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Proposal from JWG15 to IEC/TC3 and ISO/TC10

A the last TC10 meeting at Sydney a general approach to coordinate future standardisation work in terms of concentrating on generic standards was discussed but did not result in detailed actions.

Within this approach the interface to IEC especially in the boundaries of document management was tackled too (s. att.).

To date the JWG15 is acting as a cooperative WG between both standardisation bodies. Since the ISO/IEC 82045 is close to be finished this JWG in close future might disappear by finishing its project.

From this time on there will not be any formally installed cooperation on document management between these two bodies any longer.

As could be seen by the NWIP for part 4 of the ISO/IEC 82045 on Archiving in both bodies there was an acknowledgment on the necessity of the activity and a confirmation of its benefit but what was missing were available resources.

This is a symptomatic situation caused by the general lack of resources been spent for standardisation and the low attention of basic standards and will most probably appear quite often in future.

On the other hand a standardisation body will lose its acceptance not covering the basic standards in its area of concern and this is especially evident in the area of document management where at the time being a whole bunch of different bodies with different scopes and interests are active. Either you are well represented on this market or you will disappear from it.

As a result of this and to cope with these issues it appears quite evident to harmonise and coordinate the relevant activities and to pool the available resources in ISO and IEC for generic subjects as e.g. document management.

The JWG 15 as an existing but as project oriented temporary body could be easily transferred to a stable task and project oriented body to perform this task. However this will only be a sensible solution if the ISO TC10 and the IEC TC3 will both

- integrate their DM related activities in this body or
- at least in cases of already existing projects will enable the JWG15 to really coordinate the relevant activities and
- structure their activities in a form that standard methods will be standardised only once and application standards just will refer to these as proposed last year in Sydney

So a JWG15 with this scope could do both:

- Coordination and planning for all DM related topics in both bodies and
- Operative standards development for both bodies.

As I understood by Per-Ake there will be a coordination meeting of TC10 and TC3 at the next TC10 meeting at London. In my opinion it could be of some benefit to take this topic on the agenda for discussion.
