AFII has prepared an initial camera-ready draft for the all code charts for the second edition of ISO/IEC 10646-1: 2000 (E) and submitted it to the project editor. This draft does not include the Unified CJK Ideographs, which will be prepared by IRG. For the character names this draft is based on the definite soft-copy of the ISO/IEC 10646 character names, maintained by Unicode Consortium as part of its Unicode Character Database.

The character glyph images are contained in a font suite assembled by AFII covering the entire planned content of the second edition of ISO/IEC 10646-1 at it now stands. See our previous progress reports in N1924 and N1991 for details of this work. Many individuals, companies and national bodies have contributed to this effort and AFII would like to thank them for their efforts. The editors and many additional expert reviewers have carefully reviewed this font suite. In many cases we were able to acquire better fonts than the bitmapped fonts that had been used in the first edition of 1993.

This will end AFII’s participation in character set standardization. With its last remaining work-item successfully concluded, the Association for Font Information Interchange will dissolve effective at the end of August 1999.