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This is a report of the activities of SC32 WG5 since the SC32 meeting in Santa Fe in January 2000. The resolutions of the Working Group are in 5n0084.

1. Meetings

SC32 WG5 has met once since January 1999 here at Helsinki. The last round of editing for edition 3 having been completed in Santa Fe, this meeting concentrated on planning for the next round of work.

WG5 have met with WG1 to review the possibility of importing definitions and architectures from 14662, the Open EDI reference model.

The countries participating in the work of WG5 this year have been Canada (2), Japan (1), UK (2) and Korea (1).

2. Progression of Work

2.1 RDA edition 2

Following a successful FDIS ballot last year and the completion of the post-ballot activities, RDA edition 2, which includes Secure RDA, is now in publication with a 2000 date.

2.2 RDA edition 3

The FDIS ballot on edition 3 has been held up because of changed presentation requirements. Edition 3 is an enhancement of Edition 2 and therefore ought to be presented in a similar way for compatibility. Edition 4 now in development is technically restructured, and so may be presented differently without causing confusion. The Editor has been directed to negotiate with ITTF to secure publication without format changes for this edition.

2.3 Reorganised programme of work

It was resolved in Santa Fe to progress Working Group 5's projects in separate documents: One document, Protocol, will be RDA edition 4, and other documents include protocol independent parts: Authorization and Audit, Encompassing Transaction and Distribution Schema.

The first three of these documents are substantially reorganisation of previously agreed text, and so these will be progressed electronically.

2.4 Distribution Schema

Following the very controversial reception of working drafts at previous meetings, we are documenting requirements, and we have put this project on hold pending responses to our requirements.

2.5 RDA Amendment to support SQL/MED

We considered withdrawing this project, and ideally the project should not be necessary, but we have decided to retain it for the time being pending resolution of comments on the forthcoming CD and FCD of SQL/MED.

2.6 RDA Amendment, XML

Given the broad interest in XML across working groups and in the industry, WG5 participants intend to contribute to the SQLX activity and monitor and review that work to determine what various processing scenarios are being addressed and the relevance to WG5's work. WG5 will make clear its requirements for support of transactions, authentication, security etc. WG5 will review its findings and contributions at its interim meeting with the objective of producing CD quality text.

2.7 Modelling

There was agreement in the value of modelling existing and emerging technologies in an effort to position WG5 components and guide WG5's work.

3. JTC1 Trial

WG5 delegates did not in general support the participation of SC32 or any of its parts in the proposed JTC1 trial. However, if it is resolved that any other part of SC32 did participate, WG5 felt that it would not be in the interests of WG5 to be excluded from the trial.

4. Appreciation

Our work at this meeting was helped substantially by the network facilities provided by Chuck Campbell, and we thank him for that.