Minutes of the: meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee

held in: Geneva

on: 10 – 11 October 2012

Chairman: Ms I. Valet-Harper (Microsoft),

Secretary: Mr. I. Sebestyen (SG Ecma)

Attending: Ms J. Auber (HP), Mr. K. Brookes (Sony), Mr. O. Elzinga (Ecma), Dr. J. Friedrich (IBM), Mr. D. McAllister (Adobe) Mr. K. Yamashita (Hitachi), Dr. B. Hammer (TC32 Chair, via conference call, part time) and Mr. J. Neumann (TC39 Chairman, via conference call, part time).

Excused: Mr. S. Matsumura (Fujitsu).

0 Approval of the agenda

The draft agenda of the meeting was approved by the CC with minor changes. In 9 the meeting added the proposed list for the Management and the CC to be submitted to the GA.

1 Review of TC Activity reports

The TC Chairmen’s reports were presented as follows:

TC12 Mr. Elzinga
TC20 Mr. Elzinga
TC26 Mr. Sebestyen
TC31 Mr. Sebestyen
TC32 Mr. Hammer
TC38 Mr. Elzinga
TC39 Mr. Neumann
TC43 Mr. Sebestyen
TC45 Ms Valet-Harper
TC46 Mr. Sebestyen
TC47 Mr. Elzinga
TC48 Mr. Elzinga
TC49 Mr. Sebestyen
TC50 Mr. Elzinga
3) The change of scope is proposed on the basis of a WI that has not yet gotten 3
- member
- support.

The decision was then postponed to the 2
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day when all members had more time to stu
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- the presented documentation.

The CC then
decided to start with audio and MM testing
projects and
request
update and
more information on the
video
- project.

1.6 TC38
- Product
- related environmental attributes

Mr. Elzinga
presented the report using
TC38/12/021.

1.6.1 General
Chair:
Mr. O. Namikawa
(Hitachi), Vice Chair:
vacant

1.6.2 TC38
- TG1 “Chemical Emissions” (ECMA
- 328)
Convenor:
Mr. S. Nakano
(Konica Minolta)

1.6.3 TC38
- TG2 “Energy Consumption Standard”
Convenor:
Mr. T. Bolioli
(Terra Novum)

1.6.4 Ecma TC38
- TG3 “Environmental
Product
Declarations
Standards”
Convenor:
Mr. C. Persson
(Canon)

1.6.5 Ecma TC38
- TG4 “Proxying Support for Sleep Modes”
Convenor
Mr. T. Bolioli
(Terra
Novum)

1.6.6 Ecma TC38
- TG5 “Environmental Conscious Design”
Convenor:
Mr. O. Namikawa
(Hitachi) – as interim

1.6.7 SDC Project
Convenor:
Mr. O. Namikawa
(Hitachi)

1.6.8 Ecma TC38
- TG7 “Business Video Conferencing”
Convenor:
Dr. H. Manabe
(NEC)

Mr. Elzinga went through the main activities of the TGs one by one.
The group is small both 
on
the
TC38 and on the TG levels.
No standards
are
to be approved at the upcoming GA.
In some of the TGs
the
progress
is slow.
In TG5
Dr. Hermann
retired, his hard work is
miss

1.7 TC39
- ECMAScript
See report: TC39/12/067.

Mr. Neumann (Chair of TC39) - presented the report.

Chair: Mr. John Neumann (Microsoft, Yahoo, Mozilla), Vice Chair: Vacant.

With respect to ES6 (the next Edition of ECMAScript) we are going to have by the November
2012 meeting of TC39 the first draft of the standard. The standard will be completed by the
end of 2013. We are on schedule but a 6 months slip for completion is possible. We are
going to check the progress of the work and give feedback to the CC. Parallel to the
completion of the standard some members will independently implement the specification to
verify if the standard is correct. The group has at every meeting 20-25 meeting participants, it is a large Ecma group.

ECMA-402 (Internationalization API standard) is going to be approved in the December 2012 GA. Work on a second Edition of ECMA-402 will start immediately, it will take about 1.5 years to complete. ECMA-402 will not be fast-tracked to JTC 1 for various reasons for the time being; maybe the 2nd Edition but that will be decided when it is approved. Test sequences for ECMA-402 are already being used in testing ECMA-402 implementations. Those will go into an Ecma TR but it is not clear if it will go into the current TR-102 or it will be a new TR (June 2013).

The CC understands that if TC39 is not devoting resources into a possible fast-track of ECMA-402 to JTC 1, and the CC will just note it. The situation on ECMA-262 Edition 6 is different. There harmonization between the JTC 1 version and the Ecma version of the standard is needed.

The CC then discussed how the success of the ECMAScript standardization could also benefit for other, possibly new Ecma work. It was noted that to bring standardization subjects based on ECMAScript as means might be a good combination.

Also a Press Release about the TC39 work seems to be of advantage. Mr. Neumann added that some members make about ECMAScript very effective promotions themselves.

It was noted that the official liaison with the respective W3C group on HTML5 is not so active at the moment, and there is not pressing need for it at the moment.

1.7.1 Vote

The CC recommends adopting the following new standard:

- New Standard on ECMAScript Internationalization API Specification (GA/12/096 – TC39/12/073)
2 Ecma policy matters

2.1 Ecma IPR Policy matters (status report on the IPR Ad-hoc and its work)

The meeting minutes of the IPR Adhoc group related to TC39 IPR policies have been regularly distributed to the CC.

Ms Auber made a brief verbal on the status of work:

Software Copyright Policy: The initial task given to the IPR group was related to work on the extension of the experimental TC39 software copyright policy, to allow non-Ecma contributions and the use of open-source software in TC39 standards. Not much progress on that so far.

Royalty Free Policy: New requirement was expressed by some Ecma members for this. Lot of work (10 meetings so far) and also progress but the work will not be completed by the December GA. We have agreement on all major points in the group but further refinement of the policy is still needed, and also no codification of the policy text exists yet. The request of the group is to allow a postal vote should the final draft of the policy extension be available in early 2013. The idea is that all RF TC39 should move into a RF TG. The development of ECMAScript (ECMA-262) would fall into that category. When joining that RF TG participating Ecma Members will have to fill in a registration form. Then all own contributions should be RF. For contributions of others it is possible to “opt-out” from the RF work, which means that then the normal Ecma Patent policy applies. The Ecma Secretariat has to make it sure that
only those participate in the RF TG who have registered earlier and they keep a full record of participants and also that all the documentation / contributions are properly archived.

The plan is that the IPR Group would now finish the text of the RF policy, the operating rules and we would also have a draft scope for the TC39 RF TG. That document package would be submitted to some TC39 members for review. We hope to receive that review for the December 2012 GA.

Mr. McAllister asked how we would ensure that the “Prior Art” patents are also RF. That cannot be ensured. We will not claim that the standard will be RF but the attempt is to minimize the number new not-RF IPRs but there is no guarantee for a “RF standard”. To express this concept a proper naming is needed, that we do not have yet (such as “RF TG operation”).