

To: Unicode Technical Committee
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RE: Liaison Report, Script Encoding Initiative

* Research on the Vai script is ongoing. The effort is being led by Charles Riley (Yale) and Michael Everson. Charles Riley also is working on other West African scripts.

* UNESCO's B@bel Initiative has provided funding for N'Ko and is actively interested in supporting other modern minority script work.

* Michael Everson met with the delegation from Myanmar at the WG2 meeting in June 2004. Additional work is planned on proposals for characters needed for minority language support, specifically for the Shan, Mon, and Kayin sub-scripts.

* A trip by Michael Everson and Rick McGowan to Bali is tentatively planned in December to work on Balinese. The project is being coordinated by the user community in Bali.

* Michael Everson will travel to Iran in September for feedback on Avestan, Pahlavi, and Manichaean. After expert input is received and additional comments by Jost Gippert and the TITUS project sought, the revised proposals for these scripts can proceed to the UTC.

* Medieval Nordic: Michael Everson met in 2003 with Odd Einar Haugen, (Nordisk institutt) and others to work on a proposal for medieval Nordic characters. A proposal will be forthcoming.

*Work on missing historic characters for Cyrillic is continuing. Sorin Paliga in the Slavic Dept. at the University of Bucharest has done preliminary work.

* A workshop on Unicode is planned for the Linguistics Society of America annual meeting being held in January in San Francisco. It is organized by Deborah Anderson, with the participation of Peter Constable, Charles Bigelow, Bill Bright, Richard Cook, Edward Garrett, and Ken Whistler. The goal of the workshop is to inform linguists about Unicode, to encourage use of Unicode-enabled fonts, and to seek assistance from linguists on missing scripts and characters.