

TO : Unicode Technical Committee
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 RE: Liaison Report from Script Encoding Initiative, UC Berkeley

This report lists work being done by the Script Encoding Initiative (/Universal Scripts Project). As the October 2007 UTC meeting (#113) will not have a separate "Script Day" and time will be limited, SEI would highly encourage UTC members to review any proposals not discussed at the meeting, and sending comments to Deborah Anderson (dwanders@sonic.net) and/or the proposal authors.

Proposals from SEI that have been submitted to the UTC (Note: some of the following may still be undergoing review):

Brahmi (L2/07-342) by Stefan Baums and Andrew Glass

Vedic (L2/07-343): Proposal to encode 55 characters for Vedic Sanskrit in the BMP of the UCS by Michael Everson, Peter Scharf, et al.

Javanese (L2/07-295) by SEI / Michael Everson (revision expected)

Old Turkic (L2/07-325) by China, Ireland, UK, SEI (revision expected)

Ongoing Work (including preliminary proposals):

Kaithi: Anshuman Pandey is making final revisions

South Arabian: Sultan Maktari and Kamal Mansour are working with Debbie Anderson, Daniel Yacob, and Michael Everson on a revision of the proposal, and seeking expert feedback.

Psalter Pahlavi : Michael Everson and Roozbeh Pournader worked on this, but additional details were requested by the UTC

Samaritan (L2/07-231): Michael Everson and Mark Shoulson are awaiting input from UTC members on few issues

Batak: Michael Everson met with an expert in September and will be submitting a full proposal in time for the February UTC

Book Pahlavi: Michael Everson Roozbeh Pournader, and Desmond Durkin-Meisterernst are still working on this proposal

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.

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

Anatolian Hieroglyphs The glyphs and annotations in this proposal by M. Everson are still under review by a post-doc and David Hawkins, the premier expert on the script

Nushu (L2/07-371), Miao (Pollard, L2/07-299), and Old Lisu (Fraser, L2/07-344): SEI is soliciting feedback and relaying it to proposal authors in an effort to help move proposals along

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.

Khojki script: SEI is looking into this script, with assistance from a native of the region of India where this script was used.

Future Activities

Unicode proposals for extensions to UCAS and for Mandaic are slated for 2007.

Deborah Anderson is encouraging additional participation from Egyptologists for future work.

Deborah is also enlisting other linguistics projects (such as the Max Planck Institute in Leipzig and LinguistList) to send in locale data.

In Fall 2007, a student at UC Berkeley will look through L2 doc registry and collect all citations of documents (proposals and feedback) on various scripts.