

# **Executive Summary of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of TC-MTS**

**Sophia Antipolis, 14 March 2001**

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## **1 General**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of ETSI Technical Committee "Methods for Testing and Specification" (TC-MTS) was held in the Iris Room at ETSI's headquarters in Sophia Antipolis on 14 March 2001 with 20 participants from 7 countries representing the ETSI secretariat and 14 member, observer and specially invited organizations. The meeting was chaired by Dr Dieter Hogrefe of Fraunhofer Gesellschaft, supported by Vice-Chairman Steve Randall of PQM Consultants.

The main issues of the meeting were:

- the progress of TC-MTS STFs since October 2001;
- the development of a graphical presentation format for TTCN-3.
- the future direction of MTS efforts in the development of the ASN.1 Encoding Control Notation (ECN).

## **2 Progress of STFs**

### **2.1 STF156 - Production of TTCN Version 3**

Anthony Wiles reported little progress since TC-MTS#31 other than to prepare the TTCN-3 deliverables for Member Vote which is due for completion on 16 March 2001. So far, no MV comments for resolution have been received.

### **2.2 STF169 - ASN.1 Encoding Control Notation for 3GPP and other application**

Steve Randall, STF169 leader since January 2001, reported that although progress during 2000 had been according to plan, there were now some significant delays in the schedule and that it had not been possible to approve a draft document in January for publication as a TS. Further work within the ITU-T and ISO drafting groups has resulted in a stable document which, if all of the copyright and IPR issues can be resolved, should be available to enter approval by correspondence by the end of March 2000.

The unused STF effort will be used with some voluntary contributions complete some outstanding ECN examples, to prepare some tutorial material and to provide limited support to one or two other TBs that may require assistance in the use of ECN.

## **3 New STFs in 2001**

Favourable allocations of FWP effort following the injection of additional funding by the EC has meant that MTS will now receive 9 months of effort for the updating of SDL and MSC guidelines to correspond with the latest versions of the language standards (SDL2000 in Z.100 and MSC2000 in Z.120).

An STF to provide some maintenance effort on TTCN-3 will be fully funded from the PTCC budget.

#### **4 Chairmanship of TC-MTS**

The Chairman's 2<sup>nd</sup> term of office concludes in October 2001, prior to MTS #33. It was, therefore, necessary to elect a Chairperson to succeed him. As no new candidates had been proposed since MTS #31, Dieter Hogrefe offered to continue for a further term. He was, duly elected to continue as Chairman of TC-MTS.

#### **5 Next meeting**

The 33rd meeting of TC-MTS will be held in Sophia Antipolis, 24 – 26 October 2001.