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Meeting Minutes
Web Services Study Group
Montréal, Québec, Canada, June 17, 18 2004

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Call to order

- Mr. François Coallier, Chairman – Department of Software and IT Engineering, École de technologie supérieure (ETS), welcomed the delegates.
- Dr. Donald Deutsch, WSSG chairman, expressed his thanks to M. Coallier. He re-stated that this special group represents a rather unique activity for JTC 1 with representation from JTC 1 members as well as external organizations. He encouraged all participants to participate freely. He declared that ideally decisions would represent a consensus of all participants; in the absence of consensus, votes would be done on a one vote per national body/organization basis.
- Attendance – see WSSG N025
- Mr. François Coallier, presented meeting logistics.
- Agenda Revision/Approval
  - Initial Agenda WSSG N017
  - Ireland added to agenda item IIIB.
  - Ecma international added to agenda item IV.
  - All presentation material will be made available to the SG as numbered documents posted on the JTC 1 WSSG Web site. Note: a list of inputs and outputs documents can be found in Annex A.

Meeting Objectives

- The Charter and Terms of Reference (N007) were reviewed.
- The resolutions of the February meeting (N015) were reviewed. Mr. Karl Best, CTO of OASIS, mentioned that his organization was preparing an application to JTC 1 for the status of PAS submitter.

Web Services Activities Within ISO/IEC Sub-Groups

A. JTC1/SC6 Contribution (N005)

- Presentation made by Mr. Paul Thorpe and Mr. Olivier Dubuisson.

B. JTC1/SC27 Contribution (N024)

- Presentation made by Mr. Walter Fumy, JTC 1/SC27 Chairman

C. ISO/TC211 Contribution (N021)

- Presentation made by Mr. Olaf Østensen, ISO/TC211 Chairman

Additional Contributions from External Forums

A. Ecma International Contribution (N022)

- Presentation made by Mr. Onno Elzinga, CTO, Ecma International

B. Irish Contribution (N023)

- Presentation made by Mr. Matin Chapman, head of delegation

Discussion

A. Ongoing JTC 1 Web Services Work

The WSSG considered how existing JTC 1 work in the area of Web Services should be handled in light of the presentation of JTC 1/SC6 (N005) and contributions from the national bodies of France and the UK (N019 and N020 respectively).

The resulting consensus is documented in Resolution 1.

B. Direction Forward

The WSSG chairman presented for discussion purposes the following scenarios for future JTC 1 activities in the area of Web Services:

- Declare victory and disband
- Reconstitute SG for another year
    - Continue work in temporary group
- Establish more permanent JTC 1 activity
    - Continuing entity facilitating National Body (NB) TAGs
    - Charter to carryout WSSG recommendations
    - Requires NB secretariat commitment

Continuing JTC 1 Entities include:
- Subcommittee (SC)
    - Traditional forum for developing specifications
    - May be inconsistent with WSSG Resolution 4
    - Participation limited: NB representatives
      (*and class A liasons?)*
- Special Working Group (SWG)
    - Less formal organizational entity
    - Charter/terms of reference can:
        - Include WSSG recommended work: e.g., inventory
        - In addition to NBs, include other JTC 1 recognized entity participants: e.g. SCs, approved PAS submitters, other ISO/IEC TCs?

The following proposal was tabled by Canada:

- The WSSG recommends that JTC 1 establish a Special Working Group (SWG with the following terms of reference:Standardization of Web Services specifications[1].

  [1] Note: A Web service is a software system designed to support interoperable machine-to-machine interaction over a network. It has an interface described in a machine-processable format (specifically WSDL). Other systems interact with the Web service in a manner prescribed by its description using SOAP messages, typically conveyed using HTTP with an XML serialization in conjunction with other Web-related standards. (Definition taken from http://www.w3.org/TR/2004/NOTE-ws-arch20040211/#whatis)

- It is understood that this SWG will not initiate new work but shall work to facilitate the process of standardization in JTC 1 of Web Services specifications produced in external fora.

- o Membership of this SWG shall consist of National Bodies, external and internal liaisons and PAS submitters. Current members of the WSSG are encouraged to do whatever is necessary to become a member of the SWG on Web Services.

