

Title: Management Report on SGFS Authorized Subgroup Meeting
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The ISO/IEC Special Group on Functional Standardization held a productive Authorized Subgroup meeting from November 29th till December 3rd in Amsterdam. 14 delegates from 7 National Bodies attended the meeting. In addition there was a good representation of liaison organizations. The meeting endorsed 10 resolutions.

Management items addressed by the meeting:

1. Revision of SGFS Procedures

The SGFS procedures (SGFS/N1001) are currently under ballot in JTC1 (JTC1/N2690). The ballot terminates on January 28th, 1994. The 'ballot resolution' meeting will be held during the next SGFS plenary meeting (June 1994, Cannes, France). After this meeting the procedures document should be ready for inclusion in the next version of the JTC1 directives.

A further enhanced version of the SGFS procedures (SGFS/N1015) which was produced during the Seoul plenary meeting of SGFS (June 1993) will be kept as a repository of future extensions of the SGFS procedures.

2. Liaison on Inter-TC ISPs

While the definition of the procedures to handle inter-TC profiles is still under ballot (JTC1/N2690, see above), there is a good liaison with other TCs on this topic; in particular with TC46 (Libraries) and TC184 (Manufacturing Messaging). In the proposed procedures document, a proforma for the Memorandum of Agreement that is associated with the processing of inter-TC profiles is included.

Inter-TC profiles are already identified in the taxonomy in TR 10000, part 2. Submission of the corresponding PDISPs for approval is currently expected for early 1994.

3. ISPs from other SCs

Although the SGFS procedures (and the JTC1 directives) allow for submission of ISPs by JTC1 SCs, this route has never been exercised. A liaison report on SC22/WG15 - POSIX activities prompted a discussion on this topic.

SGFS approved a liaison statement to SC22/WG15 (SGFS/N1081) expressing support for SC submission of ISPs. SGFS shall support SCs in the preparation and harmonization of such ISPs.

SC18/WG4 asked in a liaison statement (SGFS/N1035) to add the Asynchronous Protocol specification from the APS alliance to the SGFS program of Functional Standards. As the proposal is not yet in the form of a PDISP proposal, and because the proposal covers areas of work already undertaken by the Regional Workshops, SGFS has asked the Regional Workshops to review the proposal and to help SGFS in identifying its relation to existing taxonomy and profile activities.

4. ISP contributions from other sources

From the POSC (Petrotechnical Open Software Corporation) SGFS received the document 'POSC Base Computer Standards V2.0'. This document describes a set of services 'which enables interoperability, portability, and scalability of Exploration and Production technical applications across heterogeneous

hardware, software, and communication platforms'. The services described are either based on base standards or ISPs, or on PASs.

In a liaison statement to the POSC, SGFS encouraged the POSC to liaise closely with the Regional Workshops, to ensure that the POSC industry specific profiles are compatible with the generic OSE profiles currently under development in the Workshops.

5. ISP approval process

- The ISP approval process still takes longer than expected. Also, planning of the individual stages of the approval process is not always possible. Steps will be taken to investigate the problems so that surprises in the future can be avoided.
- Based on information received from S-liaison organizations it is to be expected that the number of submitted (OSI) profiles will rise considerably in the coming year.

6. Publicly Available Specifications

Issues around Publicly Available Specifications have been discussed in SGFS several times. As it appears that this issue will be discussed during the forthcoming JTC1 meeting, SGFS has produced a liaison statement on this topic (SGFS/N1090) as input for this discussion.

This liaison statement expresses the willingness of SGFS to have a leading role in the area of PASs, as the need for PASs appears prominently in the profiling process. It is understood this role of SGFS shall be based on JTC1 guidelines.

7. Progression of TR 10000

7.1 Progression of TR 10000 part 2

The meeting approved the new version of WDTR 10000-2.4 (SGFS/N1085) for DTR ballot in JTC1. The accompanying editors notes (SGFS/N1086) will capture the differences between this edition and the previous edition.

7.2 Progression of TR 10000 parts 1 and 3

During the meeting it became clear that many contributions raised fundamental issues concerning the objectives, priorities and scope of TR 10000 with respect to OSE.

In consequence, it was agreed not to review parts 1 and 3 of TR 10000 in detail, but instead

- ask for presentations of the major points of the contributions to the meeting,
- draw up a list of the major points of discussion,
- devote a period of time to the discussion of those points in order to see what could be agreed and what remained at issue; and
- draft an output document (a 'White Paper') which represents the points of agreement and contention to NBLOs and ask for their comments (SGFS/N1089).

The Regional Workshops are planning a combined meeting on these topics, so that harmonized input can be delivered to the next SGFS meeting. Parts 1 and 3 of TR 10000 will not be updated until that meeting.

8. Publicity

SGFS will continue the started work on publicity in close cooperation with ITTF. An updated publicity document will be produced (SGFS/N1097).

9. Usage of email

SGFS gratefully accepted the offer from the Danish UNIX User's Organization (DKUUG) for the creation and maintenance of an SGFS email service. It is the intention of SGFS to use this service (an 'email reflector') to improve communication between SGFS members by distributing informal information pertaining to SGFS and SGFS meetings, and to pre-distribute SGFS N-numbered documents.

As it is not the intention to have this service replace the formal SGFS mailings, this approach is considered to be in line with Supplement 3 of the JTC1 directives.

10. Officers

SGFS thanked Mr. Louis Visser for his guidance of SGFS over the past years, and approved the nomination of Mr. Willem Wakker as his successor. Pending the approval of JTC1, Mr. Wakker will be the acting chair of SGFS.

11. Next meetings

The following meeting plan was agreed upon:

Plenary meeting	13-17 June 1994	Cannes	Confirmed
Authorized subgroup meeting	5-9 December 1994	Berlin	Confirmed
Plenary meeting	19-23 June 1995	Washington ??	
Plenary meeting	17-21 June 1996	t.b.s.	tentative
Plenary meeting	16-20 June 1997	t.b.s.	tentative