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This document provides a summary of the UC Berkeley Script Encoding Initiative's recent activities.

Proposals/documents
Proposals or documents currently submitted to the UTC that have involved SEI include:

- Revised draft for the encoding of an extended Egyptian Hieroglyphs repertoire (L2/18-165=WG2 N4944) (Suignard)
- Preliminary proposal to encode Old Uighur (L2/18-126) (Pandey)
- Preliminary proposal to encode Sirmauri (L2/18-085) (Pandey)
- Preliminary proposal to encode Pallava (L2/18-083) (Pandey)
- Preliminary proposal to encode Rejang Numbers (L2/18-081) (Pandey)

- **Reports, Recommendations, and Feedback:**
    o Feedback on name for MALAYALAM END OF TEXT MARK (L2/18-015) (Anderson)
    o Medefaidrin corrections for 11.0 (L2/18-142) (Moses Ekpenyong, et al.)
    o Recommendations to UTC #155 April/May 2018 on Script Proposals (L2/18-XXX) (Anderson et al.)

On the following proposal, Anderson acted as a supervisor (with Rick McGowan), with funding provided by the Unicode Adopt-a-Character program:

    o Proposal to encode the Chorasmian script in Unicode (L2/18-164) (Pandey)

Script Proposals in Progress
The following scripts have received SEI support in the past and are either in a preliminary stage, or are almost ready for approval, but require more information:

- **Afáka** (Everson) *[N4292=L2/12-228]*
- **Bagam** (Everson) *[N4293=L2/12-229]*
- **Balti 'A' and 'B'** (Pandey) *[N3842=L2/10-231, N4016=L2/11-103]*
- **Bhujinmol** (Pandey) *[L2/14-283]*
- **Book Pahlavi** (Everson, Pournader, Durkin-Meisternernst) *[N3294=L2/07-234] [later proposal by Pournader L2/13-141]*
- **Coorgi-Cox** (Pandey) *[N4287=L2/12-217]*
- **Cypro-Minoan** (Everson) *[N4733=L2/16-179]*
- **Dhimal** (Pandey) *[N4140=L2/11-348]*
- **Eebee Hmong** (Everson) *[N4668=L2/15-180]*
- **Eskaya** (Pandey) *[N4499=L2/13-229]*
- **Garay** (Everson) *[N4709=L2/16-069]*
- **Jenticha** (Pandey) *[N4028=L2/11-218]*
- **Kawi** (Pandey) *[N4266=L2/12-125]*
- **Khambu Rai** (Pandey) *[N4018=L2/11-105]*
- **Khema Tamu Phri** [Gurung] (Pandey) *[N4019=L2/11-106]*
- **Kirat Rai** (Pandey) *[N4037=L2/11-145]*
- **Kpelle** (Everson and Riley) *[N3762=L2/10-063]*
- **Kulitan** (Pandey) *[L2/15-232]*

- **Landa** (Pandey) *[N3768=L2/10-013]*
- **Latin – Medievalist punctuation** (Everson) *[N4726=L2/16-125]*
- **Loma** *(Everson) [N3756=L2/10-005] (see also L2/17-059)*
- **Magar Akkha** (Pandey) *[N4036=L2/11-144]*
- **Mandombe** (Rovenchak) *[L2/16-077]*
- **Mayan** (Pallán) *[L2/18-038]*
- **Mwangwego** (Everson) *[N4323=L2/12-311]*
- **Palaeohispanic** (Ferrer, et al.) *[L2/18-030]*
- **Pau Cin Hau Syllabary** (Pandey) *[L2/16-014]*
- **Proto-Cuneiform (Everson)** *[L2/17-157=N4797]*
- **Pyu** (Pandey) *[N3874=L2/10-295]*
- **Ranjana** (Everson) *[N3649=L2/0-192]* (cf. Pandey *[L2/16-015]*)
- **Siyaq** (Pandey): Persian *[L2/15-122]*, Diwani *[L2/15-066]* (cf. *[L2/15-340]*)
- **Tangsa (Khimhun)** (Pandey) *[N4497=L2/13-230]*
- **Tangsa (Mossang)** (Pandey) *[N4496=L2/13-231]*
- **Tani Lipi** (Pandey) *[N3823=L2/10-146]*
- **Tikamuli** (Pandey) *[N3963-L2/10-465]*
- **Tolong Siki** (Pandey) *[N3811=L2/10-106]*
- **Western Cham** (Everson/Cunningham) *[WG2 N4734=L2/16-198]*
- **Woleai** (Everson) *[N4146=L2/11-362]*
- **Zou** (Pandey) *[N3864=L2/10-254]*

Meetings

In 2015, a grant was made to the Unicode Consortium from the Henry Luce Foundation to support meetings on issues relating to specific scripts of China and Mongolia, with Deborah Anderson as project lead. In 2015, she organized and participated in a meeting on the Soyombo and Zanabazar Square scripts in Tokyo, and in 2016 a meeting was held in Yinchuan, China, on the Khitan scripts (and reported in two ad hoc reports, WG2 N4736 and N4737). A meeting on Mongolian issues took place in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, on September 23-25, 2017, with the outcome recorded in the ad hoc report L2/17-347. A second meeting on Mongolian was held in San Jose from April 3-5, 2018, with support from the Luce Foundation. The results of the meeting are documented in the meeting report L2/18-108.

In order to help progress the proposal on Proto-Cuneiform, a meeting was held at UC Berkeley on April 17, 2018, at UC Berkeley, with Dr. Laura Hawkins, Prof. Niek Veldhuis, Dr. Adam Anderson and Unicode experts. As a result of the meeting, a revised proposal for Proto-Cuneiform and a preliminary proposal for Proto-Elamite will be forthcoming.

A meeting with Egyptologists will be held at University College London from June 14-15, 2018, to discuss the latest proposal for Egyptian hieroglyphs and to get feedback (L2/18-165 =WG2 N4944).

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Work on unencoded scripts has been funded primarily by donors and the National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation and Access grant (under the name Universal Scripts Project). The NEH grant, PR-253360-17 will fund work in 2017-2019. In addition, the Adopt-a-Character program has funded work on proposals for Chorasmian, and Mayan, which the SEI Project Leader has been involved in.

Updated Font

SEI has also supported work on an Old Italic Unicode-compliant font, Italica Vetus, for the various alphabets of ancient Italy. An updated version of the font (with a version containing glyphs for RTL and LTR text) and keyboard are freely available from: http://scholarsfonts.net/old_italic.html