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The activities of WG3 and Editing Meetings on ISO/IEC 9075 documents since the last SC 32 Plenary are described below.

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SQL Parts at IS

The ISO/IEC 9075-1 SQL/Framework, ISO/IEC 9075-2 SQL/Foundation, ISO/IEC 9075-3 SQL/CLI, ISO/IEC 9075-4 SQL/Persistent Stored Modules and ISO/IEC 9075-5 SQL/Host Language Bindings are all standards with a 1999 date.

Subsequently, ISO/IEC 9075-10 SQL/OLB was published with a 2000-10 date.

ISO/IEC 9075 Amendment 1: SQL/OLAP was also approved and published with a 2000-12 date.

The FDIS ballot on ISO/IEC 9075-9 closed on 2001-02-14, the document was approved and was published with a 2001-05 date.

The 1st Technical Corrigendum was published as ISO/IEC 9075 (parts 1 to 5):1999/Cor.1:2000.

SQL Parts at FCD

Part 13: SQL/JRT

The FCD ballot commenced on 2001-04-30.

228 comments resulted from the ballot. The Editing Meetings managed to resolve all of these 228 Ballot Comments. A number of Ballot Comments required that any additional problems discovered during the editing process also be resolved. All such problems discovered were resolved by proposals addressing existing ballot comments.

At the close of the final meeting there were **no** outstanding known problems with the part under ballot.

The FCD Editing Meeting completed its business on the 25th of October 2001 with the following resolution, which was passed unanimously by the 6 National Bodies present:

The Editing Meeting held in Victoria, BC, Canada, between the 17th and the 25th of October 2001 recommend that the output text of this meeting be progressed to FDIS ballot as a new part of ISO/IEC 9075 as soon as the revised text is available.

The Editor, Jim Melton, shipped camera-ready copy on December 17th of 2001 to the SC32 Secretariat for the two-month FDIS ballots on this SQL part.

SQL Parts at WD

Technical Corrigendum

We have completed a second Technical Corrigendum at this meeting and are proposing that it be balloted as a DCOR when the final text is available. This should give the TC a life of a little under 1 year before it is superseded by the new revision.

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SQL Parts at CD

The 1st CD ballot on parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 closed on 2001-03-02.

661 comments resulted from the ballot. These comments were distributed between the parts as follows:

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| Part 1 | 43 |
| Part 2 | 425 |
| Part 3 | 11 |
| Part 4 | 57 |
| Part 9 | 57 |
| Part 10 | 30 |
| Part 11 | 38 |

The Editing Meetings managed to resolve all of these 35 of these Ballot Comments. A number of Ballot Comments required that any additional problems discovered during the editing process also be resolved. A number of such comments were discovered and resolved. Of the 35 comments 15 were existing problems and 20 were new problems. 10 were new problems reported on ballot comments and 10 were problems discovered during the meetings.

At the close of the final meeting there were **35** outstanding known problems with the part under ballot.

Three CD Editing Meetings were held. The first was in Perth in between the 30th April and the 11th May 2001, the second was held between the 2nd July and the 24th August 2001 electronically using facilities kindly provided by SCC and the third was held between 19th October and 25th October.

The last meeting completed its business on the 25th of October 2001 with the following resolution, which was passed unanimously by the National Bodies present:

The Editing Meeting held in Victoria, BC, Canada, between the 19th and the 25th of October 2001 recommend that the output text of this meeting be progressed to FCD ballot as soon as the revised text is available.

The National Bodies felt that the number of outstanding problems was low enough to initiate a ballot at the next level.

After our experience with electronic editing meetings during the CD ballot comment resolution phase, we are planning to try this again but with slightly altered conditions to see if we can develop a really effective way of working. The first experience was not a failure but was not as successful as we would have liked.

Other Matters

At this meeting we have repeated our experiment with co-locating National Body meetings with the WG3 meeting. During the first 4 days of the WG3 meeting, NCITS H2 held their National Body meeting in the same room as WG3 under their own rules whilst WG3 continued to work under its normal rules. The set of procedures agreed at the start of the previous co-located meeting enabled us to alternate between meetings as required to satisfy both sets of rules. Operating in this way allowed us to process proposals that could not otherwise have been submitted by NCITS H2. The benefits to H2, and thus indirectly to WG3, result from significantly reduced overheads in preparing for and post-processing the results of an ISO meeting. It was unfortunate that an oversight in the preparation of the calling notices for meetings by the WG3 Convenor made the process slightly more cumbersome than necessary. Most delegates appreciated the process and hope to repeat it as and when the opportunity presents itself.

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WG3 is still very concerned at the apparently endless problems caused by WG5 and begs the SC32 plenary to resolve these swiftly and finally so that meeting time can be devoted to fruitful discussion and progression of documents.

WG3 expects to have all parts of ISO/IEC 9075 out for FCD ballot during the meeting in Korea and therefore welcomes the opportunity to enter into serious discussion with WG2 at the point at which it will be considering its work program for the coming development cycle.

Summary

Excellent progress continues to be made on all fronts. Attendance at meetings is good — at least 7 National Bodies are always represented and 9 National Bodies have attended at least one meeting.

The Working Group's ability to progress multiple documents simultaneously and in close alignment continues to improve. The group has published 4 standards documents in the last year, 2 new parts, an addendum and a TC. Several tools and policies contribute to this ability, including the carefully tested procedures of the group. The standardised way in which agendas, minutes, comments, and proposals are presented and processed ensures easy access and availability to all National Bodies, greatly easing the review and development process. Another tool that contributes to the efficiency of WG3's meetings is a local area network and file server that has been kindly provided by one national Body for the use at the meetings. The group's work frequently benefits from having an on-line archive of all recent papers (including working drafts, proposals, and administrative documents) going back a number of years. In addition, the group's Editor is able to trace the source of virtually every line of text in all working drafts to their original proposals, helping proposal writers better understand the origin and history of material they wish to modify.