



THE FUTURE IS HERE! THE FUTURE IS NOW!

From the President's Desk

April 2026



Welcome to our special Intersteno issue of the Bugle. As most of us enjoyed a forced, if not totally unwelcome break in work over the Easter holiday period, we in Council have been busy planning ahead for Intersteno in Liverpool.

For BIVR, this means hosting a large and prestigious event, from Friday 24 July to Thursday 30 July. I'm sure you have all been aware of the postings on social media for the event. As I mentioned in January, there will be a full programme of meetings, competitions and entertainment for all ages. You can find the proposed agenda on the Intersteno 2026 website. The Intersteno Board members tasked with arranging

the event have been visiting Liverpool, along with our Vice President, Ian Roberts. Plans are progressing and by the time you read this, accommodation in the Adelphi should be available for booking – though there are other hotels nearby.

It would be advisable to register on the Intersteno website as soon as possible and book any activities you wish to take part in – whether that includes competitions or excursions.

I look forward to meeting you all in Liverpool for the events and social activities.

Alan Bell
President

From the Secretary's Desk:

I hope you'll forgive my Shelley moment – my creative juices have run wild...

Whether you be young or old
Be feart or bold,
Come try your hands,
With those from other lands
Whether keyboard or chord
Whether lady or lord
It's fun to compete,
Aye, vote with your feet,
Else, with envy you'll drool,
Wished you'd come to Liverpool!

There was a fine person from BIVR,
Whose tummy was all of a-quiver,
They heard of the Congress,
And wanted to progress,
So, with no further ado
And a big Woo-Hoo!
They booked up online,
And all was then fine.
Aah!
See you there for cake and wine? Mary



The website for booking your 55th Intersteno Congress, experience, hosted by BIVR, is now fully functioning.

<https://www.intersteno2026.org>



Do, please, Register now – or as soon as possible. (How to get to Liverpool is referred to later, but it's under “Liverpool Info on the website!)

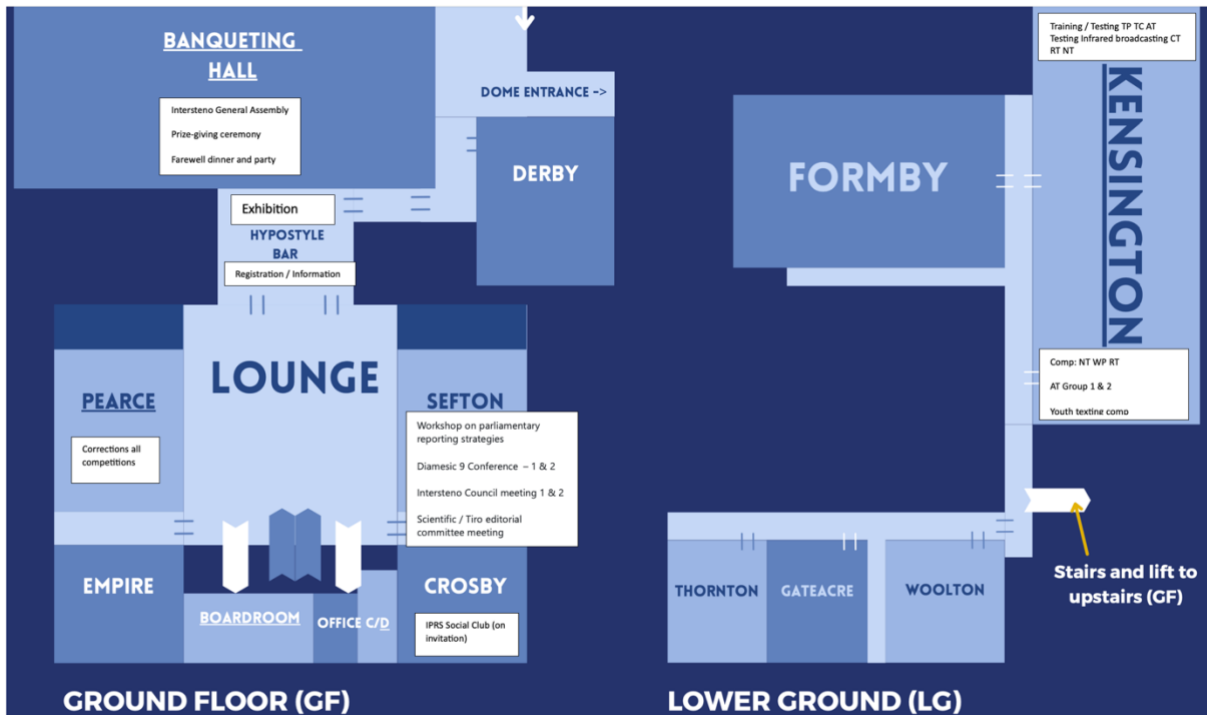
What's on and where?

There is a very full calendar of events beginning, in fact, on Friday, 24 July until Thursday 30 July, 2026.

Click on Tentative Congress programme – I have laid them all out for you later on but click on each link in turn to see what's there.



The Adelphi Hotel in Ranelagh Street, showing the side road with disabled access to the right. The car park is behind the hotel.



Intersteno Congress 2026 – Friday, 24 July – Wed, 29 July 2026 - Adelphi. Saturday 25 Opening ceremony & welcome cocktail St George's Hall – Concert Room. Thursday 30 July 2026 – all day North Wales trip

Layout of Adelphi competition and other rooms we will be using.

The Opening ceremony is on Saturday at 17:30 hours at St George's Hall - Concert Room, opposite Lime Street Station. Everything else is at the Adelphi Hotel where, hopefully you'll stay so that everyone is together! Details of how to book is shown later. Other hotels are available in the area.

