

TO: Unicode Technical Committee  
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RE: Liaison report, Script Encoding Initiative, UC Berkeley Dept. of Linguistics

Balinese: A group in Bali has just received support from various groups in Indonesia and has initiated a new plan to get the script encoded in the near future. Michael Everson will work on the proposal in conjunction with the Balinese.

Byzantine Music Notation: Comments and corrections on these blocks will be forthcoming. Nick Nicholas is still soliciting feedback from Byzantine music experts.

Tibetan: Discussion and work on the Tibetan extensions is ongoing.

Avestan and Mandaic: Michael Everson will be traveling to Iran in September 2004 (tentative) to discuss these scripts, with support for travel and lodging from the Iranian Academy of Sciences. Hopefully the final proposal will be submitted by the November 2004 UTC meeting.

Cyrillic: Sorin Paliga in the Slavic Dept. at the University of Bucharest has renewed interest in the project to capture missing Cyrillic characters. This can, hopefully, be coordinated with work by David Birnbaum, University of Pittsburgh and Ralph Cleminson, Portsmouth, UK (the latter of whom has been in contact with Dr. Paliga).

Medieval Nordic: Michael Everson met in 2003 with Odd Einar Haugen, (Nordisk institutt) and others to work on a proposal for medieval Nordic characters. A proposal will be forthcoming.

UNESCO support: Under the UNESCO Initiative B@bel program, we will be receiving some support for N'Ko encoding. The program emphasizes that the local user community must be involved in the project, including the development of fonts and keyboards. This program appears to be particularly supportive of encoding minority scripts.

Myanmar Additions: Delegates from Myanmar are working on additions needed for Shan, Mon, and Kayin. Additional work will be needed.