

Committee: ISO/IEC JTC1/SC22/WG11

Place: British Standards Institution (BSI)
London (UK)

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Attendees: Mr. John Dawes UK
Prof. Katsuhiko Kakehi Waseda University, Japan
Mr. Kent Karlsson Chalmers University, Sweden
Mr. Roger Scowen HoD (UK)
Mr. Willem Wakker ACE, Netherlands (Convener)

1. Introduction

Two prominent members of WG11, Ms. Mary Payne and Mr. Brian Meek, passed away during the last year; they were remembered in a few words.

2. Agenda

It was agreed to start with the LISS discussion, followed by the discussion on LIA-2.

3. Minutes of previous meeting (WG11/N432)

The minutes were approved without changes.

4. Project status

The following summary of WG11 projects was given:

- LID (ISO/IEC 11404) is published
- LIPC (ISO/IEC 13886) is published
- LIA-1 (ISO/IEC 10967-1) is published
- LIA-2: the results on the 2nd CD ballot were: 10 YES without comments, 1 YES with comments (UK), 3 NO votes (Japan, Germany and the USA), 4 NBs abstained and 5 NBs did not vote. Although this is seemingly a good result, the fact that 2 NBs that are active in WG11 have submitted a NO vote is a matter of concern.
Mr. Kent Karlsson is appointed as new project editor (for all parts of 10967).
- LIA-3: no progress.
- LISS (PDTR 14369): a version was sent to SC22 for review and comment; only comments from Mr. John Dawes were received. SC22 has granted a project extension of 1 year for this late project; there is no project editor.

5. Work Item 22.17 - Language-Independent Datatypes

The document is published by ITTF as IS 11404:1996.

6. Work Item 22.16 - Language-Independent Procedure Calling

The document is published by ITTF as IS 13886:1996.

7. WDTR 14369 - Language-Independent Service Specification

Brian Meek had prepared an almost complete version which was sent to SC22 for review and comment. It was the sentiment of the meeting to ensure that this document is published as soon as possible. As the document is considered to be practically complete, the editing activities should be minimal. It was agreed that for the time being, the convener will act as project editor.

Remembering the work that Brian Meek has done to promote language-independent issues in general, and specifically his work on the LISS document, WG11 considered it appropriate to dedicate the LISS TR to Brian. The convener will contact ITTF to see if this is possible.

The comments of John Dawes were discussed; it was agreed that the document would be sent to SC22 for PDTR ballot as soon as possible.

8. CD 10967-2 - Language-Independent Arithmetic, part 2: Elementary Numerical Functions

The outcome of the ballot is summarized above.

Seeing the nature of the comments and the changes that the project editor deems necessary to get the document correct and consistent it is decided to produce a 3rd CD.

The editor will produce a new version (again an FCD) plus a Disposition of Comments document by the end of February 1998.

9. WD 10967-3 - Language-Independent Arithmetic, part 3: Complex Floating Point Arithmetic and Complex Elementary Numerical Functions

Work on this project will start as soon as the work on 10967 part 2 has resulted in a stable document (March 1998).

10. Planning and Future Meetings

It was decided that the next meeting of WG11 should be scheduled in the same time frame (and hopefully colocated with) the SC22 Plenary in August 1998 in Copenhagen.

11. Close of Meeting

The host, BSI, and especially Mr. Jane Stride were thanked for organizing and hosting the meeting.