

TO: Unicode Technical Committee

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RE: Liaison report, Script Encoding Initiative, UC Berkeley Dept. of Linguistics

Ongoing Work:

Balinese: A letter in support of the Balinese proposal from the Indonesian Government is currently being sought and should be forthcoming.

Vai: Charles Riley organized a series of meetings with experts to work on the Vai proposal at New York University from April 13-15. The final proposal should be ready for the UTC in August.

Lycian, Lydian, and Carian: These proposals are being sent out for review to experts in the field.

Medieval (European) texts: There was a meeting in Lisbon in March between Michael Everson and medievalists (including Odd Einar Haugen, MUFI project, Norway and António Emiliano, Portugal), with a follow-up meeting taking place during the Unicode conference with Odd Einar Haugen, Michael Everson, and Andreas Stötzner.

Latin epigraphic symbols: A meeting was held in Berlin with Marcus Dohnicht of the Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum on specific characters needed for Latin epigraphy. A few will be included in the medievalists' proposal (above), with the remainder to be worked up into a proposal later.

Deborah Anderson will be going to the Dictionary Society of North America meeting at Boston University in June to encourage those involved in the creation and production of dictionaries to identify letters and symbols not yet encoded.

Follow-up Activities:

N'Ko: A proposal for funding to pay for CLDR work on N'Ko and font development is pending at UNESCO.

Acting as a representative for SEI, Michael Everson is attending a UNESCO thematic meeting on “Multilingualism for Cultural Diversity and Participation of All in Cyberspace” in Bamako, Mali, 6-7 May 2005. This is one of a series of meetings which are meant to prepare for the World Summit on the Information Society meeting in Tunis in November 2005.