

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

This report lists work being done by the Script Encoding Initiative (/Universal Scripts Project).

Proposals currently submitted to UTC that have involved SEI assistance:

Manichaean (L2/08-270) by Michael Everson and Desmond Durkin-Meisterernst

Mandaic (L2/08-271) by Michael Everson

Brahmi (L2/07-342) by Stefan Baums and Andrew Glass (revised into a document by Michael Everson, L2/08-277)

Batak (L2/08-011) by Michael Everson/SEI

Old Bamum (L2/08-231) by Michael Everson, Chuck Riley, and Konrad Tuchscherer

Proposal to encode Two Vedic Characters (L2/08-273) by Michael Everson and Peter Scharf

Ongoing Work (including preliminary proposals):

Meroitic (L2/08-269): preliminary proposal by Michael Everson, UTC input is encouraged

Old Hungarian (L2/08-268): preliminary proposal by Michael Everson and André Szabolcs Szelp, UTC input is encouraged

Unified Canadian Aboriginal Syllabics (L2/08-149): additional evidence for proposed UCAS characters in this proposal is being collected by Chris Harvey, co-author with Michael Everson

Psalter Pahlavi (L2/07-207): punctuation questions remain in UTC on this proposal by Michael Everson and Roozbeh Pournader; dialog with UTC encouraged

Book Pahlavi (L2/07-234): Michael Everson, Roozbeh Pournader, and Desmond Durkin-Meisterernst are still working on this proposal

Chakma (L2/08-133): await user community feedback on this preliminary proposal by Michael Everson

Sharada (L2/08-017): preliminary proposal by Anshuman Pandey, additional feedback being collected

Takri (L2/07-419): preliminary proposal by Anshuman Pandey, additional feedback being collected

Khojki : preliminary proposal by Anshuman Pandey, additional feedback being collected

Landa: Anshuman Pandey is working on a document proposing unification of various regional scripts of the Sindh and script types under a "Landa" script

Varang Kshiti (L2/08-130): preliminary proposal by Michael Everson, user community currently undergoing orthographic reform

Sorang Sompeng (L2/08-129): preliminary proposal by Michael Everson only, await user feedback

Tangut (currently on ballot): Richard Cook created a new 5-column chart incorporating glyphs from a font by Jing Yongshi and mappings from *Tangut Document Processing System*. The main chart font is nearly ready.

Anatolian Hieroglyphs (L2/07-096): glyphs and annotations in this proposal by M. Everson are still under review

Siyaq numerals (L2/07-414): Anshuman Pandey is working on this; Roozbeh Pournader is relaying information from Iranian specialists

Other Assistance Being Provided

Nushu: Richard Cook has reviewed the revised Nushu proposal by China (N3464) and found it to be a solid proposal, much improved from the earlier version. A summary document with additional comments will be submitted.

Miao [Pollard] (China NB, L2/07-299), Yi (China NB, L2/08-193): SEI is providing feedback on these proposals

Alchemical symbols: SEI met with a member of Indiana University's project "The Chymistry of Isaac Newton" in June and will be assisting on their alchemical symbols proposal.

Future Activities

Deborah Anderson is encouraging additional participation from Egyptologists for future work on Ptolemaic signs.

Proposals for missing Greek papyrological signs is underway (in conjunction with UC Berkeley), along with work on Arabic math symbols and miscellaneous symbols used in the sciences.

Deborah is also enlisting other linguistics projects (such as the Max Planck Institute in Leipzig and LinguistList) to send in locale data.

Deborah Anderson submitted an application to NEH for funding to cover 2009-2011.