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To: WG5 members
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Subject: Preliminary Announcement of November 1995 Meeting of WG5

Following the Tokyo meeting of WG5 in April 1995, and the subsequent X3J3 meeting in Maui the following week, it is planned to issue the Fortran 95 document for a CD ballot as soon as possible thereafter. This means that the ballot will probably close in mid-late September.

Accordingly, it is planned to hold a meeting of WG5 in November to discuss and resolve the ballot comments in the hope that the revised document can be issued for a DIS ballot in the Spring of 1996. The United States have offered to host this meeting in San Diego, California, from November 6-10.

A formal announcement will be made once a formal invitation has been received from the US Member Body and the appropriate local arrangements have been finalised.

The purpose of this preliminary announcement is to warn all members of the dates which have been fixed for this meeting and to stress the importance of it. Under the new JTC1 rules, it is not possible to make anything other than minor typographical changes to a draft standard following the DIS ballot. Either it passes more or less as it is, or it returns to the WD stage - that is the stage that we are now at, before a CD ballot. It is absolutely essential, therefore, that (a) the CD ballot brings out all doubts, queries and objections, and (b) that these are fully dealt with during the San Diego meeting. (It is not, of course, necessary to accept all suggested changes from the CD ballot, nor is it necessary for the DIS ballot to be unanimous. But it is not possible to make changes of even a relatively minor nature once the document has been submitted for a DIS ballot.)

So make a note in your diary that WGS is meeting from November 6-10, 1995.

And start organising finance, and anything else that might be necessary, in plenty of time. We need to have a well-attended meeting so as to ensure that the final stages go smoothly.

Furthermore, depending upon how much time is required to process the ballot comments, the San Diego meeting will probably be an important meeting in the planning of Fortran 2000.