- o The WSSG further recommends that JTC 1 do whatever is necessary to assign to the Web Service SWG all Web services related PAS submissions.

- Also considered was the Irish contribution N023, and positions expressed by representatives from NBs, and other participating organizations.

After discussions and a series of straw votes, the consensus was recorded as Resolution 2.

Resolutions

Resolution 1 – Ongoing JTC 1 Web Services Work

WSSG recognizes ongoing web services work in existing JTC 1 SCs and that related follow-on web services New Work Item proposals may be made in the future. In accordance with existing JTC 1 rules, these proposals shall consider whether and how the proposed new work overlaps or complements web services work outside JTC 1.

Unanimous

Resolution 2 – Continuation of the WSSG

The WSSG recommends to JTC 1 that it be reconstituted to:

- Continue work assigned in its charter
- Implement recommendations from its Paris and Montréal meetings
- Advise JTC 1 on appropriate mechanisms to receive and process submissions in the area of Web Services.

Unanimous

Resolution 3 - Montréal Contributions

The WSSG notes the contributions to this meeting from the Irish NB, Ecma International and ISO/TC 211.   If reconstituted by JTC 1, the WSSG will consider proposals to address these contributions at subsequent meetings.

Unanimous

Resolution 4 – Consortia

The WSSG notes the OASIS application to JTC 1 for PAS submitter status. The WSSG restates its invitation from resolution 3 of its Paris meeting.

Unanimous

Resolution 5 – Registry/Inventory

The WSSG welcomes Canada's offer to initiate the work on Resolution 5 of its Paris meeting (WSSG N015). The WSSG invites contributions in any form to assist in the performance of this work.

Unanimous

Resolution 6 – WSSG Report

The WSSG mandates its chairman and secretariat to produce a first draft of its report to JTC 1. This draft shall be distributed to the WSSG members and participants no later than 2004-08-15 for e-mail discussions. A teleconference meeting shall be held on 2004-09-09 at 10:00 hrs EDT (14:00 hrs GMT) for up to 2 hrs to approve the final submission.

Unanimous

Appreciations

- The WSSG extends its appreciation to ETS for its wonderful hospitality, specifically to F. Coallier and to R. Champagne, M. Saddoune, Carine, Louise, Jocelyne and M. Gauthier for the networking.
- The WSSG extends its appreciation to F. Coallier of ETS for organizing a most enjoyable social outing.
- The WSSG extends its appreciation to the representatives of ISO TC 211, SC 27, SC 6 and Ecma International for their presentations.

ANNEX A: INPUT AND OUTPUT DOCUMENTS

Number	Title	Source
N004	Contribution – JTC 1 SC6 - ASN1-XML-FastWebServices	JTC 1/SC6
N007	Revised Terms of Reference - JTC 1 Web Services Study Group.	WSSG Secretariat
N015	Meeting Minutes and Resolutions – Web Services Study Group meeting – Paris, France, February 26,27 2004	WSSG Secretariat
N016	Preliminary Draft Agenda and Joining Instructions – Web Services Study Group Meeting – Montréal, Québec, Canada June 17,18 2004	WSSG Chairman
N017	Preliminary Draft Agenda and Joining Instructions – Web Services Study Group Meeting – Montréal, Québec, Canada June 17,18 2004	WSSG Chairman
N018	Web Services Standards Survey	Jerry L. Smith
N019	French Position on WSSG February Meeting Resolution 4	French NB
N020	UK Position on WSSG February Meeting Resolution 4	UK NB
N021	ISO/TC 211 Geographic information/Geomatics presentation for ISO/IEC JTC 1 WSSG Montréal, 17-18 June 2004	ISO/TC 211
N022	Web Services for Computer Telephony Experience report	Ecma International
N023	ISO/IEC JTC1 WSSG Irish National Body Position	Irish NB
N024	ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 27 IT Security Techniques	JTC 1/SC27
N025	Meeting Attendance List - JTC 1 Web Services Study Group – Montréal, Québec, Canada June 17,18 2004	WSSG Secretariat
N026	Meeting Minutes and Resolutions – Web Services Study Group meeting – Montréal, Québec, Canada June 17,18 2004	WSSG Secretariat