Report of the convener of WG 1, 2011

1 Status of documents

1.1 Published parts


1.2 Parts under development

ISO/TC 37/SC 2/WG 1 currently “technically” has no active Work Items. However, work on a new document based on ISO 639-4 has been started. Unfortunately the work hasn’t progressed as quickly as anticipated at the 2010 meeting of the Working Group. The latest published document is document N200 reflecting the discussion at the previous meeting. A new document N204 will be published prior to the June 2011 meeting of the Working Group. However, that document hasn’t progressed as far as was anticipated at the previous meeting.

2 Activities since previous meeting

See document N205 for an overview of activities in the ISO 639 RAs-JAC, including the finalization of new language identifiers. Activities within ISO/TC 37/SC 2/WG 1 are closely coordinated with those of the JAC. Recent developments at ISO CS relating to the ISO Concept Database (CDB) make it necessary to re-think some of the plans for a future ISO 639 as database. See document N208 for a discussion of some of the issues that need to be addressed in that context.

3 Personal closing remarks from the convener

I regret that I am unable to attend the 2011-06 meeting of ISO/TC 37/SC 2/WG 1. Furthermore I need to inform the Working Group that I need to ask to be replaced as convener of the Working Group and Project Editor of parts of ISO 639. It has been interesting and challenging work, and I hope to be somehow involved also in the future, but in a different capacity than that of a convener and project editor.