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This document serves as a summary of the UC Berkeley Script Encoding Initiative's recent activities as they relate to WG2. 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, and to ensure that current proposals are reviewed by specialists. SEI focuses on unencoded modern minority scripts and historic scripts. SEI welcomes working with user communities and national bodies on script proposals, and welcomes email inquiries (dwanders@berkeley.edu).

Proposals currently submitted to WG2 that have involved SEI assistance:

- Old South Arabian (by Kamal Mansour and Sultan Maktari)
- Kaithi (by Anshuman Pandey)
- Vedic Accents (by Peter Scharf, Michael Everson, et al.)
- Javanese (by Indonesia, Ireland, and SEI)
- Samaritan (by Michael Everson and Mark Shoulson)
- Old Turkic (by China, Ireland, the UK, and SEI)
- Rumi (by Azzeddine Lazrek)

Ongoing work continues on the following:

- Unified Canadian Aboriginal Syllabics
- Batak (model under discussion)
- Anatolian Hieroglyphs (proposal still under review)
- Bamum (discussion on names underway for modern Bamum and work has begun on Old Bamum characters)
- Varang Kshiti (preliminary proposal only, await user feedback)
- Sorang Sompeng (preliminary proposal only, await user feedback)
- Manichaean (additional details are being incorporated into proposal)
- Mandaic (incorporating user feedback into proposal)
- Chakma (await user feedback)
- Brahmi (awaits review from UTC)
- Psalter Pahlavi (issues on punctuation are being worked out)

Other proposals:

- Tangut has received a comment on a glyph correction (from a Russian scholar), and we hope to receive expert feedback from China at the WG2 meeting #52 (April 2008).
- Meitei Mayek will likely have changes in its proposal as a result of feedback from the user community.
- Work on a number of Indic scripts proposals (including Takri and Sharada) is underway.
- Book Pahlavi has posed several obstacles and is currently on hold.

In 2008, work is planned for Newari, Hungarian Runic, and Meroitic, and possibly Pahawh Hmong. Proposals for missing Greek papyrological signs, Byzantine Greek characters, and alchemical symbols are being discussed.