

## Excerpts

### Minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly held in Nice on 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> December 1996

- President:** Mr. D. Gann (HP)
- Secretary:** Mr. J.W. van den Beld (SG ECMA)
- Attending:** Mr. Deese (Caleb Technology), Mr. Ettles (Apple), Mr. Fujisaki (NEC), Mr. Hartmann (Siemens), Mr. Hofmann (IBM), Mr. Kondoh (Hitachi), Mr. Ksar (HP), Mr. Laurens (HP), Mr. Lloyd (ICL/Fujitsu), Mr. Mulder (Exabyte), Mr. Narita (Fujitsu), Mr. Neumann (Hitachi), Mr. Norén (Ericsson), Mr. Ozue (Sony), Mr. Robinson (Sun), Mr. Roper (IBM), Mr. de Ruyter van Steveninck (Philips), Mr. Sakai (Hitachi), Mr. Spix (Microsoft), Mr. Statt (Lucent Technologies & NCR), Mr. Theis (Bosch Telecom), Mr. Trudgett (BT), Mr. Willingmyre (Microsoft), Mr. Yazawa (Sony).
- Excused:** Mr. Bermange, Ms. Horsnell

#### 1 Opening by the President

**Mr. Gann**, President of ECMA, opened the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly and welcomed all attendants, in particular those attending for the first time.

A roll call was made.

#### 2 Call of representatives (GA/96/106)

**Mr. van den Beld** proceeded to the call of the Ordinary Member Companies representatives present or represented by proxy (GA/96/106).

**The importance of ALWAYS returning the proxy was stressed in order to cover (unexpected) absence. Mr. van den Beld** will prepare a (new) note on ECMA GA voting procedures.

22 out of 29 Ordinary Member Companies were represented:

Alcatel	: by proxy
Apple	: Mr. Ettles
Bosch Telecom	: Mr. Theis
BT	: Mr. Trudgett
Compaq	: by proxy
Digital	: by proxy
Ericsson	: Mr. Norén
GPT	: by proxy
Hewlett Packard	: Mr. Laurens
Hitachi	: Mr. Kondoh
IBM	: Mr. Hofmann
ICL/Fujitsu	: Mr. Lloyd
Kodak	: by proxy
Lucent	: Mr. Statt
NEC	: Mr. Fujisaki
Panasonic	: by proxy

### **6.13 TC 39 - i.s.n.**

See minutes: GA/96/119.

See draft scope and programme of work: GA/96/114.

The GA decided not a priori to exclude other languages than scripting languages, depending on company contributions. Even 'Web languages' was not considered a really appropriate title (e.g. it was noted that HTML is used on the Web although it is not a Web language).

**Mr. Spix** and **Mr. Robinson** suggested to narrow somewhat the proposed scope.

**Mr. Theis** made the observation that a TC has some permanency and, thus, is wider than one project.

The GA accepted the scope without modifications. Item 1 of the proposed PoW was shortened to:

1. Develop scripting language standards.

Items 2 to 4 of the proposed PoW were left unchanged.

The GA unanimously agreed to establish TC39, with the tentative title 'Web languages'. TC39 will try to provide a better title.