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- [1] SC32 5N0096, Status of WG5 - Database Access and Interchange Projects
- [2] SC32 N718, (SC32/WG5 N0099), WG5 Resolutions, Victoria, October, 2001

This is a report of the activities of SC32 WG5 since the SC32 meeting in Helsinki in October 2000. .

1. Meetings

SC32 WG5 has met once since October 2000, here at Victoria. The WG5 Convenor, John Hadjioannou, was unable to attend the Victoria meeting in person but participated extensively by teleconference.

The countries participating in the work of WG5 this year have been Canada (4), Japan (1), UK (2) and Australia (1). WG5 has now restructured its programme of work and anticipates support from Korea and the China subsequent to the Victoria meeting.

2. Progression of Work

2.1 RDA edition 2

Following a successful FDIS ballot 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 by ITTF. The editor has committed to complete the required editorial changes by March 1, 2002.

2.3 Data Management and Interchange Projects

WG5 is progressing the Authorization and Audit, Distribution Schema, and Encompassing Transaction projects by ensuring that the standardization requirements that each of these projects are addressing are clearly defined and positioned architecturally relative to the other standards with which these projects must interface.

3. Recommendations and Project Organization

Considerable time was expended during the Victoria meeting in resolving the issues stemming from UK document SC32 N0686, concerning clashes that have occurred in the past between WG3 and WG5. WG5 chaired a meeting on this topic at which all SC32 National Bodies represented in Victoria were present. The issues associated with the UK contribution were examined in detail, both at this meeting, and subsequently with the SC32 Chair and Secretariat (including teleconferencing with John Hadjioannou (the WG5 Convenor), with Graham Brown, a UK participant in WG5, and with Don Bartley from Australia. The outcome of these deliberations, which unfortunately consumed a good deal of the time available to WG5 to progress its projects, is, we believe, a resolution of all of the concerns raised in the UK document. As a result, WG5 members are optimistic that it will be possible in subsequent WG5 meetings to focus solely on the technical work of advancing WG5 projects.

The primary aim of WG5's efforts during the Victoria meeting was to ensure that a realistic program of work was established and to ensure that operational procedures for WG5 were enhanced so that project target dates can be realized. To achieve this, it is recommended that further work on the mature RDA projects and the Export/Import Framework should be terminated after the publication of RDA Edition 3 following FDIS balloting. There was continuing agreement on the value of modelling existing and emerging technologies in an effort to position WG5 components and guide WG5's work.

It is recommended that the Data Management and Interchange Projects be the sole focus of future WG5 efforts. WG5 has appointed separate project editors for each of the Data Management and Interchange Projects in an attempt to ensure that established project target dates (see reference [2]) will be realized. SC32 National Body experts in the areas of Database Security, Transaction Management and Distribution Schema should be invited to participate in the progression of this work.

In addition, WG5 has resolved that it will accept a Canadian offer to utilize an electronic forum to facilitate the development work on WG5's projects. WG5 plans to hold an electronic meeting to advance its projects from Feb. 11-15, 2002. WG5 plans to meet for two weeks (April 29 – May 10, 2002) in Seoul.

Note: Background material related to these projects is available at the WG5 web site – located at www.minster.co.uk/sc32wg5

4. Appreciation

WG5 wishes to express its appreciation to Standards Council of Canada for the provision of excellent facilities for the Victoria meeting.