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The W3C Internationalization Activity has been restructured,
and the I18N WG and IG (Interest Group) been rechartered in
September. The new charters can be found at
http://www.w3.org/2002/05/i18n-recharter/WG-charter.html
and http://www.w3.org/2002/05/i18n-recharter/IG-charter.html.

In particular, the WG has been structured into three task
forces, the Core task force, the Web services task force, and
the GEO (Guidelines, Education, and Outreach) task force.
This offers many new possibilities for interested people to
get involved in our work, to make sure that Web technology
is well internationalized.

The Core task force is continuing the ongoing work of the WG.
For the Character Model (http://www.w3.org/TR/charmod/), the
Core task force is making steady progress on resolving and
addressing the last call comments received. In particular,
the requirement that all software on the Web check for
(NFC) normalization has been somewhat alleviated based
on last call input.
    For the "Internationalized Resource Identifiers (IRIs)"
Internet-Draft, a new version has been published as
draft-duerst-iri-02.txt (see e.g.
http://www.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-duerst-iri-02.txt).
One of the main changes in this version is a new solution for
Bidi in IRIs, with many examples.
Feedback on this draft is very much appreciated and should be
sent as soon as possible to www-international@w3.org.
    The Core task force is also continuing reviewing other
W3C specifications in various stages of development.

The Web Services task force has started to work on a document
describing usage scenarios and used cases for internationalization
in the context of Web Services. We are expecting a first draft
publication in a few weeks. The other deliverable of this task
force is to produce a requirements document. The task force
has already started it's work, but new members are very welcome,
please see http://www.w3.org/International/ws/#join for details.

The initial focus of the GEO (Guidelines, Education, Outreach)
task force is to produce a framework and a set of guidelines and
techniques on a 'best practices' level to help to make sure that
internationalization of W3C technology is well understood and
used. The task force has already started it's work, but new
members are welcome, please see
http://www.w3.org/International/geo/#join for details.