As the start time on Saturday is quite early, 08:00 hours for training and testing equipment, you'll want to arrive on Friday morning, early afternoon – (note that the usual check-in is 3 p.m., but you can pay for early check-in - 24 July) - when the registration opens at 17:30 hours in the Hypostyle Bar, with a training session at 18:00 hours for the Text Production (TP); Text Correction (TC) and Audio Transcription (AT), in the Kensington Room. See my map above for the hotel rooms layout.

See the events at a glance - Friday:

Tentative congress programme

Time	Activity	Venue
Friday 24 July 2026		
09.00-11.00	Intersteno Jury meeting	Adelphi - Executive
11.00-13.00	Intersteno Board meeting	Adelphi - Executive
17.30-20.30	Opening registration and information desk	Adelphi - Hypostyle
18.00-20.00	Training competitions TP TC AT (for those who already arrived in Liverpool)	Adelphi - Kensington

Ideally, you should arrange to be in the competition room/s at least a half hour beforehand to get in and settled in with your equipment. Mostly it is the Kensington Room at the Adelphi Hotel. Make a list of what you need to bring with you!

Competitions - they begin on Saturday 25 July with Training and testing, again, for the TP, TC and AT, at 08.00 – 09.00 and then, very importantly testing the infrared broadcasting at 09.00 – 10.00 - for which, you'll note, attendance is compulsory! with the first competition Note Taking (NT) beginning at 10:30.

Saturday events at a glance:

Saturday 25 July 2026

08.00-16.00	Opening registration and information desk	Adelphi - Hypostyle
08.00-09.00	Training and testing - TP TC AT	Adelphi - Kensington
09.00-10.00	Testing - Infrared broadcasting - SC RT NT Attendance compulsory!	Adelphi - Kensington
10.30-12.00	Competition Note Taking (NT)	Adelphi - Kensington
13.30-15.30	Competition Word Processing (WP)	Adelphi - Kensington
17.30	Opening ceremony and welcome cocktail [Doors open at 17.10 h]	St George's Hall - Concert Room

Sunday events at a glance:

Sunday 26 July 2026

07.30-16.00	Opening registration and information desk	Adelphi - Hypostyle
08.00	Competition Speech Capturing Doors will be open at 07.15 h.	Adelphi - Kensington
11.00	Competition Real Time (RT)	Adelphi - Kensington
12.30	Competition Text Production group 1 (TP1)	Adelphi - Kensington
14.30	Competition Text Production group 2 (TP2)	Adelphi - Kensington
16.00-18.00	Workshop on parliamentary reporting strategies	Adelphi - Sefton
16.30	Competition Text Corrections (TC)	Adelphi - Kensington
17.30	Competition Audio Transcription (AT) - group 1	Adelphi - Kensington
18.30	Competition Audio Transcription (AT) - group 2	Adelphi - Kensington
18.00-19.00	IPRS Social Club (on invitation)	Adelphi - Crosby
until late	Corrections all competitions	Adelphi - Pearce

Monday events at a glance:

Monday 27 July 2026

whole day	Corrections all competitions	Adelphi - Pearce
08.30-14.00	Opening registration and information desk	Adelphi - Hypostyle
08.00-09.00	Meeting Auditing Committee	Adelphi - Executive
09.00-12.30	Diamesic 9 Conference - 1	Adelphi - Sefton
13.00-14.00	Team Relay Typing Challenge	Adelphi - Kensington
14.00-14.15	Youth texting competition	Adelphi - Kensington
15.45-18.15	Excursion 1 - Visit Royal Liver Building Liverpool	Adelphi - Meeting point
21.00-23.00	Karaoke evening	Celtic Corner (47 Ranelagh St.)

BTW, the Team Relay Typing Challenge is something new!

Tuesday events at a glance:

Tuesday 28 July 2026

08.30-14.00	Opening registration and information desk	Adelphi - Hypostyle
09.00-12.00	Youth Event 08.50 h @ meeting point	Adelphi - Meeting point
09.00-12.00	Diamesic 9 Conference - 2	Adelphi - Sefton
13.15-15.15	Intersteno Council meeting 1	Adelphi - Sefton
16.30-18.00	Excursion 2 - Liverpool City and Beatles tour	Adelphi - Meeting point
20.00	Council dinner (on invitation) 19.45 h @ meeting point	Adelphi - Meeting point

Wednesday events at a glance:

Wednesday 29 July 2026

08.30-14.00	Opening registration and information desk	Adelphi - Hypostyle
09.00-10.30	Intersteno Council meeting 2	Adelphi - Sefton
11.30-13.00	Intersteno General Assembly	Adelphi - Banqueting Hall
13.00-16.00	Scientific committee meeting Tiro editorial committee meeting Educational committee	Adelphi - Sefton
16.30	Prize-giving ceremony Doors open at 16.00 h.	Adelphi - Banqueting Hall
19.30	Farewell dinner and party	Adelphi - Banqueting Hall

Thursday events at a glance:

Thursday 30 July 2026

09.30-17.30	North Wales day trip	Adelphi - Meeting point
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Still under Congress info:

Participation fees

Congress card

Compulsory for all congress participants!

Price includes:

- Congress bag and badge, congress programme
- Access to congress venues
- Access to competition training
- Access to exhibition area
- Access to conferences on Tuesday
- Youth event (up to 26 years)*
- Access to prize giving ceremony

**Participation to the youth event is charged at € 10,00. This fee is given back in goodies to those who effectively participate in the youth event.*

As it says all attendees must pay for a Congress card at €230, so if your partner wishes to accompany you, you need to pay for them, though it is cheaper for children.

Many children have entered on the QWERTY keyboard in past years, so tell all your family, friends and neighbours.

