

## Excerpts

**Minutes of the:** *meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee*  
**held in:** *Geneva*  
**on:** *27 – 28 October 2009*

**Chairman:** Ms. J. Auber (HP)  
**Secretary:** Mr. I. Sebestyen (SG Ecma)  
**Attending:** Mr. M. Breidhardt (IBM), Mr. O. Elzinga (Ecma), Mr. K. Fisher (Intel) part-time, Mr. D. McAllister (Adobe), Mrs. I. Valet-Harper (Microsoft), Mr. P. Weijenbergh (Philips), Mr. K. Yamashita (Hitachi) part-time  
**Phone call:** Mr. K. Brookes (Sony) part-time, Mr. J. Elwell (Siemens) part-time  
**Excused:** Mr. J. Neumann (Toshiba)

### 1 Review of the work of the TCs

The TC Chairmen's reports were presented as follows:

TC12 Mr. Elzinga  
TC20 Mr. Elzinga  
TC26 Mr. Sebestyen  
TC31 Mr. Weijenbergh  
TC32 Mr. Elwell  
TC38 Mr. Elzinga  
TC39 Mr. Sebestyen  
TC43 Mr. Sebestyen  
TC44 (dormant, no report was provided)  
TC45 Mrs. Valet-Harper  
TC46 Mr. Sebestyen  
TC47 Mr. Elzinga  
TC48 Mr. Elzinga  
TC49 Mr. Sebestyen

## 1.7 TC39 – ECMAScript

See report: [TC39/09/046](#).

On behalf of **Mr. Neumann** the TC39 report was presented by **Mr. Sebestyen**:

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

#### Executive summary of activities:

The TC continues to follow its roadmap for evolution of the ECMAScript Language, and has sent to the CC and GA the next version of the standard (ECMA-262 Edition 5.). The plan is to go for fast-track processing in JTC 1. Edition 5 has been sent to JTC 1/SC 22 for their advanced review and comments. While testing is not complete, a sufficient amount has been done to give the committee confidence in the resulting implementations.

#### Future outlook:

A future edition of ECMAScript is tentatively planned for December 2013. A Technical Report that contains the test tools used during this release cycle is planned for 2010. The development of both products brings up some software licensing issues being addressed later in this report.

It is important to point out that TC39 is holding a joint meeting with W3C during the latter's General Meeting in Santa Clara the first week of November 2009. This represents the first time that the two groups have met jointly and will discuss items of mutual interest. It is anticipated that additional meetings will be scheduled in the future.

#### 1.7.1 Votes

The CC recommends adopting the following draft new edition standard and to approve its submission to ISO/IEC JTC 1 for fast-track processing:

- ECMA-262 5<sup>th</sup> edition: ECMAScript Language Specification ([GA/09/153](#) – TC39/09/043)

### 3.2.2 Ecma software copyright matters

A need for a possible software copyright policy emerged in TC39. It has been unclear how and under what license software parts of the new ECMA-262 Edition 5 standard can be used by implementers. Further, it has been unclear how the software copyright in the upcoming new TC39 projects (next Edition of ECMA-262 and the TR containing the Test tools) should be dealt with. Discussion also revealed that it was not clear to the CC to which extent these new projects would accept contributions of software – only from internal Ecma contributions, or also from external contributions. To this end further information was requested from TC39. The main question was: do TC39 and Ecma really need an Open Source license?

It was also recognized by the CC that urgency is needed because TC39 wants to start with the new projects immediately after the approval of ECMA-262 Edition 5. It was also mentioned that if needed a conference call might be held between interested CC and TC39 members. The Ecma Secretariat would set up the conference call using Doodle.

In the discussion several principle issues have been agreed by the CC, and the following notes have been put on paper by **Ms. Auber**: