TO: Unicode Technical Committee
FROM: Deborah Anderson, UC Berkeley
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RE: Liaison Report from UC Berkeley, Script Encoding Initiative

**Proposals from SEI have been submitted on:**

*Egyptian hieroglyphs* by Michael Everson and Bob Richmond

*Bamum* by Michael Everson and Chuck Riley. A much larger proposal covering historic characters will be prepared in 2008.

*Tangut* by Richard Cook

*Anatolian Hieroglyphs* by Michael Everson. A review by a graduate student at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, will be done in June. Additional expert input is being sought from other experts.

*North Indian Accounting* by Anshuman Pandey (and a proposal on the Kaithi script by the same author is also anticipated)

**Ongoing Work**

*Vedic accents*: A review of this proposal is underway by scholars; a revision of the current proposal will probably be submitted at the August UTC.

*Warang Chiti (Varang Khshiti)*: Two linguists, K. David Harrison and Greg Anderson, will be working with the Ho population to provide documentation and feedback on the proposal.

*Samaritan*: A preliminary proposal by Michael Everson and Mark Shoulson is in the works.

*Old South Arabic*: Work on a proposal is being done by a Yemen typographer under Kamal Mansour’s supervision. A preliminary proposal should appear in the near future.

*Greek Papyrological symbols*: The Center for Tebtunis Papyri at UC Berkeley will be working on a proposal for those symbols needed by papyrologists. Input from the user community is still being sought.

*Alchemy symbols*: “The Chymistry of Isaac Newton” project hosted by Indiana University Digital Library Program (http://www.dlib.indiana.edu/collections/newton) will be working on a proposal for missing alchemical symbols.

**Future work for 2007**: Unicode proposals for Pahlavi, Manichaean, Javanese, Batak, UCAS, and Mandaic are slated for 2007. Contact with the proposer of the Orkhon runic proposal and Yi experts at the Frankfurt WG2 meeting will hopefully yield proposals on these scripts within the 2007-08 timeframe.

**Future Activities**

Debbie Anderson has organized a panel at the Dictionary Society of North America being held at the University of Chicago in June 2007. The panel will include project directors from the Digital Dictionaries of South Asia project, the Chicago Demotic Dictionary, and the Chicago Hittite Dictionary, all of which are involved in online dictionary production. This will provide an opportunity to also mention missing dictionary symbols and to discuss scripts not yet in Unicode.

She will also give a presentation on Unicode at the Linguistics Society of America Summer Institute, the latter of which will be held at Stanford in the summer of 2007.

[Note: There will be a LSA Summer Institute workshop on “Scripts, Non-scripts and (Pseudo)decipherment” on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, from 9-5:30 in the Braun Auditorium, Stanford. There is no fee, but registration is required. For further information, see: http://serrano.ai.uiuc.edu/2007Workshop/#reg, registration: http://serrano.ai.uiuc.edu/2007Workshop/registration.cgi.]