Fee congress card

Up to 15th May 2026

Normal tariff	€ 230,00
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Reduced tariff*	€ 185,00
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After 15th May 2026	€ 260,00
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*Reduced tariff is automatically granted to young persons (born in 2001 or later)

As you can see, there is a cut-off date of 15th May, 2026 before the fee goes up so: Don't delay, book today!

[Ah, the poetic muse is upon me again. M]

Accompanying parents

Young competitors - up to the age of 18 - can be accompanied by 1 or 2 parents, paying a contribution as *accompanying parent* (€ 50,00/person), which gives access to both the opening and the prize giving ceremony.

In the registration procedure, young competitors can enter the names of their parents, as far as they are accompanying them.

Note that the fee is cheaper for accompanying parents.

As I mention above, many children attend the Congress and compete!

Up to 15th May 2026

Accompanying parent	€ 50,00
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Competition fee

- Basic fee gives access to max. 3 competitions. Competitors in more competitions pay € 10,00/competition extra. E.g.: a competitor with 5 competitions pays 50,00+(2*10,00) = € 70,00.
- Congress card is compulsory!

Up to 15th May 2026

Basic competition fee **€ 50,00**

Extra competition **€ 10,00 / competition**

After 15th May 2026 closed

How to pay?

People with EU-currency

All payments can be done by bank transfer at the INTERSTENO 2026 bank account:

IBAN: **BE23 0688 9987 5491**

BIC/Swift: GKCC BE BB

Belfius Bank - Brugsestraat 4, BE-8020

Oostkamp (Belgium)

People without EU-currency

People without EU-currency can use PayPal:

www.paypal.me/intersteno.

Contact

For any questions on payments, please contact us at register@intersteno2026.org.



It seems clear, but if you make a mistake and can't get back into edit it once finished, just email me your correction and I will contact the Intersteno Secretary to make the amendments.

Note the cut-off date for entering the competitions is 15 May 2026.

Hopefully, all should be clear by the time you've read the whole of this Intersteno Special Bugle.

If paying via Bacs, the country is Belgium. Put the Bank's address, Brugsestraat 4, when it asks for Intersteno's address, and it should go through okay. Mary

See further on for details of the competitions and completing the forms.

Competition Types

<https://www.intersteno.org/competition-types/> -

The bet at the worldwide championships of Intersteno



is to succeed in preparing, within the shortest times, texts which have to be perfect in any aspect. These texts can be produced following a fast dictation at progressive speed, or copying or editing from a basic text, as well as integrating data, images and texts coming from different sources.



At each congress, results are improving, and they are the combined effect of perseverance, experience, technology and didactic improvements.

To participate in a world championship is an honour, fulfilling a long formative run in which personal and technical abilities play an important role.

The technical results can be compared to those reached by sportsmen at the Olympic games. Also, in this case we may simply applaud!

As in the Olympiads, each competitor has a historical background, based on the watchful presence of trainers who in many ways have favoured and motivated him to take part in a great event which could seem to be only a dream.



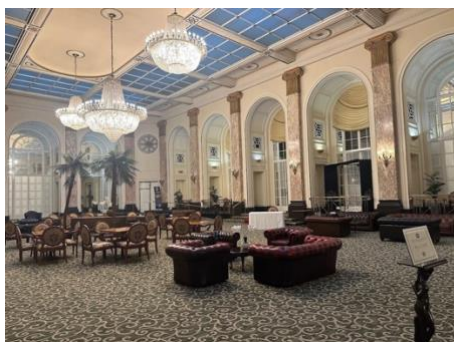
The competitions follow two parallel streams: to take down a text read at an increasing speed or to enter texts and data processed with a computer. In either cases speed and accuracy are the factors of the success.



The **traditional tools (pen, paper, typewriter) are now coupled or replaced by computers, traditional or electronic stenotype machines, speech recognition softwares.** These technical evolutions had to be considered in the rules of competition, which are constantly up-dated.



Note the Michela System on the right, a specialized Italian steno system that uses a piano-like layout!



The Adelphi lounge.

Here is a description of the competitions (for which thanks for Sheryll's help, who has been there and done some of them.)

Speech capturing (SC)

(previously named Steno)

Take and transcribe a five-minute dictation at a progressive speed. The starting speeds are somewhere around 100 wpm and rise to at least 250 wpm and sometimes beyond to 290 wpm.

The competitor chooses the text to transcribe among three consecutive five-minute dictations given at speeds increased each minute. At least the first three minutes of dictation must be transcribed accurately. The audio will be delivered by headsets which everyone is given. It's advisable to bring your own headphones with the traditional small jack (not the bigger one used in some sound equipment).

To take down the dictation you can use pen shorthand – steno machines – computer keyboarding – voice recognition.

For competitors using speech recognition it is compulsory to use a stenomask or silencer.



The Adelphi lounge showing ramp up to the Hypostyle Bar – where we are holding our Exhibition – and beyond which is the Banqueting Suite.

I interrupt this discourse to give some further insight:

There are also previous “texts” (for which read dictations) on the Intersteno website:

<https://www.intersteno.org>



Click on Competitions



- Competition Types
- Internet Contest
- Competitions Regulations
- Classification Lists
- Competition Texts**
- Contact Jury President
- Counting Syllables
- FAQ

Scroll down to Competition Texts

- Competition Texts 2024
- Competition Texts 2022
- Competition Texts 2019
- Competition Texts 2017
- Competition Texts 2015
- Competition Texts 2013
- Competition Texts 2011
- Competition Texts 2009
- Competition Texts 2007

Here you will find the “texts” as well as the audio files of the warm-up and the actual competition dictations, as well as, indeed, the actual text.

