

Intersteno standards

We can define *Intersteno standards*, all criteria and rules used to evaluate works pertaining to our domain of teaching, professional and competition activities.

Intersteno standards must be clearly defined, periodically revised and eventually updated and made available to everybody interested in them. Of course we must recommend to everybody to use these standard in their evaluation tests.

The competitions rules are, since year 2000, made available in Internet. In 2002 a brief description of the main features of each kind of competition were published on www.intersteno.it and this information is still available on www.intersteno.org. In my opinion it has to be checked, revised and translated in all languages of the site.

For other '**standards**' there is only an oral tradition (at least for the last 15 years). At the moment I am specifically referring to the counting of characters for keyboarding tests.

Intersteno way of counting characters is based on the following pillars:

1 - each character counts 1 with the exception when the character must be written with 2 or 3 strokes (Capital letters - special signs - etc) in which case the weight is 2 or 3.

2 - for the reason mentioned in point 1 - the counting must consider the keyboard layout of the specific language.

If no additional comments are done, we could start from this first 'standard', to be released in the web space of Scientific Committee of Intersteno in our web-site.

Starting from this standard I think we could define a second related standard: i.e. the minimum speed and max fault percentage in using keyboarding.

As everybody know, we have settled 280 characters with 025 % as the minimum in the world championships related to students.

Internet competition foresees 200 characters and 1 % of faults. The Internet competitions of the last years has proved that this speed is well accepted by teachers and students, so I would propose to fix these limits as a standard for testing the keyboarding ability.

Alternatively we could foresee 150 charachters and 0,5 % of faults.

Your comments will be appreciated so to come to a common decision within a limited time frame.

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