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Meeting of ISO/IEC JTC1/SC2 meeting#15
(Designation/Title)
Date(s) 04/25/2008
Location: Redmond, WA USA

1. MEETING ATTENDANCE

Please indicate, if available, both the number of delegates and the countries represented at the Meeting:

Countries: Canada, China, Ireland, Japan, Korea (Rep. of), Poland, UK, USA Liaisons: TCA, UC Berkeley, Unicode Consortium

x Meeting attendance roster and meeting resolutions attached, if available

In <u>http://www.itscj.ipsj.or.jp/sc2/open/02n4021.pdf</u> (user/password sc2/Denmark)

Please comment on significant or unusual attendance issues (e.g., new member bodies, regular members not in attendance, new Chairman or Secretariat, non-accredited U.S. persons, etc.).

None

2.	MEETING OBSERVATIONS		
2a.	Overall, how well did the U.S. meet its objectives on policy or technical matters?		
	 x Very Successful U.S. positions were accepted in whole Successful Compromises were reached which are acceptable to the U.S. Not Successful U.S. positions were not accepted 		
2b.	Please comment on any issues of significance which might have an impact upon materially affected or interested U.S. parties.		
	None		
2c.	Was there any discussion for which the United States was unprepared? (e.g., late document distribution, addition of new items, etc.)		
	No		
2d.	Did the U.S. extend an offer to assume any new TC/SC Secretariat or management positions?		
	<u>Yes</u> <u>x</u> No (If yes, please indicate which position and provide Officer contact information.)		
2e.	Did the U.S. extend an offer to host any future TC/SC meetings?		
	Yesx_No If yes, please identify:		
The U	JS will however host (tentatively) SC2/WG2 next spring		
2f.	Were any new issues raised which require, or might involve, coordination with other U.S. bodies? (Include coordination items with other U.S. TAGs, ANSI policy-level		

	committees (AIF, AIC), the USNC TMC and/or Council, etc.)		
	Yes _x No If yes, please identify:		
2g.	Did the U.S. put forth/agree to put forth any New Work Items?		
	Yes _x No If yes, please identify:		
2h.	Was there any evidence of "bloc" or "alliance" voting by participating countries?		
	Yes _x No If yes, please identify any significant issues or concerns:		
2i.	Are work items in the TC or SC being affected by related work in regional standards bodies (e.g., CEN, CENELEC, ETSI, PASC, NAFTA, COPANT, etc.)?		
	Yes x_ No x_ No related regional activity If yes, please explain:		
2j.	Were any issues raised which relate to or impact existing U.S. regulatory matters?		
	Yes _x No If yes, please explain:		
2k.	Please identify any IMMEDIATE U.S. TAG actions which will be required as a result of this international meeting.		
	None		
21.	Please identify specific decisions which the U.S. delegation believes to be noteworthy for publication, publicity and/or development of a future article. If there are any, would you be willing to help develop an article for publication?		
	Yesx_ No		
2m.	What might be done to further promote the ANSI Federation's goal of "global standards that reflect U.S. interests?" (Consider such issues as how might the U.S. further promote acceptance of related American National Standards in international and, where applicable, regional fora?)		
	Not applicable to this work (ISO/IEC 10646)		

2n. Has this report been provided to your TAG Administrator for US TAG distribution?

x Yes __ No

20. Other Comments

Notes from the meeting:

- Word is progressing on ISO/IEC 10646, with the 4th amendment on FDAM ballot and the 5th amendment ready to enter that phase in the next 2-3 months. The sixth amendment will be reissued as a PDAM, in accordance with the US NB request. There is also work in progress to issue a new edition of 10646 integrating all six amendments, with better synchronization with the Unicode Standard, which is also a goal of the US NB.
- SC2 is also involved in terminology harmonization. Alain LaBonté (SC2 rep from Canada) represents the group in the JTC1 ad hoc group and will take the terminology section from the new edition as input to that ad hoc group.
- There were some changes in the Liaisons representations to reflect active participation (or lack of) of these various liaisons, both internal and external.
- With 2008 being the International Year of Languages by the United National, SC2 re-iterated its support to the Script Encoding Initiative which is driven by the UC Berkeley and is made visible at the JTC1 level.
- SC2 controls a Registration Authority Joint Advisory Committee (RA-JAC) for ISO/IEC 2375, concerning coded character sets. Although its members were re-appointed (including Ms. Joan Aliprand from the USA), it should be noted that no registration activity occurred since last SC2. Its practice document was nevertheless updated, see resolution M15-12.
- Reflecting the predominance of ISO/IEC 10646 among coded character standards, all other related standards are entering stabilization.

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Attendance list:

Representing:	Name (*=HoD)	Affiliation
Chair	Mr. Tatsuo KOBAYASHI	Justsystems
Secretariat	Ms. Toshiko KIMURA	IPSJ/ITSCJ
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		Sports, and Tourism
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