SPEECH CAPTURING

<i>Practice Dictation</i>	CN	CZ	DE	EN	FI	HR	HU	IT	PL	SK	TR
<i>Competition Dictation</i>	CN	CZ	DE	EN	FI	HR	HU	IT	PL	SK	TR
<i>Text</i>	CN	CZ	DE	EN	FI	HR	HU	IT	PL	SK	TR

Choose “EN” for English.

Practise away to your heart’s content!

I listened to the 2024 text. The competition dictation begins and after approximately 5 minutes’ dictation there is a two-second pause before the next 5 minutes’ dictation, ditto the third 5 minutes’ dictation.

You keep taking down from the beginning until – as you may do – you realise you're no longer getting it accurately or at all. As this is not the realtime competition, you transcribe, i.e., edit your steno note, or pen or voice writing note. Mary

You will find similar previous dictation pieces for all the other competitions.

The competition passages will have English spellings if you have booked to compete in British English.

BIVR has joined forces with The IPS to do some incremental speed dictation during its Monday evenings to 7 – 8 p.m. timed dictation sessions. Contact IPS Chair: marycsorene@gmail.com for the link. An hour’s timed dictation is now just £3 per hour. We do some speed-building first, 160 – 200 wpm., then the incremental.

The incremental practise material, with preview words, has been placed on the IPS website under “Blog”. <https://the-ips.org.uk/category/blog/> - and it is free!

Please download the preview words first and practise them before trying the audio. The speed begins at 100 wpm increasing to 260/290 wpm!

The incremental practise dictation has been syllabically counted, whereas the speed-building segment has not. That is straight-forward word count. The seed-building is not included in the free download from The IPS website.

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Note: The Intersteno competitions do not provide preview words, but they do have, as I mentioned earlier, a practice session which incorporates some of the words included in the competition piece. Also, whereas my incremental dictation is one long passage, the Intersteno competition has a short pause after approximately 5 minutes.

Back to the descriptions:

Text production (TP) *(previously named Keyboarding)*

The contest consists of 30-minute copying of printed text.

Computer or stenotype keyboards may be used.

There is a separate classification list for competitors using speech recognition, who must use a stenomask or silencer.

Minimum speed

- seniors (over 20 years of age) 360 characters per minute,
- juniors (up to 20 years of age) 300 characters per minute,
- pupils (up to 15 years of age) 240 characters per minute.

For each category, the maximum errors allowed is 0.25 %.

Realtime Speech Capturing (RT)

Transcribe a ten-minute dictation using any kind of technology. The transcription is delivered without any correction, at the end of the ten minutes.

Transcription is valid if at least the first three minutes taken are accurately transcribed.

Competitors who cannot follow the dictation must stop writing and no correction is allowed.

If speech recognition is used, competitor is compelled to use a voice silencer (stenomask).

Text Correction (TC)

Competitors receive a length of text. They have to make modifications - delete, replace, reorder, insert, emphasise, indent - as shown on a printed sheet. The kinds of corrections will be indicated with international signs used by professionals in text correction. The competitors enter as many as possible within a time frame of ten minutes.

I interrupt the discourse, to append below the generic signs used. Mary



Textkorrektur - Correction de texte - Text correction
 Korrekturzeichen - Signes de correction - Proof readers' marks

	im Text - dans le texte - in the text	am Rand - dans la marge - in the margin
Zeichen ändern Caractère(s) à modifier Character(s) to change	thdn	/a
Zeichenstreichung Caractère(s) à effacer Character(s) to delete	thex	/M
Fehlende(s) Zeichen, Silbe(n) oder Wort/Wörter einfügen Caractère(s), syllabe(s) ou mot(s) à ajouter Missing character(s), syllable(s) or word(s) to insert	┌	┌de
Wort-/Wörterstreichung Mot(s) à supprimer Word(s) to delete	very	H M
Zu ändernde(s) Wort/Wörter Mot(s) à remplacer Word(s) to replace	and	H or
Verstellte Wörter Mots à déplacer Misplaced words	is it	
Verstellte Wörter in Reihenfolge Mots intervertis à ré-ordonner Words out of order	2 4 3 1 out order of words	1/2/3/4
Andere Schriftart Ecriture (police) différente Other font type	<u>very</u>	— Arial
(Nicht) zentriert, unterstrichen, fett, kursiv (Ne pas) centrer, souligner, mettre en gras ou italique (Not) centered, underlined, bold, italic	<u>always</u>	— (not) bold
Verschieben von (Teilen von) Sätzen oder Absätzen Déplacer une (partie de) phrase ou paragraphe(s) Moving a sentence, part of sentence or paragraphs		
Neuer Absatz Nouveau paragraphe New paragraph	┌	┌
Großbuchstaben Majuscules Capital letters	<u>important</u>	— capital letters
Kapitälchen Petites majuscules Small caps	<u>end</u>	— small caps

Note taking & reporting (NT)

A 9-minute-long dictation at a moderate but increasing speed of a text that is divided into sections.

This text has a title indicating its main theme, and several section headings indicating the subthemes. These — also dictated — title and headings are to be transcribed verbatim, while participants summarise in their own words and in complete sentences the content of each dictated section. The number of words of a section summary may not go beyond half the number of its dictated words. Participants work on the basis of their notes taken either by handwriting, graphic stenography, keyboarding (including the use of tablet computers), chord keyboarding or voice writing. You are not allowed to make an audio recording of the dictation. The transcription time is 60 minutes.

Professional word processing (WP)

The competitor receives one or several texts in English as well as data and pictures. They will also receive instructions written in their own language. They have to work on these documents (structure and (re)formatting of text, inserting and smart positioning objects, selecting, sorting and merging structured data, automatic numbering, smart use of tables, advanced search replace, ...) and so prepare a professional document within 75 minutes.

The competitors will mainly use word-processing software.

Audio transcription (AT)

The competition requires you to transcribe for 10 minutes a digital recorded dictation in the competitors' mother tongue, as far and as fast as they can go and as accurate as they can go.

Normal keyboard, chord keyboard (like stenotype) or voice recognition in re-speaking mode may be used. The dictation will last 15 minutes at a constant speed and for the language in question normal speech speed (about 1000 characters or 300 syllables) making it possible to attain at least the minimum performance standards:

Minimum speed

- seniors (over 20 years of age) 360 characters per minute,
- juniors (up to 20 years of age) 300 characters per minute,
- pupils (up to 15 years of age) 240 characters per minute.

For each category, the maximum errors allowed is 0.50 %.

This competition may require you to speed up the dictation so you can fit most of the 15 mins into 10 mins. You could upload the file to a web browser with speed adjustment capabilities, or you may have an app on your computer which could do the same. The faster you can play the text and transcribe with a speed and accuracy you can take down; the better your result will be.

Multilingual Speech Capturing (ML)

Competitors in the speech capturing competition may also take part in the multilingual competition. This competition involves taking down dictations in at least two foreign languages. These languages will be stated in advance on the registration form. Each dictation lasts three minutes, at the speeds of 120-130-140 syllables respectively for each minute.

Languages available: English, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Finnish, Swedish, Czech, Slovakian, Russian, Bulgarian, Turkish, Dutch, Estonian.

Competitors can be successful either in their mother tongue, plus one foreign language, or in at least two foreign languages without taking part in the mother tongue competition.

For all competitions, your completed work is uploaded as per the instructions given at the time of the competition.

One thing to mention is that only one space is allowed after a full stop! Those of us from an older generation were taught to put two spaces. If you do, you will be marked down! So practice now using only one space or set an automatic correction to remove that extra space!

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Mary about to dictate on a Monday evening. I have no doubt they were smiling afterwards too!

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Another view of Jenny's Restaurant.

Check out the registration information. Click on [Register now](#) on the top bar.

Registration information

Read the information on this page and click on the button **Start your registration** at the bottom of this page to start your registration.

Before registration

- Consult the excursion pages for more information on the excursions program.
 - [Excursion 1 - Royal Liver Building Liverpool](#)
 - [Excursion 2 - Liverpool City and Beatles tour](#)
 - [Excursion 3 - North Wales day-trip](#)
- Consult the [Karaoke event page](#) and join our private Intersteno Karaoke evening for free.
- Consult the [farewell evening page](#) for more information on the farewell evening.

Important - Don't wait too long to register. Several events and excursions have limited attendance. It's first come, first served.

I won't reproduce it all here, but this page goes through the registration process in detail so that you hopefully do not make a mistake.

Contact

For any questions on registrations, please contact us at register@intersteno2026.org.

You may then start your registration from this page.

When you are ready, click [Start your registration](#)

Before that, to give you a heads-up, check out my fictitious entries on the next few pages.

Registration form Intersteno 2026 Liverpool

1 - Personal data 2 - Competitions 3 - Excursions/Extra 4 - Register

My personal data Fields with * are required fields!

Lastname/Surname* Firstname* Gender* Title
 Male Female

Organization Phone* E-mail* Confirm E-mail*

Address* Postal/ZIP-code* City* Country*

Birthday: day-month-year* Mother language* Second language

Congress T-Shirt (free) GDPR regulations
 I agree with the [GDPR information page.](#)

Accompanying parents [optional]

Only for students until max. 18 years, max. 2 parents can register as accompanying person with access to opening ceremony, cocktail and prize giving ceremony at a special rate of 40,00 EUR/person.

In that case, select the number of people in the Accompanying list (1 or 2) and register their name(s) below.

Person 1
 Person 2

Accompanying

>>> Step 2

Take care to enter your details correctly.

Note the "Birthday:" is already filled. You need to change that to YOUR date of birth – otherwise they will think you're 6 years old!

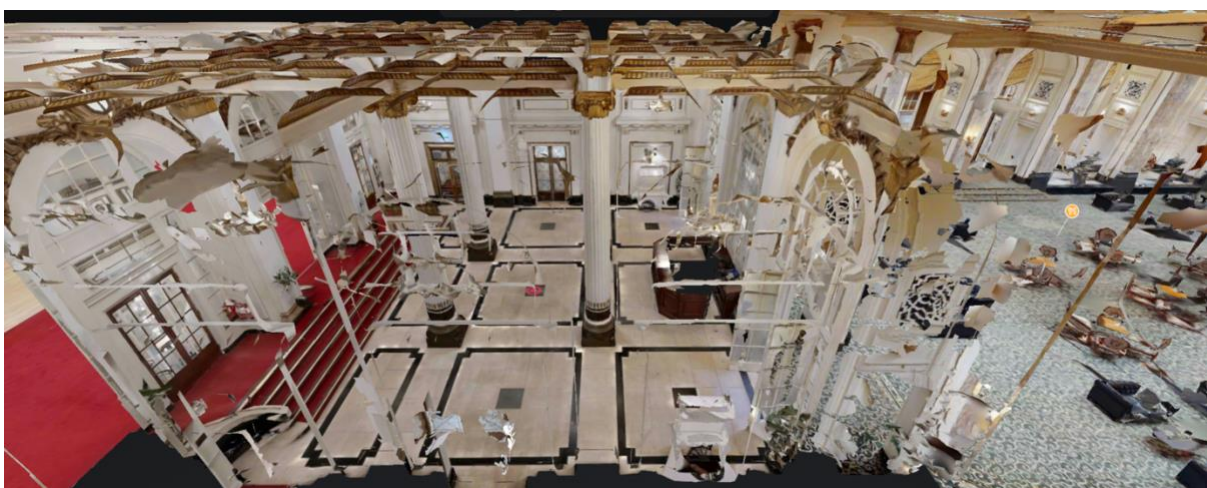
Congress T-Shirt (free)

No T-Shirt for me please

- XS - Extra Small
- S - Small
- M - Medium
- L - Large
- XL - Extra Large
- XXL - Extra Extra Large

Choose your T-shirt

Be sure to "agree" to GDPR regs!



