

Old Hungarian/Szekler-Hungarian Rovas Ad hoc report

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The ad hoc committee went through several of the outstanding issues on Old Hungarian/Szekler-Hungarian Rovas script, as listed in N3627.

The following summarizes the outcome of the discussion:

- * No script name was agreed upon as yet, but the top contenders as determined by a straw poll of the ad hoc participants were: Old Hungarian, Hungarian Runic (in a tie), and Szekler-Hungarian Rovas (in second-place).
- * The script will be located in a single block on the SMP.
- * The script has casing; lowercase is the default.
- * Two punctuation characters were agreed to: reversed comma and double reversed low quotation marks; no other punctuation marks are required to be encoded in order to cover the requirements for representation of the script.
- * The numbers 1, 5, 10, 50, 100, 1000 were appropriate for encoding by general consensus of the group, and 500 can be added if the supporting evidence can be provided. (Hungary dissented from this consensus and was of the opinion that the number 500 could be encoded.)
- * Seven "bug" characters were agreed to be appropriate for encoding by general consensus; if supporting evidence is provided, others can be added. (Hungary dissented from this consensus and was of the opinion that an additional 5 characters could be encoded.)
- * The general consensus of the ad hoc was that the ligatures need not be separately encoded as characters. The ligatures can be represented as sequences of the other letters with or without joiner. (Hungary dissented from this consensus.)
- * The authors of N3615 agreed that there is no need to separately encode LETTER CSULYAK A.

Follow-up Actions: In order for work to progress on this script, the authors of N3615 agreed to revise their proposal in accordance with the consensus agreements of the meeting. The ad hoc committee expressed a desire for all participants to continue working towards consensus to encode this script.