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# Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS) - ISO/IEC 10646

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## 1. Meetings

Meetings held by JTC1/SC22, CEN/TC304, Unicode and W3C since last SC2 plenary meeting in October 2002.

Meeting	Date/Location	Results/Status
JTC1/SC2 2	2002-08-26/30 Saariselkä, Finland	<ul> <li>SC22 held an ad hoc meeting on ISO 10646/Unicode to address questions from the programming languages working groups.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Fast-track ballots on a new programming language C# and Class Library (CLI) passed unanimously after the ISO ballot resolution meeting in October 2002. This is another example where ISO/IEC 10646 and Unicode are used as normative references.</li> <li>Details at: <u>http://std.dkuug.dk/JTC1/SC22/open/n3489.pdf</u></li> </ul>
CEN/TC30 4	2001-02-23 Brussels	TC 304 is almost dormant; it has several projects on its plate that are to be completed. These are European Fallback Rules, European addition to OCR-B, European Character Repertoires for 8- bit, Eurolocale, Population of Cultural Registry, Support for Sami, Unifying two parts of European Ordering Rules, and progression of previous work on EN 1922:1997. The first five are for all practical purposes finished, the sixth one, "Support for Sami", will be handled between the Scandinavian countries themselves and the last

		one has been suggested for withdrawal. Thus most projects except for "Unifying two parts of European Ordering Rules" are probably very close to being technically finished but still await the necessary voting formalities which might result in technical decisions that have to be taken. The Cultural Diversity Steering Group (CDSG) is to monitor these remaining activities of CEN TC304. It should also be noted that Iceland declined to continue to be the secretariat. The CDSG recently completed a report on cultural diversity with respect to standards and implementations. I participated in 2 of the meetings and provided input on ISO 10646/Unicode. Details are at: http://www.cenorm.be/ISSS/Projects/CDSG1/Def ault.htm
Unicode	Several meetings – once per quarter. Last one was held in Nashua, NH from 2002-11-03/08. Next meeting is in March 2003. For details visit the following link: <u>http://www.unicode.org/L2/meeting s/utc-meetings.html</u> gives the details as well as additional links to agendas, motions and action items.	<ul> <li>The Unicode Technical Committee (UTC) continues to meet on a quarterly basis for full days. It continues to provide implementation guidelines to implementers world wide and continues to evaluate input on additional repertoire contributions.</li> <li>The editorial committee of the Unicode Consortium has an aggressive schedule to complete the next version of Unicode 4.0, the Book in Fall of 2003 which will be in sync with the next edition of ISO/IEC 10646 merged publication of parts 1 and 2.</li> <li>For more details visit: <u>http://www.unicode.org</u></li> </ul>
W3C	There are many teleconferences but the working group continues to meet face- to-face quarterly	<ul> <li>The Internationalization Working Group comprises three task forces: Core, Web Services and GEO (Guidelines, Education &amp; Outreach). Details at: <a href="http://www.w3.org/International/">http://www.w3.org/International/</a></li> <li>W3C officers continue to make presentations at the International Unicode Conferences. Details at: <a href="http://www.unicode.org/iuc/iuc22/a361.html">http://www.unicode.org/iuc/iuc22/a361.html</a></li> </ul>