A bird's-eye view of the Hypostyle Suite with the lounge on the right. Steps on the left lead to the banqueting suite.

Completed form (using fictitious names for demo purposes:)

Registration form Intersteno 2026 Liverpool

1 - Personal data

2 - Competitions

3 - Excursions/Extra

4 - Register

My personal data

Fields with * are required fields!

Lastname/Surname*	Firstname*	Gender*	Title
<input type="text" value="Doe"/>	<input type="text" value="Jane"/>	<input type="radio"/> Male <input checked="" type="radio"/> Female	<input type="text" value="no title"/>
Organization	Phone*	E-mail*	Confirm E-mail*
<input type="text" value="BIVR"/>	<input type="text" value="123456789"/>	<input type="text" value="jane@doe.com"/>	<input type="text" value="jane@doe.com"/>
Address*	Postal/ZIP-code*	City*	Country*
<input type="text" value="100 London"/>	<input type="text" value="WC1 2GO"/>	<input type="text" value="London"/>	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

Birthday: day-month-year*	Mother language*	Second language
<input type="text" value="20"/> <input type="text" value="10"/> <input type="text" value="1946"/>	<input type="text" value="English"/>	<input type="text" value="Choose language"/>

Congress T-Shirt (free)	GDPR regulations
<input type="text" value="XXL - Extra Extra Large"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I agree with the GDPR information page .

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Person 1	<input type="text" value="Lastname 1"/>	<input type="text" value="Firstname 1"/>
Person 2	<input type="text" value="Lastname 2"/>	<input type="text" value="Firstname 2"/>

>>> Step 2

(Just kidding, I'm not XXL for the Tee-shirt!)

Click on Step 2

Registration form Intersteno Liverpool 2026

1 - Personal data

2 - Competitions

3 - Excursions/Extra

4 - Register

Skip to step 3 if you are not a competitor!

My competitions Language: English
[as far as the competitions are available in your language.]

↓ Make your selection!

Text Production

Text Correction

Word Processing

Speech Capturing

Real Time

Audio Transcription

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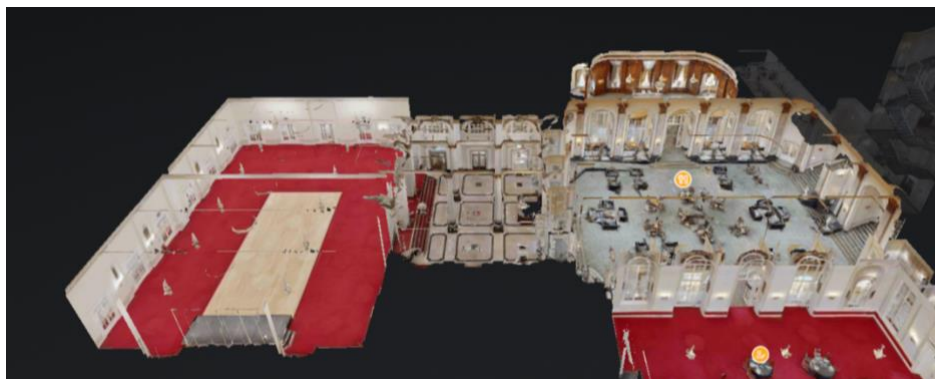
My computer -----> Choose 'No computer!'/ 'no need' if you don't use a computer!

Operating system Software Power

Choose OS Choose Software Choose Power supply

<<< Step 1 >>> Step 3

(See my fictitious form completed on next page:)



A bird's -eye view of the Banqueting suite on the left, the Hypostyle Bar in the centre and the lounge on the right.

Registration form Intersteno Liverpool 2026

1 - Personal data

2 - Competitions

3 - Excursions/Extra

4 - Register

Skip to step 3 if you are not a competitor!

My competitions Language: English
[as far as the competitions are available in your language.]

↓ Make your selection!

Text Production keyboard chord keyboard voice writing

Text Correction

Word Processing

Speech Capturing

Real Time

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My computer -----> **Choose 'No computer'/'no need' if you don't use a computer!**

Operating system	Software	Power
Windows 11	Word 365	Electricity plug

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If you are NOT competing, then, as it says, go straight to Step 3.

Be sure to choose which system you are using, keyboard, chord keyboard or voice writing.

Be sure to complete the three boxes beginning "My computer----->"

My computer -
Operating system

- ✓ Choose OS
- No computer
- Windows 11
- Windows 10
- Windows 8
- Windows 7
- Windows Vista
- Windows XP
- Windows 2000
- Mac
- Other

Software

- ✓ Choose Software
- No computer
- Word 365
- Word 2024
- Word 2019
- Word 2016
- Word 2013
- Word 2010
- Word 2007
- Word for Mac
- Word 2003
- Word XP
- Word 2000
- StarOffice
- OpenOffice 3.X
- WordPerfect
- Other

Power

- ✓ Choose Power supply
- Electricity plug
- Battery
- No need

Click on Step 3

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- Farewell - Wed. 29th July, 19.30 h (€ 69,00)

<<< Step 2 >>> Step 4

Click on the events you wish to participate in.

