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ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 2/WG 2 N 905

1.Meetings

Since the last SC 2 plenary session of October 1991, WG 2 met several times as detailed below:

Meeting #	Location	Date	Report #
22	Seoul, Korea	29 June-3 July 1992	N871 N874
23	Athens, Greece	24-25 May 1993	N904*
Planned24	Washington, DC, USA	1-5 November, 1993	
Planned25	Turkey	18-25 April, 1994	
Planned26	depends on the location & date of next SC 2 plenary		

* Unconfirmed minutes

2.Scope of Work

Develop a universal multiple-octet coded character set that encompasses the world's scripts. This is Work Item JTC 1.02.18 - ISO/IEC 10646.

3.Progress of Work and Achievements

Published second DIS 10646-1.2 in December 1991 per SC 2 resolution that was adopted at the third SC 2 plenary in Rennes, France in October 1991.

DIS 10646-1.2 passed. Ballot responses were received from 30 national bodies, 24 of which are P-members. Comments were also received from 4 liaison organizations. The number of national bodies that approved the DIS was 24 (of which 20 are P-members). In addition to 2 O-members, 4 P-members voted NO.

At meeting 22 in Seoul, all of the ballot responses were reviewed. The objective was to try and accommodate the feedback in the positive and the negative ballots, and to focus on making no substantive changes to the approved DIS 10646-1.2 text. Thus all the YES votes were preserved and at least one national body, the U. K., has changed its negative vote to positive since then. Document WG 2 N 874 contains the disposition of comments report on DIS 10646-1.2.

4.WG 2 Liaisons

WG 2 has worked very closely with the following working groups but no official liaisons exist between them and WG 2.

SC 2/WG 3 - 7 bit and 8 bit Codes.

SC 18/WG 8 - Text and Office Systems.

ISO/TC 46/SC 4 - Computer applications - Information and Documentation

ECMA/TC 1 - Coding Technology

In addition, WG 2 has worked very closely with AFII and ITTF in Geneva for the publication of ISO/IEC 10646-1:1993.

5. Mailing List

There are approximately 80 people who receive WG 2 documents. They are either nominated members or individuals who are experts in coding technology. The attendance level at our meetings is about 28 people representing about 15 national bodies and approximately 18 affiliations. The mailing list, document WG 2 N 901 is attached.

6. Issues Requiring Consideration by SC 2

WG 2 needs SC 2 to consider WG 2 resolution 2 located in WG 2 document N 903:

Resolution 2: WG 2 recommends to SC 2 to establish a formal relationship of liaison, Category C, between SC 2/WG 2 and Unicode, Inc. and requests that SC 2 forward the statements of benefits and responsibilities (WG 2 document N 899) to JTC 1.

Attachment:

N 901, Mailing List

N 903, Resolutions from WG 2 Meeting 23

N 899, Liaison Request from Unicode, Inc.