

TO: Unicode Technical Committee

L2/05-198

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RE: Liaison report, Script Encoding Initiative, UC Berkeley Dept. of Linguistics

Ongoing Work:

Lycian, Lydian, and Carian: Although the preliminary proposals for these scripts (L2/05-100, 101, and 102) have been sent out for review to experts in the field, a query regarding unification of these three into an "Anatolian" block is in progress. It will be sent out in the near future. Current indications are that unification may not be desirable.

Medieval (European) texts: The lengthy preliminary proposal, L2/05-183, will be revised per comments from the UTC and scholars, and will be discussed again at future UTC meetings. UTC members are urged to study the proposal as soon as possible so that progress can be made.

Saurashtra: A final proposal will be submitted to the UTC at the next meeting.

Kaithi: Anshuman Pandey (University of Washington) has prepared a draft of a proposal for Kaithi and will forward it for review.

Latin epigraphic symbols: Additional work with Marcus Dohnicht of the Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum will be undertaken on specific characters needed for Latin epigraphy (not already included in the Medieval character proposal).

Other Activities:

D. Anderson made an announcement about the need for feedback from linguists and user communities on TR #36 at the summer 2005 workshop of E-MELD (Electronic Metastructure for Endangered Languages Data) at Harvard, as well as on the LinguistList email list. She also encouraged input on missing characters at the Dictionary Society of North America meeting in June in Boston.

A panel on Unicode for Classicists will be held at the American Philological Association panel in January 2006, and D. Anderson will discuss progress made on missing characters (including Latin characters). A panel on Unicode is planned for the 2006 meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature.