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Dear Mr. Kumakura,

The ICC in recent years has enhanced its emphasis on understanding color workflows, looking at a broad range of markets and applications. Most recently, the concern regarding color management in office and business situations has gained attention. In February 2008, the ICC formed a new working group focused on improving systems infrastructure and interactions in systems that handle digital color information, so to enable color management automation in novice user environments.

Certainly we all agree, as the investigation conducted by SC28 AWG members has shown, that users of office equipment would like improved color fidelity and at the same time these users do not wish to become experts in color management.

Improvements in color fidelity across the variety of office equipment devices will require collaboration and cooperation among equipment manufacturers, operating system vendors, application developers and color systems experts.

Collaboration between office equipment experts in SC28 and color experts in the ICC Automated Workflow WG will be highly advantageous to progress in this complex area.

I am happy to accept your recommendation for Liaison Category C.

Sincerely,
Ann L. McCarthy
ICC Automated Workflow WG Chair and ICC Steering Committee Member



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Dear Mr. Kumakura,

The International Color Consortium (ICC) was established in 1993 to create, promote and encourage the standardization and evolution of an open, vendor-neutral, cross-platform color management system architecture and components. The ICC in recent years has enhanced its emphasis on understanding color workflows, looking at a broad range of markets and applications. The ICC uniquely brings together color experts from markets around the world, and continues to place a strong emphasis on listening directly to user group representatives. In recognition of the mutual interest and goals of the ICC and the standards work within JTC 1/SC 28, the International Color Consortium seeks to make a contribution to the work of SC 28.

The ICC cordially seeks Liaison status and requests that SC 28 indicate the appropriate liaison category. We look forward to this as an important means of improving the synergy and interoperability of the color methods that are used across various imaging and printing markets.

The ICC has nominated Ms. Ann McCarthy as the ICC Liaison to JTC 1/SC 28. As chair of the ICC Automated Workflow Working Group, Ms. McCarthy can provide to JTC 1/SC 28 an important linkage between the critical imaging and printing related standards projects in SC 28 and the world wide color management community.

The ICC respectfully requests JTC 1/SC 28 consideration of this matter. If you have any questions about the work of the ICC, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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