

TO: UTC
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SUBJECT: Brief IR Report from WG2 Meeting #67 (London, June 2018)

WG2 #67 and SC2 #23 were held at SOAS, University College London from June 18-22, 2018. In attendance were 10 national bodies and 2 external liaisons (TCA and Unicode). The meeting included new participants Jan Kučera (representing Czech Republic), Karl-Jurgen Feuerherm (Canada), and representatives and guests from India (from Assam). Other guests attending included Martin Hosken (SIL International), Richard Ishida (W3C), and Jeremy Burge (Vice Chair, Emoji Subcommittee).

WG2

The DAM1 ballot comments were resolved and will go to an FDAM ballot. PDAM 2.3 will proceed to a DAM ballot. A CD will be started with contents from characters through DAM2 and additional repertoire. The editor will submit text for a CD ballot, with a possible starting date of the ballot in September 2018. The CD, as a committee-level document, can have several iterations. The editor has the discretion to add content that appears to be relatively mature.

The following are of note:

- A delegation of Assamese attended the meeting and conveyed their concerns about Assamese in ISO 10646. An ad hoc meeting was held, with the recommendations recorded in N4999 ([L2/18-205](#)). The representatives were encouraged to engage with the UTC and to consider attending a UTC meeting. A revised proposal for Assamese is planned for later in the year. (See [ad hoc report](#).)
- Vietnamese Alternate Reading Marks. Eiso Chan and Andrew West had concerns about [L2/17-373](#) on Vietnamese Alternate Reading Marks, which the UTC had approved. Andrew West reported that he will be writing up a document.
- An emoji ad hoc discussed the approval process, relayed by Jeremy Burge, and interaction between WG2 and the UTC (see [ad hoc report](#)). Attendees were invited to consider ways to improve the process. During discussion of CD repertoire, a number of participants voiced detailed comments. Members were encouraged to submit comments as soon as possible, in order for them to be taken into consideration.
- Small Seal discussion took place, and a follow-up ad hoc meeting is planned for November 2018 in Taiwan.
- Japanese era names
WG2 recommended a code point be reserved 32FF for the new Japanese era name, mirroring the UTC decision. How to handle future Japanese era names was raised: could a column be set aside for future names (such as 2FE0-2EFF)? A document discussing the issue was invited to be written and circulated.

- SC35 ISO/IEC 9995
Karl Pentzlin introduced the keyboard symbols proposal and mentioned that 13 symbols are being used. If documentation was provided showing their use, the symbols would be candidates for inclusion. (He has been sent an example of the kind of documentation being requested.)
- CJK Regional Supplementary Ideographs (N4948)
Japan submitted a document proposing the work-flow for CJK be changed, since many of the characters are single source. While the suggestion was not adopted, members voiced support to consider ways to improve the IRG review process.
- Mongolian
While a few Mongolian experts attended the meeting, the primary contribution on Mongolian was a document with DAM1 ballot comments from China (L2/18-243). Comments included:
 - glyphs to replace “?” in the charts
 - corrections
 - new standardized variants
 The standardized variants are technical comments, so they cannot be accommodated in the DAM. A separate document will be provided by China, with evidence and phonetic information.
- IICORE
No action was taken on N4969 (L2/18-066), which proposed a new version of IICORE. The ROK was invited to send feedback.

Uma Umamaheswaran is retiring from IBM in July and may not be able continue as WG2 recording secretary.

SC2

SC2 has a critical dependency on the Unicode Consortium for production of code charts. However, a liaison report from Unicode (L2/18-244 [SC2/N4612]) cited concerns in its interaction with ISO regarding copyright on the charts that is a potential risk for Unicode and for ISO/IEC 10646. An SC2 ad hoc considered this issue and recommended having code charts published with a dual copyright as the best solution. (See the ad hoc report, L2/18-224 [SC2/N4623].) The SC2 chair and secretary will engage ISO on the possibility of publishing charts with a dual copyright.

The “rapporteur” position will be renamed “convenor” (hence Dr. Lu will become IRG convenor).

OWG-SORT

While the DIS for 14651 passed, there were so many comments by the ISO Secretariat that the editor, Alain LaBonté, felt an FDIS was needed. The editor will request a project subdivision for edition 6 to be created. Edition 6 of 14651 will cover Unicode 13 content.

Future Meetings

The 2019 meetings for WG2 and SC2 are scheduled June 17-21, 2019 in Redmond, Washington. No host has been identified for the following meeting (June 15-19, 2020), but it may be in Asia. The backup is Dundee, Scotland, UK.

Future IRG meetings are Hong Kong SAR, China, from May 13-17 2019, and China (tentative) for October 21-25, 2019.