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TO: Unicode Technical Committee
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RE: Liaison report, Script Encoding Initiative, UC Berkeley Dept. of Linguistics

Ongoing Work:

Lanna, Kayah Li, and Myanmar Extensions: Work on proposals for these three scripts will be done in February 2006, when Michael Everson travels to Thailand and Myanmar.

Byzantine Epigraphic symbols: Maria Pantelia from UC Irvine's Thesaurus Linguae Graecae (TLG) will review the Byzantine symbols in their materials, and have agreed to work with Joel Kalvesmaki at Dumbarton Oaks in preparing a proposal on Byzantine epigraphic symbols.

Medieval (European) texts: A second proposal on punctuation needed for work by medievalists will be submitted in 2006; it has funding from the University of Bergen and the Norwegian Research Council project. Future proposals for characters specific to medieval Portuguese materials (and other medieval Latin characters) will also be forthcoming.

Sharada and Maithili: A graduate student from the University of Washington is working on proposals for these two scripts, and they will likely be presented at the next UTC.

Meitei: We have received preliminary feedback from the user community on this proposal and will continue to get the remaining questions answered so this proposal can be completed.

Script Research: A visiting doctoral student at UC Berkeley has done background research on the unencoded scripts for the SEI website--collecting information on where a script is used, which languages use it, and links to any fonts that are available. It will be uploaded and available on the SEI website in the first part of 2006.

Follow-up Activities:

The epigraphical section of the Society of Biblical Literature is planning on holding a panel on the ancient Near Eastern scripts that need encoding in Unicode at its November 2006 meeting.

UNESCO's Initiative B@bel has funded work on a N'ko font and for the collection of CLDR information. The project runs from November 2005 until April 2006.