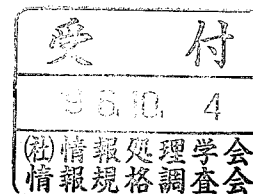




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This report gives information supplementary to the resolutions (SC2 N 2749) taken by the sixth SC2 plenary meeting held in Québec City on 20th-21st August 1996

1 SC2 Secretariat / Chairmanship

During the SC2 meeting it became known that the deadline for offering, to the JTC 1 Secretariat, nominations for the SC2 Secretariat had been extended till 1996-09-15 (from 1996-07-29). Two offers were known at the SC2 meeting, from Japan (N 2740) and Canada (N 2754). Both NBs have also nominated a new Chairman, **Prof. Shibano** and **Mr. Umamaheswaran**.

The JTC 1 Secretariat will decide how to proceed after 1996-09-15 in case of multiple nominations.

2 Registration authorities for ISO 2375 and ISO 7350

Three offers have been received by the SC2 Secretariat for these Registration Authorities: Denmark (N 2732), Greece (N 2737) and Japan (N 2740).

The SC2 Secretariat will determine how to proceed.

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3 Voting in SC2

N 2759 presents voting statistics for SC2. A few more P-members are voting now (see the previous survey in N 2634) but never more than two third out of 34. If a P-member fails to vote on the next three consecutive ballots in SC2, the SC2 Secretariat will request ITTF to change status of the failing P-member into O-member. See resolution M6.15.

4 TR on 'An operational model for characters and glyphs'

The principal responsibility for this new TR has been assigned to SC2/WG2. The documents prepared by the WG2 experts on this subject will also be distributed to WG3.

5 JTC 1/SC22 liaison report

The wish was expressed that SC22 liaison reports should have been formally approved by SC22 before their presentation to SC2.

The need for further terminology alignment between SC2, SC18 and SC22 was stressed although a lot of work has already been done: It was noted that the concepts of characters in SC2 and in the C language are still very different.

Terminology alignment with other SCs in JTC 1 and with other TCs in ISO may be virtually not feasible.

6 ISO/TC46

Mr. John Clews is the new convenor of TC46/SC2.

CD 14522 (N 2680) on transliteration of Mongolian was noted. The Chinese NB is closely monitoring the development of this standard

The Israelian NB has proposed to TC46 to withdraw ISO 8957. JTC 1/SC2 supports this proposal and also seeks transfer of several TC46/SC4 DISs and also some work items (on coded character sets) to JTC 1/SC2. See resolutions M6.13 and 14.

Mr. Fuchs, Mr. van Wingen and the JTC 1/SC2 Secretariat will take action on this.

7 JTC 1/SC18

Mr. Larsson will prepare a liaison letter to SC18 in response to N 2630.

8 Identifiers of character repertoires and their registration

A discussion on the need for (probably multiple) identifiers for character repertoires took place. There were several solutions suggested: ISO/IEC 10646-1 (plus DAM9) collection identifiers, revision of ISO 7350, or usage of ISO 10036. The discussion was not conclusive. One action, which got a majority of favourable votes, is the revision of ISO 7350. See resolution M6.7.

Further discussions will take place in SC2/WG2. Co-operation with SC21 (SQL) and SC22 (project on coded character set identification) is necessary. N 2714 on the identification of characters was noted.

9 AFII (Association for Font Information Interchange)

Mr. Griffin gave an interesting presentation on the work done by AFII and on their relational data base, available on CD-ROM, on glyphs and characters, and their mapping (see N 2744).

10 Activity reports

Activity reports were presented by the NBs of Vietnam, Sweden, Netherlands, Denmark and Canada (French translation of ISO/IEC 10646-1).

11 Secretariat report

The current version (N 2699) of this report was reviewed in detail. The new version (N 2755) will be distributed to SC2, and to the JTC 1 Plenary in Paris in December 1996.

12 Next SC2 plenary meetings

No. 7: week of 23rd June 1997, Cyprus or Greece (to be confirmed)

No. 8: April 1998, The Netherlands (to be confirmed).

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