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NEWS *about* Z39

American National Standards Institute, Inc., Standards Committee Z39 on Library Work, Documentation, and Related Publishing Practices, sponsored by Council of National Library Associations, to develop standards for concepts, definitions, terminology, letters and signs, practices, and methods in the fields of library work, in the preparation and utilization of documents, and in those aspects of publishing that affect library methods and use.

April 1977

FROM: Standards Committee Z39
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QUARTERLY REPORTS (January-March 1977)

SC/1 - Program - Chairman, Ms. Toni Carbo Bearman, National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services, 3401 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215 349-8495).

The Chairman reported no activity this quarter. Please see the note at the end of the newsletter.

SC/2 - Machine Input Records - Chairman, Ms. Henriette D. Avram, Special Assistant for Network Development, The Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

The Chairman reported no activity this quarter.

SC/4 - Bibliographic References - Chairman, Ellis Mount, Engineering Library, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027 (212 280-3888 and 280-4356).

Because the standard is now in the publication process, the subcommittee has been disbanded with our sincere thanks. An abridged version of the standard is slated to appear as an article in the next issue of Journal of the American Society for Information Science.

SC/5 - Transliteration - Chairman, Jerrold Orne, School of Library Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919 933-1327).

The Descriptive Cataloging Committee of the Cataloging and Classification Section, Resources and Technical Services Division of ALA, has forwarded Romanization Tables for the following languages to the Z39 Office as proposed standards: Armenian; Burmese and Thai; and Lao, Khmer, and Pali. These tables are now being circulated among the Z39 membership for a vote. Information copies may be obtained from the Z39 Office.

Yiddish - Chairman, Herbert C. Zafren Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 3101 Clifton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45220 (513 221-1875).

The Chairman reported no activity this quarter.

SC/7 - Library Statistics - Chairman, Robert W. Frase, Asst. Executive Director and Economist, National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works, Washington, DC 20558 (202 557-0996).

The Chairman reported no activity this quarter.

SC/10 - Periodicals: Format and Arrangement - Chairman, Dr. Edward J. Huth, Editor, Annals of Internal Medicine, 4200 Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215 243-1200).

The Chairman reports that efforts are underway to resolve the objections submitted by several organizations returning negative votes.

SC/12 - Indexes - Chairman, Mr. E. H. Brenner, American Petroleum Institute, 275 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016 (212 685-6253).

SC/12 met in mid-February to begin writing the first draft of the revision of Basic Criteria for Indexes (Z39.4-1968). Each member has been assigned to draft a section on one of the following basic characteristics: arrangement, format, depth of indexing, frequency, coverage, entry control, coordination, and medium. The next meeting is planned for sometime in April. Paul Krupenie, of the National Bureau of Standards, has recently joined the subcommittee.

SC/18 - Book Publishing Statistics - Chairman, Ms. Carol A. Nemeyer, Association of American Publishers, One Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016 (212 689-8920).

The Chairman is happy to report that the last remaining negative vote has been resolved, and that the proposed standard will shortly be submitted to ANSI for approval.

SC/30 - Standard Account Number - Chairman, Herbert Bell, McGraw-Hill, Inc., 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020 (212 997-3461).

The subcommittee had a meeting in New York on the 29th of March. It was decided to amend the scope and reorganize the subcommittee. The new chairman is Herbert Bell from McGraw-Hill. The work that was accomplished by the former committee will serve as the ground work for future drafts.

SC/33 - Bibliographic Entries for Microfiche Headers and Roll Microfilm Containers.

Due to other pressing matters, Mr. Joseph Howard of the Library of

Congress has felt it necessary to resign as Chairman of SC/33. Because there are still several unresolved negative votes, the existing standard will be withdrawn from ANSI's consideration and a new committee organized in the near future.

SC/34 - Journal Article Citations - Chairman, John E. Creps, Engineering Index, 345 East 47th St., New York, NY 10017 (212 752-6800).

The subcommittee met with representatives of Plenum and the Association of American Publishers (AAP) on March 29, 1977, to discuss coding for and implementation of the AAP/TSM copy payments center system for copyrighted articles. A preliminary code structure was discussed and individual elements identified for further study before the next meeting.

SC/36 - Standard Order Form

Because of some unresolved negative votes, the Program Committee has decided that the subcommittee be reorganized to develop a more acceptable standard.

SC/37 - Microform Publishing Statistics - Co-Chairmen, Robert W. Frase, National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works, Washington, DC 20558 (202 557-0996), and Robert Sullivan, Order Division, The Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540 (202 426-5361)

The subcommittee met on March 2 in Washington, DC, at which time the fifth draft was reviewed. A sixth draft is being circulated among the subcommittee members.

SC/38 - Scientific and Technical Translations - Chairman, Kenneth L. Wiggins, U.S. Joint Publications Research Service, 100 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22201 (703 841-1056).

The American National Standard for Scientific and Technical Translations (ANSI Z39.31-1976) was published in February, and is available from the ANSI Sales Department at a cost of \$3.50 per copy. Z39 representatives and alternates are reminded to write ANSI for their complimentary copy.

SC/39 - Synoptics - Chairman, Gordon L. Dugger, The Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory, Johns Hopkins Road, Laurel MD, 20810 (301 953-7100).

The fifth draft of the proposed American National Standard for Synoptics was submitted to the Z39 membership for a vote in early March. Review copies are available upon request from the Z39 Office.

SC/40 - Reporting Serial Holdings - Chairman, Mr. Glyn Evans, The Library, State University of New York, 99 Washington Ave., Albany NY 12210 (518 474-1430 or 474-1436).

The committee met in Washington on February 22-23 to review the Third

Draft (internal) of the Standard which had been prepared following the meeting in December 1976. A number of minor modifications were made in the standard at the meeting. It is hoped that a draft will be distributed to Z39 for examination and comment before the end of April.

The Chairman reported on progress towards the Standard at the CONSER Advisory Group meeting on February 4-5. At that meeting CONSER participants were invited to attend an open session with the Committee at its later meeting. Two CONSER participants either attended the meeting or sent written comments. Their advice was very helpful to the Committee as it prepared its fourth draft.

SC/41 - Book Spine Layout - Chairman, Barbara Weiss, Production Department, John Wiley and Sons, 605 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10016 (212 867-9800).

Mr. E. A. Burke has resigned as chairman of SC/41. Ms. Weiss, of John Wiley and Sons, has agreed to serve as the new chairperson of the committee.

SC/42 - Serial Claim Forms - Chairman, Ms. Lois Upham, Wilson Library S33, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455 (612 373-4559).

The Subcommittee has met twice this quarter, once at ALA Midwinter and again in Minneapolis. At the Minneapolis meeting a professional forms designer met with the group and was of great value in explaining some of the more subtle aspects of efficient design. Also, progress has been made in compiling justification information for the general report which will accompany the proposed form.

SC/43 - Bibliographic Code Design - Chairman, Andrew Uszak, R. R. Bowker Co., 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036 (212 764-2792).

The proposed American National Standard for the Development of Identification Codes for Use by the Bibliographic Community was approved by ANSI in February. It is now in the publication process.

SC/44 - Newspaper and Journal Publishing Statistics - Chairman, William Lofquist, Office of Research and Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

The subcommittee met in Washington, DC, on January 31 and March 1. An initial draft has been prepared and will be circulated within the subcommittee at the next meeting planned for early April.

SC/45 - Library Identification Code - Chairman, William Gosling, Librarian for Technical Services, Duke University, Perkins Library, Durham, NC 27706 (919 684-6433).

Upon recommendation of the Program Committee, a new subcommittee was

organized to develop a code for the identification of libraries and collections to function in parallel with the NUC List of Symbols for Libraries. The subcommittee members are Patrick Bernard of the Library of Congress, John Knapp of the Research Libraries Group, and Jerry Pennington of the Hennepin County Library.

The subcommittee met informally at ALA Midwinter and formally in late February and late March. During these meetings, they have narrowed down the possible codes to one major system and are now identifying other codes presently in use to determine if this system will meet all of these needs.

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General News

The Annual Meeting of Standards Committee Z39 will be held at the Library of Congress on April 29, 1977.

Copies of the 1976 Annual Report are available upon request from the Z39 Office.

A revised and enlarged edition of the Z39 glossary, A Compilation of Terms and Definitions Appearing in Z39 Standards, is nearing completion. The first edition of the glossary appeared in 1974; the new edition includes terms and definitions which appear in Z39 standards published since then, as well as those in all previously published standards still available. The Z39 Office will send a copy of the Compilation to all representatives, alternates, and subcommittee chairpersons as soon as it is published. Anyone else who wishes a copy may obtain one free by writing to the Z39 Office.

Membership News

The American Theological Library Association has been approved by the Council of National Library Associations (CNLA) as a new member of Standards Committee Z39. The representative has not yet been named.

We have been informed of the death of William Kurth, University Librarian at Washington University (St. Louis, Missouri). Mr. Kurth was the chairman of Z39/SC 22 which developed the standard Criteria for Price Indexes for Library Materials (Z39.20-1974).

Professor Werner Rebsamen of the Rochester Institute of Technology has been named as the Library Binding Institute's Alternate to Standards Committee Z39.

Mr. John Lorenz, Executive Director of the Association of Research Libraries, replaces Eugene Kennedy as the ARL Representative to Z39.

International News

Constituent Meeting of the TC 46 Steering Committee, 24 January 1977, in Geneva.

The constituent meeting was held at the ISO Central Secretariat and was attended by the invited members of the Steering Committee (representatives from France, Germany, Hungary, Sweden, UK, USA, FID, ICSU-AB, and UNESCO).

Rules of procedure dealing with membership, meetings, working and voting procedure were drafted.

Further the question of priorities and target dates for the work of TC 46 were discussed and it was decided to establish a working plan to be discussed at the next Plenary Meeting of TC 46 from 15 - 18 November 1977 in Paris.

The question of the structure of Plenary Meetings was raised and some of the members felt that meetings of SCs and WGs should not be held during the same period. A respective circular letter has been sent to the P and O members of TC 46 asking for their comments on this matter.

The World of EDP Standards

The Institute for Computer Sciences and Technology of the National Bureau of Standards has recently published the second edition of The World of EDP Standards (NBSIR 77-1195) by Marjorie F. Hill and Josephine L. Walkowicz. This publication describes the activities and relationships of the many organizations and individuals at the regional, national and international levels involved in the development of standards for computers and information processing. A generalized description of the standardization process is presented first, and then used as a basis for describing the principal organizations that comprise the World of EDP Standards, including for each organization its history, objectives, membership, organization, finance, relationship to other organizations, and its technical work. Copies of The World of EDP Standards may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Springfield, VA 22151, at a cost of \$6.35 per copy.

Z39 Office

Further information on the activities of Standards Committee Z39 may be obtained from: Standards Committee Z39, School of Library Science, University of North Carolina, Manning Hall 026 A, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. The telephone number is: (919) 933-1327.

Z39 Standards Now Available

Z39.1-1967	Periodicals: Format and Arrangement	\$3.25
Z39.2-1971	Bibliographic Information Interchange on Magnetic Tape	6.00
Z39.4-1968	Basic Criteria for Indexes	3.25
Z39.5-1969	Abbreviation of Titles of Periodicals	3.25
Z39.6-1965	Trade Catalogs	3.00
Z39.7-1968	Library Statistics	5.50
Z39.8-1968	Compiling Book Publishing Statistics	2.75
Z39.9-1971	Identification Number for Serial Publications	2.75
Z39.10-1971	Directories of Libraries and Information Centers	3.50
Z39.11-1972	System for the Romanization of Japanese	3.50
Z39.12-1972	System for the Romanization of Arabic	3.00
Z39.13-1971	Advertising of Books	3.50
Z39.14-1971	Writing Abstracts	3.50
Z39.15-1971	Title Leaves of a Book	3.50
Z39.16-1972	Preparation of Scientific Papers for Written or Oral Presentation	4.25
Z39.18-1974	Guidelines for Format and Production of Scientific and Technical Reports	4.00
Z39.19-1974	Guidelines for Thesaurus Structure, Construction, and Use.	4.50
Z39.20-1974	Criteria for Price Indexes for Library Materials	3.00
Z39.21-1973	Book Numbering	3.00
Z39.22-1974	Proof Corrections	5.00
Z39.23-1974	Standard Technical Report Number	3.00
Z39.24-1976	System for the Romanization of Slavic-Cyrillic Characters	3.50
Z39.25-1975	Romanization of Hebrew	4.50
Z39.26-1975	Advertising of Micropublications	1.50
Z39.27-1976	Structure for the Representation of Names of Countries of the World for Information Interchange	1.50
Z39.31-1976	Format for Scientific and Technical Translations	3.50

These standards should be ordered directly from the American National Standards Institute, Sales Department, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018. You may prepay your order and avoid the minimum charge of \$5.00, or the handling charges for orders over \$5.00.

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A Request from Subcommittee 1

Z39 Subcommittee 1 on Program has been reorganized and redesigned to coordinate the program, planning, publicity and promotion activities of Z39. Ms. Toni Carbo Bearman, chairperson, is especially interested in identifying those areas in which standards are needed. Subscribers to News About Z39 are asked to discuss this request with members of their organization and inform SC/1 of any areas they think require standards. Please complete the form at the bottom of this page and return it to the Z39 Office.

 The following areas require standards: _____

I am interested in working on a subcommittee to develop a standard on:

NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____ ADDRESS: _____

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