

TITLE: Liaison Report from UC Berkeley (Script Encoding Initiative)

SOURCE: Deborah Anderson, Script Encoding Initiative, UC Berkeley (Liaison member to SC2)

ACTION: For consideration by WG2

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The Script Encoding Initiative was established to help scholars and user communities get various unencoded characters and scripts proposed for inclusion in the UCS/Unicode. It also tries to ensure that current proposals are reviewed by specialists. SEI focuses on unencoded minority scripts and historic scripts. The project leader, Deborah Anderson, welcomes queries on unencoded scripts.

Proposals from SEI which have been submitted to WG2:

Tangut by Richard Cook

Inscriptional Parthian and Inscriptional Pahlavi by Michael Everson and Roozbeh Pournader

North Indian Accounting Signs by Anshuman Pandey

Imperial Aramaic by Michael Everson

Javanese by Michael Everson. (This proposal has not yet received a review by the SEI board or UTC.)

Vedic Accents by Michael Everson, Peter Scharf, et al. (This proposal awaits further input from experts in India)

Ongoing Work (including preliminary proposals):

Brahmi: Stefan Baums and Andrew Glass are currently revising their preliminary proposal.

Samaritan: This proposal, by Michael Everson and Mark Shoulson, has a number of issues still being investigated.

Batak: Michael Everson is working on revising the preliminary proposal.

Book Pahlavi: Michael Everson, Roozbeh Pournader, and Desmond Durkin-Meisterernst worked on this proposal, which is still being revised.

Psalter Pahlavi: This script (which was included in a proposal with Inscriptional Parthian and Inscriptional Pahlavi by Michael Everson and Roozbeh Pournader) is still under study

Warang Chiti (Varang Kshiti): Two linguists, K. David Harrison and Greg Anderson, are working with the Ho population to provide documentation and feedback on the proposal by Michael Everson.

Siyaa numerals: Work on a proposal has been undertaken by Anshuman Pandey.

South Arabian: Sultan Maktari and Kamal Mansour have written a proposal and have received input from Michael Everson and Daniel Yacob.

Anatolian Hieroglyphs The glyphs and annotations in this proposal by M. Everson are still under review.

Orkhon: Michael Everson is working with Wushour Silamu on a revised proposal.

Greek Papyrological symbols: The Center for Tebtunis Papyri at UC Berkeley will be working on a proposal for those symbols needed by papyrologists. Input from the user community is still being sought.

Kaithi by Anshuman Pandey