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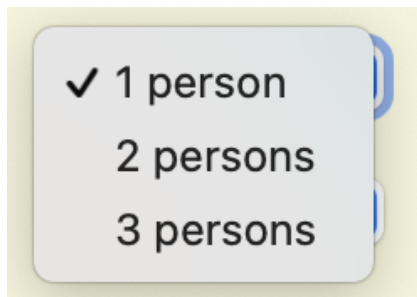
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I have clicked on all of them for 1 person.

If you are bringing your Partner/s be sure to click on how many you are booking for these events.

You, or they, will need to register themselves for a Congress Pass, but they won't have to fill in any of the rest as you'll have done it.

Once you press Step 4 you will be registering. In order not to confuse the system, I haven't clicked on that one!

When have registered you will be sent an email confirming receipt:

Dear Name Name

Thank you for registering to the 55th Intersteno congress 2026 in Liverpool.

Your registration is only complete after receipt of **XXX,00 EUR** on IBAN-account BE23 0688 9987 5491 of Intersteno 2026 (SWIFT/BIC GKCC BE BB).

Please mention your name and ID **Name Name - 1234** in your payment.

People with no EU-currency can pay at <https://www.paypal.me/intersteno>

You can check your data on www.intersteno2026.org > Personal Info > My personal data.

Login with your full name **Name Name** and XxxxXxX as password.

We are looking forward to meet you in Liverpool coming summer!

INTERSTENO 2026 Organization committee [www.intersteno2026.org].

(I have anonymised the details in the email I received. Your email will have your name and the amount you are to pay, plus your login details. The amount is in Euros and they use a comma between the Euros and Cents rather than the decimal point! The Sterling equivalent will be slightly less.

I paid via Bacs, using the SWIFT details and put "Belgium" as the country, but the bank's address for Intersteno's address.



The image shows a navigation menu with two tabs: 'Personal info' and 'About Intersteno'. Below the 'Personal info' tab, a dropdown menu is open, listing three items: 'My personal data', 'List of participants', and 'Drinks farewell evening'.

BTW, if you have booked for the farewell dinner, be sure to place your drinks order. You'll find that under Personal info on the top bar of the internet page. One drink at the reception plus three drinks with dinner are included in the price of the ticket! It could be wine all the way, or soft drinks. The choice is yours. You may also nominate someone to sit next to.

How to get there!

Under

Liverpool Info

Or click on the link

<https://www.intersteno2026.org/airport.php>

You'll find information on how to get to Liverpool by road, rail, or air.

Now for the accommodation:

Sleeping at the Adelphi Hotel Liverpool

[Online booking form for rooms @Adelphi hotel](#)

The link to the Adelphi Hotel is now fully functioning. Click on the blue link at the top on the web page.

<https://www.intersteno2026.org/adelphi.php>

Adelphi offers rooms, standard English breakfast included, min. 2 nights stay at:

- **£ 79.00** per night – double for sole use
- **£ 99.00** per night – double or twin sharing
- **£ 109.00** per night – triple sharing
- **£ 119.00** per night - Quad* sharing
(* 4th bed is fold out bed or cot)

For quad sharing contact Lana Watkiss at lane.watkiss@theelitevenueselection.co.uk

Clients can book through the hotel call centre and will quote - BINTE210 for the rates.

Call centre (+44) 0161 923 9170 from Monday-Friday 08.00-18.30 h, Saturday 09.00-17.30 h.

Sunday closed.

A city tax of £ 2.40 per room per night is included in the mentioned prices.

If you need to telephone them to make your booking, then the BINTE210 code needs to be added.

They may ask if you want any extras. One of those is breakfast. Don't click on that as it's included!

Some meals are also included in our stay – our farewell dinner, for instance if you've booked that – otherwise, by all means book yourself in for dinner, though you might be best to wait until you are there and get together with others to go out in a group to make the most of your Intersteno family experience.

You will be sent a link to pay for your first night's stay. They say it is non-refundable, but they might be amenable to a plea for unforeseen circumstances!

Car parking at the Adelphi:

CAR PARK TARIFFS

Please follow the yellow line - from the car park, down **Brownlow Hill**, to the front of the hotel.
Don't forget to show your registration number at reception.



Up to 2 hours £3.00	Up to 4 hours £5.00	Up to 6 hours £6.50
Up to 12 hours £7.50	Up to 24 hours £13.00	Coaches £15.00 up to 24hrs



The car park is an open-air, pay-and-display facility with over 200 spaces. You can pay at the machine when you leave, or, for added convenience, you can scan the QR code provided to pay online, making the process quicker and easier for you and your guests.

The car park is to the right of the hotel, so turn left into Brownlow Hill and then left again into the car park. You'll also find the disabled access there too. I checked on their website and the 24-hours parking is still £13 as shown on their reception desk in March.



Disabled access in Brownlow Hill.

There are also various access points for disabled people throughout the hotel but, as it is a Grade II Listed Building, not all parts of the hotel may be reached. You may rest assured that all the rooms we are using are accessible.



We may not be disabled, but lugging your machine in a trolley up and down steps is no laughing matter!

Looking out from the hotel into Brownlow Hill.



A disabled person's lift from the side entrance.

