

Title: Management Report on SGFS Plenary Meeting
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The ISO/IEC Special Group on Functional Standardization held a productive Plenary meeting from June 13th till June 17th 1994 in Cannes. 12 delegates from 7 National Bodies attended the meeting. Also, liaison organizations and ITU-T were represented. The meeting endorsed 9 resolutions.

Management items addressed by the meeting:

1. Revision of SGFS Procedures

The SGFS procedures were submitted to JTC1 for ballot in document JTC1 N2690. The ballot comments were in JTC1 N2874. During the SGFS Plenary the comments were discussed (disposition of comments is in SGFS N1161) and the final text of the SGFS procedures was established.

In this final document also text related to Profile Test Specifications (PTS) and object identifiers is included; as this material was not in the balloted version (although approved by the SGFS NBLOs), it is typographically distinguished from the approved text.

It is the intention of the SGFS to align the SGFS procedures with the JTC1 procedures on the handling of PASs as soon as JTC1 has taken a decision in this area.

2. Liaison on Inter-TC ISPs

Agreement has been reached on the text of a Cooperative Agreement between JTC1 and ISO/TC46 (Libraries): the document is sent out to be signed by the respective chairs.

During the SGFS Plenary agreement was reached on the annex to this Cooperative Agreement, which details the various responsibilities. As soon as the Cooperative Agreement is signed, the annex will be signed by the chairs of the SGFS and TC46/SC4. In the mean time, the processing of the relevant PDISPs can already start.

It will be proposed to ISO/TC184 (Manufacturing) to come to a similar agreement on the progression of the MHS profiles.

3. ISP contributions from other sources

SITA, the Airline Telecommunications and Information Services, has asked JTC1 for an A-Liaison with various JTC1 SCs and SGFS. In a response to the request from the JTC1 secretariat for a recommendation in this matter, SGFS has responded that it welcomes collaboration with SITA. On the type of the liaison, necessary for an optimal working relationship, SGFS has no opinion: this could be either an A-liaison or a C-liaison.

4. The handling of Profile Test Specifications

SGFS was informed that EWOS has produced the PTS for FTAM.

According to the proposed procedure, the Abstract Test Suite (ATS) for a profile should be produced by the SC responsible for the base standard, and subsequently be proposed for ratification as an IS. The corresponding PTS should then be forwarded to SGFS as an ISP. However, the proposed FTAM PTS is a mixture of ATS and PTS.

In a liaison statement to SC21, SGFS has asked SC21

- what part of the EWOS deliverable (if any) is considered suitable for base standardization in SC21,
- whether SC21 is able to take action on such base standardization and
- what the timescales are for such a standardization effort.

5. Publicly Available Specifications

Issues around Publicly Available Specifications have been discussed in SGFS several times. A liaison statement to the JTC1 WG-DFS was approved, expressing the concern that the resources (in time and manpower) required for the approval process of an ISP should not need to be significantly increased when the ISP makes reference to a PAS.

This liaison statement also draws the attention of the WG-DFS to the issue of normative references by an ISP of national or regional standards. This requirement is brought to the attention of SGFS by the JTC1/SC22 WG15 on POSIX, where it is considered essential that so-called "National POSIX Profiles" (profiles which refer to POSIX standards and to national or regional standards for specifications on e.g. character sets and other 'local' requirements) be also approved as ISPs.

6. Progression of TR 10000

6.1 Progression of TR 10000 parts 1 and 3

Agreement was reached on the scope and contents of part 1 (General Principles and Documentation Framework) and part 3 (Principles and Taxonomy for Open System Environment Profiles), and the text for PDTR ballot of both documents was approved. The comments from the SGFS NBLOs will be discussed during an SGFS Authorized Subgroup Meeting in December 1994 (in the U.S.), so that after that meeting the documents can be submitted to JTC1 for DTR ballot.

The December meeting is also instructed to prepare (if necessary) any update to part 2 if this is required to fully align the three parts.

6.2 Progression of TR 10000 part 2

During the SGFS Plenary, a ballot resolution meeting on TR 10000-2 was held, and the final text of TR 10000-2:1994 was approved.

7. Usage of email

Over the past half year, experience has been gained in the usage of email to support the SGFS activities. The service was found very useful, and will be continued.

8. Next meetings

The following meeting plan was agreed upon:

Authorized subgroup meeting	5-9 December 1994	New Orleans	Confirmed
Plenary meeting	19-23 June 1995	Berlin	Confirmed
Plenary meeting	17-21 June 1996	t.b.s.	tentative
Plenary meeting	23-27 June 1997	t.b.s.	tentative