

REPORT OF THE SC2 LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE TO SC22
TO ISO/IEC JTC1/SC2 Plenary meeting,
8-9 July 1997, Iraklio, Greece

The activities of SC22, Programming languages, their environments and system software interfaces, with respect to character coding issues were followed as closely as possible. The SC22 Plenary meeting took place in London, UK, 23-27 September 1996.

Only one resolution of particular interest to SC2 was adopted. This endorsed sending to SC2 a comment to PDAM9 to ISO/IEC 10646-1 (SC22 N 2291), circulated in SC2 as N 2764. There was some history behind it.

At the Annapolis meeting of SC22 in 1995 a proposal was adopted (recorded in N 1968) to request SC2 to introduce "identifiers" in its standards. The SC2 Liaison Representative was not consulted, who had been able to contribute very critical remarks, which he only could communicate to the SC22 Chairman when it was too late. No delegation was informed beforehand of this proposal, and thus no timely discussion in the national committees was possible resulting in proper instruction to the delegates. Thus the matter was raised again at the next SC22 Plenary meeting in London, 23-27 September, with the result that several amendments were proposed to PDAM9. At present DAM9 is under vote, and a Disposition of Comments produced (SC2 N 2826). It is clear that the DAM9, apart from some editorial defects, conforms to SC22's wishes, but no mention was made in the D of C of SC22, be it that the Project Editor apologised to this writer for the omission. A formal resolution by SC2 should acknowledge the acceptance of the SC22 comments, and sent as a liaison statement to SC22. Nor DAM9, nor N 2826 were submitted to SC22 for comment.

The next SC22 Plenary meeting will be 18-22 August 1997 in Ottawa, Canada.