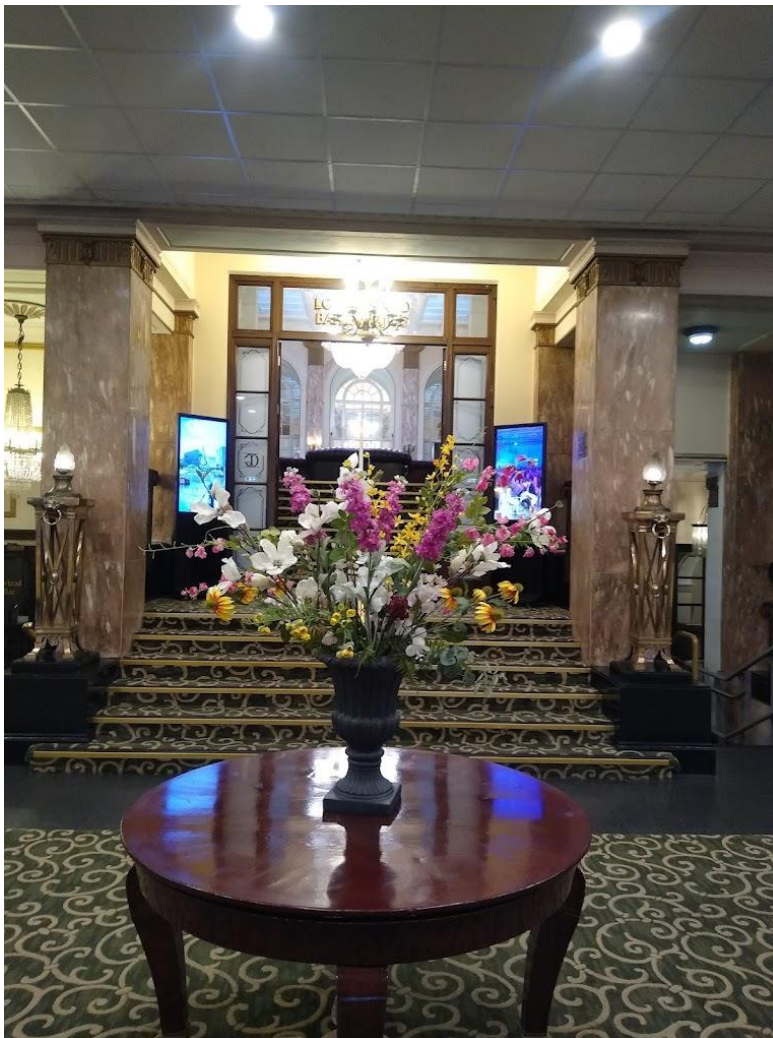


Photo from the foyer looking at the steps leading up to the lounge and the Banqueting Suite. Also to the Hypostyle Bar where we are holding the Exhibition.

There is a lift up to that floor.

The steps to the right lead down to Jenny's Restaurant.

There is also a lift down to that floor.



Jenny's Restaurant is where we have breakfast.

The stairs down to it are just to the right of the main staircase up to the lounge and banqueting hall.

There is a lift to the restaurant and a few tables on that level. Then, as you can see, there are three steps down to more tables and the buffet bar.

If you need assistance, staff are on hand to fetch food for you as there is no step-free access to that level.



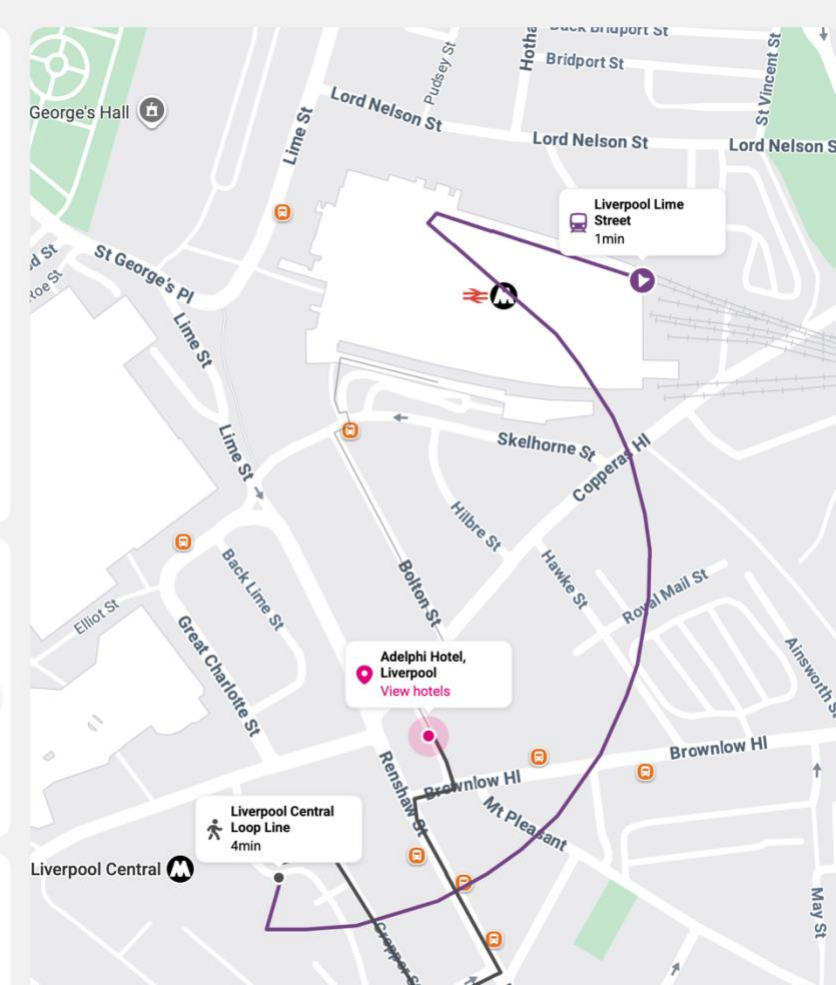
A view of part of the Hypostyle Bar where the exhibition is being held.

BIVR and AVSTTR have already booked their tables.



St George's Hall

Opposite Lime Street Station, Liverpool.



Map showing St George's Hall on left; Lime Street Station on right and further down the Adelphi Hotel, with Brownlow Hill where you turn left and left again to get to the car park behind the hotel.

BIVR DETAILS

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