royal Lucie Dejardin in Seraing,

brought not only her colleague *Elodie Di Stasi*, but also eight students from the school: *Kassandra Aerts*, *Tiffany Brico*, *Thomas Doyen*, *Charlotte Fagnoul*, *Anna Gianfrancesco*, *Virginie Goossens*, *Alix Lejeune*, and *Clara Stregnaerts*. Over twelve half-days, from mid-May to mid-July, she trained them for the five competitions in which they were all registered. She also organized several activities to help finance part of their travel and accommodation. Congratulations on this wonderful initiative!

The Seraing team was accompanied during their training and throughout their stay in Berlin by **Anne-Catherine Croufer**, a journalist at **RTBF**, together with her camera operator **Marc Pierard**. Their report can be viewed on our APSB website (www.apsb.be) as well as on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PSB.BE/>). After the competitions and once their students had left, L. Defawe & E. Di Stasi joined the Belgian working group.



RTBF - Interview of the 2015 Junior Champion (CZ)



Elodie - Youth Day Assistance



Laurence – Photography



Students of the ARLD Seraing at the reception desk



Part of the Dutch-speaking Belgian team



Alissone Olivier (ICTF F. Rops in Namur) and her teacher Marie-France Delleuze

In Flanders, the well-known **Top-Typers team** was present: *Geert Bonte*, *Michèle Van Lantschoot*, *Katrien Van den Bulck* and her son *Lorenz*, *Gabriel Dujardin*, *Nele De Lie*, *Katja & Yannick Germonpré*, and *Anthony Strubbe*. **Danny Devriendt** was also proud to welcome several of his own students: *Phebe De Smet*, *Pauline Messiaen*, *Evelien Van Calenberg*, and *Bruno De Rooze*.



A Belgian podium
 Congratulations to
Bruno De Rooze
 (Artevelde Hoge school Gent)
WORLD CHAMPION
 in professional
 word processing
 with the outstanding score of
98 %



- Podium Seniors
Word Processing Pro
- | | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| 1 Bruno De Rooze (BE) | 98,0 |
| 2 Stefanie Wiele-Schmieder (DE) | 97,0 |
| 3 Katrin Müller (DE) | 96,5 |

Photo links: Bruno with Danny Devriendt, his teacher

Applause for the "Belgian champions" in other disciplines



Anthony Strubbe
Best Belgian results
Senior category in

- Text Production with 564,40 cpm & accuracy 0,047 % 16th place
- Text Correction 99 corrections done in 10 minutes 22nd place



Lydie Corthauts
Best Belgian results
Junior category in

- Text Production with 403,40 cpm & accuracy 0,124 % 21st place



Laurence Defawe
The only Belgian **Senior**
ranked in:

- Audio Transcription 400 cpm – 0,275 % - 48th pl.
- Note-Taking & summary 73 % - 40th place
- Combined list - 44th place
+ **success in**
- Prof. Word Processing 80,5 % - 15th place
- Text Correction 69 corrections - 33rd place



Anna Gianfrancesco
Best Belgian results
Junior category in

- Note Taking & sum. 70 % - 15th place



Phebe De Smet - Cat. seniors
Word processing - 88 % - 7th place



Evelien van Calenberg - Senior
Word processing - 77 % – 18th pl



Nel De Lie - Cat. seniors
WP 63,5 % - 23^e pl. - TC 40th pl.



Pauline Messiaen - Cat. juniors
TP 344,6 cpm - 26th pl.



Yannick Germonpré - Senior
TP 457,7 cpm - TC – 31st pl.



Geert Bonte - Cat. seniors
TP 482,1 cpm - 43rd pl.



Katja Germonpré - Cat. seniors
TP 424,6 cpm - 45th pl.



Katrien Vandenbulcke - Senior
TP 403,9 cpm - 58th pl.



Charlotte Fagnoul - Junior
16th place in Note Taking



Tiffany Brico - Cat. juniors
17th place in Note Taking



Klervia Closset - Cat. juniors
31st place in Text Production



Céline Mathieu - Cat. seniors
59th place in Text Correction

Complete list of results available on the <https://www.intersteno.org/berlin-2017/> - Belgian summary at the end of this document.

Congratulations to all the graduates!



Wallonia-Belgium winners with Jeannine Delange & Georgette Sante

From left to right
Elodie Di Stasi representing the three students of the ARLD Seraing (see below), graduates in notetaking and summary (NT),

Laurence Defawe, Céline Mathieu, Klervia Closset, Lydie Corthauts.

