# XLIFF Promotion and Liaison SC Charter

## Preambel

This Charter has been proposed to the XLIFF TC meeting as a necessary prerequisite for forming the said SC via a TC motion

## Scope

XLIFF Promotion and Liaison SC is mandated by the TC to coordinate XLIFF promotion on industrial and academic forums and to coordinate liaison activities of the TC with other standardization bodies.

1. SC is mandated to coordinate and facilitate activities around OASIS organizational ballot to accept XLIFF 2.0 (and subsequent) Committee Specification as an OASIS standard as soon this becomes imminent.
2. SC can decide on promotional activities at its own discretion. SC may seek advise or help of the TC re promotional activities.
3. SC is mandated to organize an International XLIFF Symposium exactly once a year (preferably in September)
4. SC needs TC approval to initiate official liaison talks with any other body. SC needs TC approval for finally negotiated conditions of liaison to actually form the liaison relationship.
5. XLIFF Promotion and Liaison SC is mandated by the TC to follow the developments of other localization or otherwise related standards and relevant standardization bodies.
6. The standards of special interest are the following, but not limited to the following

* LISA OSCSAR TMX and its successors
* LISA OSCAR and ISO TBX and its successors
* LISA OSCAR SRX and its successors
* The Unicode Standard
* Unicode CLDR
* UAX #29
* W3C ITS
* OASIS DITA

1. The standardization bodies and Technical Committees and Work Groups are the following but not limited to the following

* W3C
  + Internationalization activity
* The Unicode Consortium
  + ULI TC
* OASIS OAXAL TC
* OASIS DITA TC
* ISO TC 37
* ETSI ISG LIS

1. Other interest groups and initiatives such as

* LT-Web
* META-NET
* GALA
* TAUS
* Interoperability Now!
* Localization World Conference
* tcworld conference

### Background

In 2008/2009 there was a discussion whether XLIFF TC needs a separate subcommittee for adoption/promotion which resulted in informally appointing Peter Reynolds and David Filip to keep an eye on these things on behalf of the committee. The LISA implosion and increasing political activity preceding the imminent advent of 2.0 just blew up these things beyond the proportion that the TC had been used to in the calm period between 2006 and 2009.  
  
The TC perception and consensus is that this SC is needed at least until the status of TMX and SRX is resolved. And even if these are resolved quickly, the SC will need to work on and for OASIS organizational ballots, XLIFF Symposium stuff, and formal liaisons with owners of related standards.  
  
Although most of TC members are rightfully bored with non-technical discussions that are slowing down the technical progress, the best technical specification needs at least some political work to get broadly discussed, voted through in a historically short time frame, and most importantly adopted quickly and enthusiastically..  
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Nevertheless, it should be possible to put this SC to sleep some time late in 2012, after 2.0 and a few modules will have been successfully pushed through OASIS organizational ballots, and the SC should be mandated accordingly with clear goals drawing from the above and/or for a limited time frame..

## Deliverables

The SC will produce at least one report monthly that will be presented on one of the regular TC meetings.

## Timeline and priorities

The SC is to be formed by a ballot to take place in the regular TC meeting on 19th July 2011.

This motion if passed will mandate the SC to work for 12months and to produce at least 12 Promotion and Liaison reports that be shortly presented on regular TC meetings.

The formation of this SC has been driven by need to manage TC relationships in a complicated time of development of the 2.0 XLIFF standard and other related standards being in flux or on legally unsure grounding. After 12 months the SC needs to re-evaluate if it is still needed, and eventually adjust this Charter.

## Success Criteria

* TC has successfully managed its relationships with other standards so that related standards can be safely and effectively referenced in the Committee spec as needed.
* International XLIFF Symposium organized each September
* XLIFF 2.0 and subsequent specs voted through OASIS organizational ballot within 6 weeks after public review feedback has been implemented.

## The original message for reference

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Hi all,  
  
hearing the discussion in the last minutes of the meeting today, I propose to set up XLIFF promotion and liaison SC.  
  
This might seem bureaucratic but I believe that it is the one solution that should please all, because:  
  
1) Attendance will be optional for TC members (required from subcommittee members) as SC meeting attendance obviously does not affect TC voting rights  
2) SC will be able to vote on its own quorum and bring most important issues up for voting, never taking more than 10min from the TC meeting  
3) monthly SC with published minutes will ensure the proper transparency of discussions.   
4) As Helena pointed out, quick ad hoc meetings might be needed, and that should be OK, as the smaller group should be able to act more flexibly if needed..  
  
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I see a need of having at least the following: ULI liaison, ISO TC37, and ETSI ISG LIS liaison. we should also informally liaise and coordinate with GALA, TAUS and European Commission..  
  
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Thanks for your attention  
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