

# Joint TOPAS/SMDG Meeting at World Trade Center New York 28-10-1993

## 1. Introduction

Larry Sposi welcomes everybody.

Simon Spoormaker also welcomes all attendees and thanks Larry for the invitation.

All attendees introduced themselves.

## 2. Cooperation between TOPAS and SMDG.

Larry Sposi gives brief history of TOPAS.

Simon Spoormaker gives presentation about history of SMDG, Edifact and the SMDG messages.

## 3. Acceptance of BAPLIE in US-ports

Gerry Endenburg gives presentation about BAPLIE. Thereafter discussion follows about how to start. Some TOPAS-members expect problems with the functionality of BAPLIE. There are also objections against User Manual version 1.5, because this is still based on the old segment directory 91.1, whilst 92.1 is now the official directory.

The conclusion is that there are no longer objections to accept Edifact as the UN-worldwide standard for EDI-messages, but the User Manual must be upgraded in two ways: 1. To reflect 92.1 directory and 2. Incorporate the wishes of the future users in the U.S.

SMDG-members expressed their willingness to work with TOPAS on a joint User Manual, but also explained that there we need to work with two other groups, i.e.

1. the TMDG group in the Far East (secretariat: Japanese Shipowners Association) for Chinese Taipei, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, P.R. China, Singapore and Hong Kong.
2. the group in Australia and New Zealand, contactpoint: Australian Chamber of Shipping. Further structure unknown.

No other groups are known to us, sothat with the cooperation of TOPAS/ISA (ISA is a sub-committee of TOPAS), SMDG, TWG and the group in AUS/NZ, a User Manual can be adopted with worldwide acceptance.

This new BAPLIE User Manual will get version number 2.0.

TOPAS/ISA have formed a sub-committee with the following TOPAS/ISA members to work on this new User Manual:

Connie Mead (APL Oakland) as Point person  
Hans Wieting (EDI-consultant to ISA)  
Tim Huckbody (Maersk)  
Henry Lee (Sealand)

Gerry Endenburg will be the SMDG contactperson and other SMDG members will be invited to work in the sub-committee.

Connie Mead will start by listing the comments on BAPLIE User Manual 1.5 to be reviewed by the ISA Standards Work Group at their meeting next week. Hopefully she can send something to Gerry Endenburg by mid november.

SMDG may expect a representation of ISA at their next meeting in Southampton (march 94).

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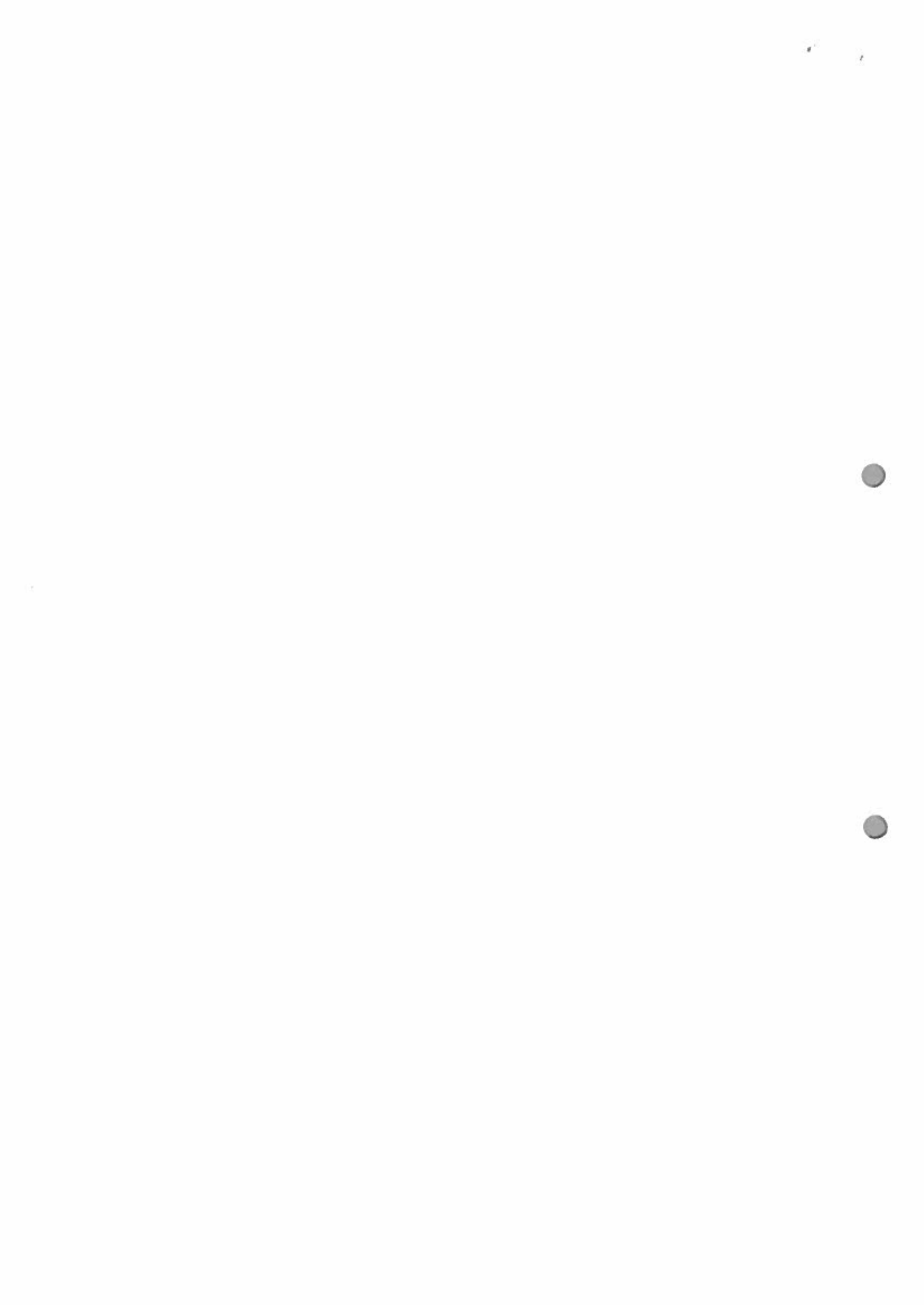
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