ISO 639-3 Registration Authority
Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639-3

This form is to be used in conjunction with a “Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code” form

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Associated Change request number : 2011-001  
Tentative assignment of new identifier : neu

PLEASE NOTE: This completed form will become part of the public record of this change request and the history of the ISO 639-3 code set. Use Shift-Enter to insert a new line in a form field (where allowed).

1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION
   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotat ion:
      Neo
   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
      Neo
   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Neo
   d) Reason for preferred name:
      It's the name
   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):

   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: neu

Your suggestion will be taken into account, but the Registration Authority will determine the identifier to be proposed. The identifiers is not intended to be an abbreviation for a name of the language, but to serve as a device to identify a given language uniquely. With thousands of languages, many sets of which have similar names, it is not possible to provide identifiers that resemble a language name in every case.

2. TEMPORAL DESCRIPTION and LOCATION
   a) Is this a
      - [ ] Living language
      - [ ] Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival)
      - [ ] Recently extinct language
      - [ ] Historical language
      - [ ] Ancient language
      - [x] Artificially constructed language
      - [ ] Macrolanguage
(Select one. See explanations of these types at http://www.sil.org/iso639-3/types.asp)

For individual languages, also complete:

b) Countries where used:
   Europe and North America, in general

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
   n/a

d) For an ancient or historical language, give approximate time frame; for a recently extinct language, give the approximate date of the last known user’s death
   n/a

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

   a) This language is:  □ Signed  ❑ Spoken  ❑ Attested only in writings

   b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
      Largely romance-based artificial language

   c) Closest language linguistically. For a Macrolanguage, list the individual languages (adopted and/or proposed) to be included in its group. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
      Neo-romance, in principle

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

   a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.:?
      There are grammars and dictionaries and a variety of short texts. As noted below, a major novel is being translated into Neo. Internet and bibliographic use requires a code for Neo.

   b) Is this language officially recognized by any level of government? Is it used in any levels of formal education as a language of instruction (for other subjects)? Is it taught in schools?:
      No

   c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
      n/a
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

You do not need to repeat sources previously identified in the form, “Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code”

a) First-hand knowledge. Describe:
   Neo is an artificial language devised by Arturo Alfandari in 1961. Like many artificial languages it has had a small following, but literature is being actively created in this language. Older translations of poetry exist, as well as a translation of the Little Prince, and various other texts. Online dictionaries exist

b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:
   Ralph Midgley is currently translating Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (a 27,500-word novel) into Neo. Drafts have been posted on the Neo Yahoo group list.

c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):
   Source texts are:

   Alfandari, Arturo. Cours pratique de Neo (Brussel: Éditions Brepols, 1961)

   A Yahoo discussion group and various blogs exist; the Wikipedia has an article on Neo at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neo_(constructed_language)

Please return this form to:

ISO 639-3 Registrar
SIL International, Office of Language Information Systems
7500 West Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, Texas 75236 USA
Email: iso639-3@sil.org
An email attachment of this completed form is preferred.

Further information:

If your request for a new language code element is supported by the Registration Authority as a formal proposal, you may be contacted separately by researchers working with the Ethnologue or with LinguistList asking you to provide additional information.

Sources of documentation for ISO 639-3 identifiers:
