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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE -- 1980 REVIEW

For Z39, 1980 was a year of accomplishment. The American National Standards Institute published two new Z39 standards, Serial Holdings Statements at the Summary Level (Z39.42), Identification Code for the Book Industry--SAN (Z39.43), and three revised standards: Title Leaves of a Book (Z39.15), Thesaurus Structure, Construction and Use (Z39.19) and Book Numbering (Z39.21). All five of these standards published in 1980 contained Cataloging in Publication data for the first time. One new standard, Bibliographic Information on Microfiche Headings (Z39.32) and one revised standard, Proof Corrections (Z39.22) were approved by ANSI and will be published in 1981. A revision of Advertising of Micropublications (Z39.26) was submitted to ANSI for approval in December.

Work in progress by the Z39 subcommittees at the end of the year included revisions of seven previously published standards and the development of drafts for thirteen new standards.

Carol A. Nemeyer and W. Theodore Brandhorst were elected to the Executive Council and James E. Rush was appointed to complete the term left vacant by Glyn T. Evans. Executive Council committees were expanded by the appointment of Henriette D. Avram as Vice-Chairperson of the International Committee and Toni

Carbo Bearman, Samuel B. Beatty, David R. Bender, Patricia W. Berger, John E. Creps Jr., H. Joanne Harrar, John G. Lorenz, Alphonse Trezza, and Robert Wedgeworth to the Finance Committee. Mr. Lorenz was appointed to the newly authorized position of Z39 Treasurer and will also serve as Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Z39 became a member of the United States National Committee for the UNESCO General Information Program.

To help publicize Z39, four thousand copies of a brochure were printed describing the purpose, program, and standards of Z39. At year's end, the supply was almost exhausted and a revised edition was in process. ANSI published a new sales brochure on Z39 standards in May and another revision was begun in December. Z39 had table top exhibits at the annual meetings of the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services in Washington, DC, the American Library Association in New York City, and the American Society for Information Science in Anaheim, California.

The Z39 membership amended the Bylaws to strengthen the Executive Council by increasing the number of Councilors from six to nine, adding the position of Past Chairperson, and changing the Vice Chairperson to Vice Chairperson - Chairperson Elect. The membership also approved instituting a Participating Member Service Fee system for the purpose of financing Z39 operations beginning in 1981, appointment of a Z39 Treasurer, and providing for Honorary Memberships for individuals who have made outstanding contributions in the areas of library, information science and publishing standards.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE (continued)

Financial support for Z39's 1980 operations came from the Council on Library Resources, the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, the National Science Foundation, Z39 member organizations, Z39 Information Members and several non-member organizations. The Library Division of the National Bureau of Standards continued its contribution in-kind by providing Z39 with office space, equipment, and supporting services. Many subcommittee members contributed by not seeking reimbursement of expenses incurred while working on their draft standards.

The AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, the F. W. Faxon Company, INCOLSA, OHIO-NET, and the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center became Z39 members during the year. Information Members at year's end numbered 32 libraries and other organizations.

In all, 1980 was a productive and rewarding year for those participating in Z39 activities. 1981 should be equally as exciting.

JAMES L. WOOD

NEW STANDARDS IN SUBCOMMITTEES  
ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO 1979

SC 36 -- Multiple Copy Title Standard Order Form--Chairperson, Peter Jacobs, BroDart, Inc., 1609 Memorial Ave., Williamsport, PA 17701 (717 326-2461)

Work to follow approval of the single copy standard order form (BSR/Z39.30).

SC 42 -- Serial Claim Form--Chairperson, Lois N. Upham, School of Library Service, Univ. of So. Mississippi, Southern Sta., P.O. Box 1546, Hattiesburg, MS 39401

A revised draft is expected to be ready for balloting in the first half of 1981.

1981 ELECTION

A call for nominations for eight vacancies on the Z39 Executive Council for terms beginning July 1, 1981 went out to Z39 members on December 17, with a return date of January 28, 1981. If at least two nominations for each vacancy are not received from the membership, the Z39 nomination committee will make additional nominations. On February 11 the election ballots will be mailed, with a return date of March 11. At the Z39 Annual Meeting at the Library of Congress, April 30, 1981, the election results will be announced. Officers to be elected are:

- Chairperson -- two-year term
- Vice Chairperson - Chairperson Elect -- two-year term
- Three members of the Executive Council representing libraries, information services and publishing, respectively -- one-year term
- Three members of the Executive Council representing libraries, information services and publishing, respectively, -- three-year term.

PARTICIPATING MEMBER SERVICE FEES

The Z39 membership has approved an amendment to the Bylaws authorizing the Executive Council to institute a system of Participating Member Service Fees as a primary method of program financing. The fee scale, which will be graduated in relation to the size of member organization budgets, will be announced before the end of January 1981 and will take effect on a voluntary basis in calendar 1981 and on a mandatory basis in calendar 1982. ANSI will require that a procedure be set up to waive the fee on the basis of hardship.

PROPOSED STANDARDS DATA BANK

An ANSI committee has begun a study of a computerized data bank on the status of new standards under development or revisions of existing standards. (See ANSI Reporter, Nov. 14, 1980). Z39 has been invited to make suggestions, and progress of the study will be reported from time to time in the Voice.

STATUS OF WORK IN LETTER DESIGNATED SUBCOMMITTEES

- SC A--Abbreviation of Titles of Periodicals--Chairperson, Robert S. Tannehill, Jr., Library Manager, Chemical Abstracts Service, P.O. Box 3012, Columbus, OH 43210 (614 421-6940 ext. 2028)

Revision of Z39.5-1969(R1974) This revision is still awaiting the publication of a similar ISO standard.

- SC C--Language Codes--Chairperson, S. Arlene Schwartz, ILLINET Bibliographic Data Base Service, Illinois State Library, 537 Centennial Bldg., Springfield, IL 62756 (217 785-1532)

A number of subcommittee members have been appointed.

- SC D--Computer-to-Computer Protocol--Chairperson, David C. Hartmann, Network Development Office, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540 (202 287-5137)

The subcommittee met on Nov. 19, 1980 and discussed the protocol development activities at the National Bureau of Standards, and ANSI X3. It appears that the midlevel (transport, session) protocols will be specified in early 1981. The group also continued discussion of search and retrieval techniques and interlibrary loan in a computer-to-computer environment. The Council on Library Resources has agreed to provide financial support for development of applications level protocols needed in the WLN/RLG/LC Linked Authority Systems Project. The subcommittee will work with the developer to ensure that any protocols developed will be appropriate for eventual standardization. The next meeting will be held in February 1981 in Washington, DC.

- SC E--Serials Holdings Statements at the Detailed Level--Chairperson, Susan Brynteson, Director of Libraries, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19711 (302 738-2231)

Subcommittee E has scheduled a public hearing on the draft of the standard for serial holdings statements at the detailed level on Monday, February 2, 1981 at 8-10 p.m. during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Washington, D.C. It is expected that copies of the draft standard will be available for distribution either at or shortly before the public hearing.

- SC F--Serial Publication Patterns--Chairperson, Gerald Lowell, Director, R & D, F. W. Faxon Company, 15 Southwest Park, Westwood, MA 02090 (617 329-3350)

Subcommittee F met Nov. 4 and Dec. 12. A rough draft of a mechanism for recording publication patterns data, identifying the number of hierarchical levels present for a publication, the number of pieces at each level, when these pieces are published, and how the levels relate to each other, has been drafted. During the ALA Midwinter hearing for the Subcommittee E: Detailed Holdings Standard, copies of the work thus far done on publication patterns will be distributed. As part of this handout, input will also be requested regarding utility and complexity of the standard. A short presentation on the publication pattern is also scheduled as part of the detailed holdings hearing on Feb. 2. The next meeting of the subcommittee is scheduled for Feb. 27 so that input received during and after the Feb. 2 meeting can be evaluated.

STATUS OF WORK IN LETTER DESIGNATED SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

- SC G--Terms and Symbols Used in Form Functional Areas of Interactive Retrieval Systems--Chairperson, Pauline Atherton Cochrane, Syracuse University, School of Information Studies, 113 Euclid Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210 (315 423-2911)

The subcommittee met in October to work on a first draft and hopes to complete a draft for circulation and comment at a meeting in March 1981 in Washington, DC, which will be coordinated with a meeting of a related ISO group, ISO/TC 46/SC 4/WG 5.

- SC H--Patent Data Element Identification and Application Numbering--Chairperson, Philip J. Pollick, Senior Information Scientist, Chemical Abstracts Service, P.O. Box 3012, Columbus, OH 43210 (614 421-6940)

No change in the status reported in the October 1980 Voice, p. 35.

- SC I--Price Indexes for Library Materials--Chairperson, Fred C. Lynden, Technical Services, Brown University Library, Providence, RI 02912 (401 863-2162)

The next meeting of the subcommittee is scheduled for Feb. 2 or 3 at ALA Midwinter in Washington to discuss a draft being prepared by the chairman. Other members of the subcommittee are drafting the text for the newspaper industry and for media and scores, which the subcommittee expects to incorporate into the revised standard.

- SC J--Bibliographic Data Source File Identification--Chairperson, John G. Mulvihill, Manager, GeoRef, American Geological Institute, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041 (703 379-2480)

Draft No. 5 of the proposed standard has been distributed to subcommittee members for comment no later than January 31, 1981.

- SC K--Basic Criteria for Indexes--Chairperson, Jessica L. Milstead, 875 Marion Road, Cheshire, CT 06410 (203 397-3893)

Revision of Z39.4-1974. The September 12, 1980 draft distributed to Z39 member organizations for comment is being revised in light of suggestions received.

- SC L--Romanization--Chairperson, Charles W. Husbands, OSPR, Widener 88, Harvard University Libraries, Cambridge, MA 02138 (617 495-3724)

There will be a subcommittee meeting during ALA Midwinter in Washington, DC.

- SC M--Serial Publication Page Margins--The subcommittee has been merged with Subcommittee Q for the revision of Z39.1-1977, Periodicals: Format and Arrangement.

- SC N--Coded Character Sets for Bibliographic Information Interchange--Chairperson, Charles T. Payne, University of Chicago Library, Chicago, IL 60637 (312 753-2908)

No change in the status reported in the July 1980 Voice, p. 27.

STATUS OF WORK IN LETTER DESIGNATED SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

SC O--Library Item and Patron Identification Code--Chairperson, Howard Harris, Maryland State Board for Higher Education, 16 Francis St., Annapolis, MD 21401 (301 269-2971)

No change in the status reported in the July 1980 Voice, p. 27.

SC P--Guidelines for Format and Production of Scientific and Technical Reports--Chairperson, Astor V. Kane, NTIS, Box 1425, Springfield, VA 22151 (703 487-4696)

No change in the status reported in the October 1980 Voice, p. 36.

SC Q--Periodicals: Format and Arrangement--Chairperson, Seldon W. Terrant, Head, R & D Department, American Chemical Society, 1155 16th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20036 (202 872-4537)

The formation of the subcommittee was completed in December 1980.

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1974 STANDARDS BEING REVISED  
BUT NOT YET BALLOTTED

Five Z39 standards published in 1974 are in process of revision but have not yet reached the balloting stage. Their status is as follows:

Z39.7-1974--Library Statistics (SC 7)  
--Chairperson, Katherine Emerson, University of Massachusetts Library, Amherst, MA 01003 (413-545-2780)

Subcommittee 7 has been working by correspondence to adopt revisions on comments received on the draft circulated and discussed at a public meeting during the ALA Annual Conference in New York in July. The subcommittee expects to have two half-day meetings at ALA Midwinter.

Z39.4-1974--Basic Criteria for Indexes, see entry under Subcommittee K on p. 4.

Z39.5-1969(R 1974)--Abbreviation of Titles of Periodicals, see entry under Subcommittee A on p. 3.

Z39.18-1974--Guidelines for Format and Production of Scientific and Technical Reports, see entry under SC P above.

Z39.20-1974--Criteria for Price Indexes for Library Materials, see entry under Subcommittee I on p. 4.

ORDERING Z39 STANDARDS

Z39 published standards are not available from Z39 but must be ordered from ANSI, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018. For ordering instructions, see the Voice, July 1980, Vol. 2, No. 3, p. 28.

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