Complete list of results available on the www.intersteno2017.org website.

Bits from the congress

Friendliness was very much in the air: all the Belgians already in Berlin gathered on Friday, 21 July, Belgium's National Day. They shared a simple, friendly dinner prepared by the restaurant La Cantina, located just a stone's throw from the Hollywood Media Hotel. Unfortunately, the late hour, the fatigue already accumulated, the logistical challenges of managing such a large group with varied meal choices, and the conversations with the journalists meant that no group photo was taken. What a pity! As always, our friends from France discreetly joined us.



Yaam Living Art activity: an all-Belgian team bravely guided — on foot in the rain and by metro — the fifty young participants (under 26) who had registered for Youth Day. This original choice was greatly appreciated. Elodie, Fanny, and Juliette also took exceptional care of the "little competitors from Türkiye".



From 7 to 77 years old (and even beyond!): as the famous Belgian comic strip Tintin always proclaims, there is no age limit for taking part in Intersteno competitions. Some competitors return to every congress, year after year.



The 5 youngest competitors are Turkish. Born in 2008 so 9 years old. Here, they pose with Agnes Coeckelberghs (BE)



Thérèse Ramseyer, 88 years competed in the multilingual speech competition.



In 1967, Gabriel Dujardin registered for his first congress. In Berlin, he celebrated his 50th anniversary of participation. He was present at all the congresses ... except in Beijing in 2009.

Flexibility and adaptability: these are the key words that define our work during the congresses... Whether it means adjusting to sudden showers when your umbrella is "on the other side," finding the perfect angle for a great photo, or simply being available for whatever unexpected situation arises!



Farewell dinner: It remains a tradition that, after such an intense week, most participants wish to prolong the convivial atmosphere — and “break their piggy bank” — to register for the final dinner as well.



Special Belgium skills

- a driver and a van full of material: electric cables, advertising banners, flags, podium, t-shirts, bags, printers, leaflets, and ... instruments de musique;
- a whole Belgian team to fold T-Shirts, sort documents, Fill the bags, Setup tables, chairs, and electricity plug, ...
- two efficient young Belgians managed music and films during the opening ceremony: Magali Kairis (Wallonia) and Jasper Wouters (Flanders).



Danny Devriendt - Joseph Lepière



Etienne S., Agnes C., Jean-Pierre R., Georgette S., Danny D., Jeannine D., Joseph L.



Magali Kairis – Jaspers Wouters

Trigger: On Friday, the 28th, during the final excursion to the Spree Wald, the whole team could finally begin to unwind... or so we thought. An accident at the start disrupted the schedule somewhat, and the hungry mosquitoes were waiting for us along the canals — much to the great displeasure of some people!



Rain: As mentioned above, the rain made an unwelcome appearance during the Congress. The greatest disappointment was having to cancel the open-air cocktail planned after the opening ceremony at the Brasserie Le Paris on the Kurfürstendamm. And visiting the Potsdam Palace and its magnificent gardens under steady rain was no easy task. Happier were those who managed to stay dry during the conferences held on the same day!



And after?

Francesca Marchionne had already answered “YES”, so we knew that the **52nd Intersteno Congress** would take place in **Cagliari** (Sardinia) from **13 to 19 July 2019**. Although Sardinia is part of Italy, our president, Fausto Ramondelli, resigned from his position and proposed handing over the leadership of Intersteno to the vice-president, Rian Schwarz-van_Poppel. The Board had also the pleasure to welcome two young men: Emrah Kuyumcu from Turkey and Krystian Wawrzynek from Poland. This **new Board** was duly appointed during the General Assembly. And a photo was taken for posterity.



Carlo Eugeni (Italie), Georgette Sante (Belgium), Russell Page (United States), Rian Schwarz van Poppel (The Netherlands), Danny Devriendt (Belgium), Emrah Kuyumcu (Turkey), Krystian Wawrzynek (Poland)



We are sure: collaboration between Francesca Marchionne / Danny Devriendt will be efficient!



At the Council dinner

Jean-Pierre Rensonnet, Agnès Cocklebur, Joseph Lepièce, Danny Devriendt, Jeannine Delange, Etienne Sterkendries, Georgette Sante



Goodbye Mr. President

Thank you for your collaboration!!



