I received the following questions from Amr and I presume you all have
similar questions.

Life is not simple. On 16 December, I sent our reccommendation that
version 4.0 be forwarded to both the IEEE-CS and the ACM. Both societies
had meetings of their executive committees in late January or early
February. There was no response from the steering committee and the Code
did not get forwarded to the Societies. In January I sent a follow-up
letter to the Joint Steering Committee and telephoned
 the ACM co-chair of the Committee. I was told that the steering
committee had not yet formally responded to my(our) request(s). Nor had
they responded to the Co-Chair's request. Further telephone calls
revealed that the IEEE-CS chair has resigned.

In the mean time both societies had their executive committee meetings and
we were not on their agendas. I spoke with the President of the IEEE-CS
in March and she has asked someone to be the IEEE-CS co-chair. The ACM
executive committee is having their next meeting in Hong Kong, but in May
they are meeting in Washington DC and I hope to be on their agenda. I am
trying to find out about the IEEE-CS meeting.

Part of the problem we are having seems to be related to the status of the
education and skills task force products. I was told that the skills task
force spent a lot of money and have not finished their work. Some people
have spoken about hiring a group to finish the work of the skills task
force. The education task force was waiting on the skills task force
results, but I think that has currently changed- along with the leadership
of the education task force.

Results of the work of the three task forces can be found at
http://www.computer.org/tab/seprof/

There are a number of other complicating factors. The IEEE has been asked
to define a software engineering curriculum by a U.S. based engineering
school acrediting agency- ABET. The IEEE-CS is not the IEEE so there are
two distinct efforts going on related to curriculum.

I am doing my best to publicize the Code. It has been adopted by some
industries and will appear in some text books. It is on a web site in
Bosnia and will appear in some publications. I hope that if it becomes
a defacto Standard, that it will be easier for it to get support from the
societies.

I will also keep trying to work through the steering committee.

I hope all is well with you.

best regards to all,
don

 On Sun, 1 Mar 1998, Dr. Amr
El-Kadi wrote:

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> Would you please keep us updated on the response you get from the Steering
> Committee on V 4.0 of the Code? I'd like to know how that ends.

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> Also, I wanted to ask you about the other two task forces: have they completed
> their job? how can we gain access to their outputs?  and once they complete
> their work, in what form would the steering committee merge the work of the
> three task forces?
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> Thanks.
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