Berlin 2017



INTERSTENO - Championats du monde - Berlin 2017

Extraits de la liste des résultats

Production de texte - SENIORS - Clavier standard - 30 minutes

Place	Prénom Nom	Pays	Association	CPM*	% erreur	Points
1	Celal Aşkın	Turquie	Intersteno-Turk	791,3	0,046	22638
2	Hakan Kurt	Turquie	Intersteno-Turk	723,8	0,078	20013
3	Emrah Kuyumcu	Turquie	Intersteno-Turk	706,2	0,057	19985
16	Anthony Strubbe	Belgique		564,4	0,047	16131
41	Yannick Germonpré	Belgique	Intersteno Belgium	457,7	0,051	13030
43	Geert Bonte	Belgique	Intersteno Belgium	482,1	0,118	12763
58	Katrien Vandendulcke	Belgique	Top-Typers Brugge	403,9	0,066	11316

Total participants: 110

Production de texte - JUNIORS - Clavier standard

1	Cengizhan Özal	Turquie	Intersteno-Turk	650,3	0,051	18508
2	İlyas Pamukçu	Turquie	Intersteno-Turk	648,1	0,077	17944
3	Mehmet Kurt	Turquie	Intersteno-Turk	560,7	0,065	15720
21	Lydie Corthouts	Belgique	APSB	403,4	0,124	10603
26	Pauline Messiaen	Belgique	Sint-Jozefsinstituut Brugge	344,6	0,048	9838
31	Klervia Closset	Belgique	Athénée royal Visé	311,4	0,021	9143

Total participants: 53

Correction de texte - SENIORS - 10 minutes

Place	Prénom Nom	Pays	Association	Correction	Erreurs	Points
1	Petra Konečná	Czech Rep.	Interinfo ČR	225	5	20000
2	Annemarie Mersch	Allemagne	Intersteno Deutschland	201	2	19100
3	Olaf Rörtgen	Allemagne	Vestischer Steno-Club	174	2	16400
22	Anthony Strubbe	Belgique		99	4	7900
31	Yannick Germonpré	Belgique	Intersteno Belgium	81	2	7100
33	Laurence Defawe	Belgique	APSB	69	0	6900
40	Nele De Lie	Belgique	Intersteno Belgium	63	1	5800
59	Céline Mathieu	Belgique	APSB	69	7	3400

Total participants: 107

Traitement de texte professionnel - SENIORS

Place	Prénom Nom	Pays	Association	Logiciel	%	
1	Bruno De Rooze	Belgique	Arteveldehogeschool Gent	Word 2016	98,0	Champion du monde
2	Stefanie Wiele-Schmieder	Allemagne		Word 2016	97,0	
3	Katrin Müller	Allemagne	Intersteno Deutschland	Word 2010	96,5	
15	Laurence Defawe	Belgique	APSB	Word 2013	80,5	
23	Nele De Lie	Belgique		Word 2013	63,5	

Total participants: 80

Audiotypie - SENIORS - 10 minutes

Place	Prénom Nom	Pays	Technologie	CPM*	% erreur	Points
1	Daniela Busalacchi	Italie	chord	787,7	0,076	7577
2	Gioia Pedretti	Italie	chord	668	0,000	6680
3	Jennifer Schuck	USA	chord	747	0,228	6620
43	Laurence Defawe	Belgique	keyboard	400,5	0,275	3455

Total participants: 63

Prise de notes et résumé - SENIORS

Place	Prénom Nom	Pays	Technologie	% résumé	Erreur	Points
1	Sylvia Beckers	Allemagne	graphic	98	0	98
1	Petr Hais	Czech Rep.	keyboard	98	0	98
3	Petra Konečná	Czech Rep.	keyboard	97	0	97
48	Laurence Defawe	Belgique	keyboard	73	12	61

Total participants: 60

Prise de notes et résumé - JUNIORS

1	Anna Mičková	Czech Rep.	keyboard	100	0	100
2	Karin Imbergerová	Czech Rep.	keyboard	97	0	97
3	Andrea Akhlaghi Farsi	Italy	keyboard	94	0	94
15	Anna Gianfrancesco	Belgique	keyboard	70	0	70
16	Charlotte Fagnoul	Belgique	keyboard	69	0	69
17	Tiffany Brico	Belgique	keyboard	57	0	57

Total participants: 24

Liste combinée pour concurrents réussissant au moins 3 compétitions

40	Laurence Defawe	Belgique	Production de texte, corrections, audiotypie, prise de notes & résumé
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* CPM = caractères par minute

