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## NEWS *about* Z39

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FROM: Standards Committee Z39  
c/o The National Bureau of Standards  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20760

NOTE: The Z39 Office has moved to the National Bureau of Standards. Correspondence should be sent to the above address or to the new Z39 Chairman: Mr. James L. Wood, Director, Bibliographic Support Division, Chemical Abstracts Service, POB 3012, Columbus, Ohio 43210 USA.

### QUARTERLY REPORTS (April - July 1978)

SC/1 - Program - Chairperson, Ms. Toni C. Bearman, National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services, 112 South 16th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 (215 563-2406).

The Program Committee was disbanded as of June 30, 1978. It has been replaced by an Executive Council (see report below).

Of the 23 subcommittees that were active in December 1977, the status of their work is as follows: 3 standards have been published; 14 standards have completed the voting process; 3 more standards have been mailed out for a vote; and 3 standards are still in committee. Of the 14 completed standards, 5 have been submitted to ANSI, and 4 are being readied for submittal to ANSI. The remaining standards received negative votes which have not yet been resolved. The Program Committee feels it reached the goals it set in bringing to completion the work of most of the subcommittees.

Executive Council - Chairperson, Mr. James L. Wood, Director, Bibliographic Support Division, Chemical Abstracts Service, POB 3012, Columbus, OH 43210 (614 421-6940).

The new Executive Council, which took effect July 1, 1978, held its first meeting June 26. Major topics of discussion concerned funding and by-laws. A new

proposal is to be submitted to the National Science Foundation for the two years 1978-79 and 1979-80. The Council on Library Resources has awarded a new grant of \$20,000 and the National Commission on Library and Information Science has awarded a grant of \$10,000. The Ohio College Library Center has given Z39 \$600 for the work of SC/36 (see that report for further details).

A draft of the new by-laws was reviewed. It is expected that a final draft will be circulated to the Z39 members in the late Fall.

The Council established six standing committees as follows: Finance, program, international relations, by-laws, membership, and publicity.

Other areas discussed were the status of existing subcommittees and new areas for standardization.

SC/2 - Machine Input Records - Chairperson, Ms. Henriette D. Avram, Special Assistant for Network Development, The Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540 (202 426-5137).

The negative votes on the revised standard have been resolved. The standard has been submitted to ANSI.

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

ANSI has approved the Romanization Tables for Lao, Khmer and Pali, and the Romanization Table for Armenian. These will be published in the next several months.

Yiddish - Chairperson, Herbert Zafren, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45220 (513 221-1875).

The balloting closed with two negative votes. These are being resolved and the standard is being readied for submittal to ANSI.

SC/6 - Abstracts - Chairperson, Ben H. Weil, Senior Staff Advisor, Analytical & Information Division, Exxon Research & Engineering Company, P.O. Box 121, Linden, NJ 07036 (201 474-2030).

The voting closed on the revised standard with no negative votes. The standard has been submitted to ANSI.

SC/7 - Library Statistics - Chairperson, Ms. Katherine Emerson, The Library, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01002 (413 545-2780).

A meeting was held on June 28 at which a draft revision of the Library Statistics standard was discussed. Part of this meeting was open to the public.

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

A second draft incorporating the subcommittee members' comments is being reviewed by the subcommittee.

SC/19 - Advertising of Books - Chairperson, Ms. Lucille Gordon, McGraw-Hill, Inc.,  
1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020 (212 867-9800).

The voting closed on the revised standard with one negative vote, which has been resolved. The standard has been submitted to ANSI.

SC/20 - Serial Identification Number - Chairperson, Ms. Mary Sauer, Senior Entry  
Editor, National Serials Data Program The Library of Congress, Washington,  
DC 20540 (202 426-5302).

The balloting closed on the revised standard with no negative votes. The standard has been submitted to ANSI.

SC/21 - Title Leaves of a Book - Chairperson, Ron Coplen, Librarian, Harcourt, Brace  
Jovanovich, 757 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022 (212 888-3497).

The balloting closed with two negative votes on this revised standard. Efforts are underway to resolve the objections.

SC/26 - Preparation of Scientific Papers - Chairperson, Ben H. Weil, Senior Staff  
Advisor, Analytical & Information Division, Exxon Research & Engineering  
Company, PO Box 212, Linden, NJ 07036 (201 474-2030).

The balloting on the revised standard closed with no negative votes. The standard has been submitted to ANSI.

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

The proposed Standard Identification Code for the Book Industry was submitted to the Z39 membership for a vote on July 10, 1978. (See also SC/45.)

SC/33 - Bibliographic Entries for Microfiche Headers - Chairperson, Francis Spreitzer,  
Dept. of Micrographics & Reprography, University Library, University Park,  
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90007 (213 741-6077).

The balloting closed on this standard with three negative votes. Efforts are being made to resolve the objections.

SC/36 - Standard Order Form - Chairperson, Peter Jacobs, Bro-Dart, Inc.,  
1609 Memorial Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701 (717 326-2461).

The balloting closed on this standard with six negative votes. Efforts are being made to resolve the objections.

The Ohio College Library Center has given Z39 \$600 to allow SC/36 to complete its work. In doing so, OCLC stated "We feel strongly that the results of the work of this Subcommittee will be of value to libraries, publishers, and book dealers and we feel the work of the Subcommittee should not be delayed because of the temporary lack of funds available to Z39."

SC/37 - Microform Publishing Statistics - Co-Chairpersons, 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 voting on this standard closed with two negative votes. Efforts are being made to resolve the objections, and the standard is being readied for submittal to ANSI.

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

The balloting closed on this standard with one negative vote. An effort is being made to resolve it.

SC/41 - Book Spine Layout - Chairperson, Ms. Barbara Weiss, 7 Brinckerhoff Avenue, New Canaan, CT 06840 (203 966-5763 or 212 226-6327).

The balloting closed on this standard with three negative votes. Dr. William Myrick, a member of the subcommittee, has agreed to try and resolve the objections.

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

The subcommittee met in May to consider the comments which had been received. A final draft of the form was prepared as a result of the comments and the subcommittee responses to them. They are now investigating a means of having the form printed before the draft goes out for a vote.

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

The balloting closed on this standard with two negative votes. These are being resolved and the standard is being readied for submittal to ANSI.

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

The proposed Standard Library Identification Code was submitted for a vote on July 10, 1978. It should be noted that the SLIC is the library element of the SAN (SC/30). These are not two separate numbering systems.

SC/46 - Dissertations - Chairperson, Geoffrey C.M. Plampin, Office of the Dissertation Secretary, University of Chicago, IL 60637 (312 753-3301).

The subcommittee had a two day meeting in May. The proposed standard for Dissertations was submitted for a vote on July 10, 1978.

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#### Other Standards News

The American National Standard for Book Numbering (Z39.21-1973) was reaffirmed by the Z39 members. It has been submitted to ANSI for final action.

The following new Z39 standards have been published:

Z39.1-1977 Periodicals: Format and Arrangement (rev.)	\$4.00
Z39.8-1977 Compiling Book Publishing Statistics (rev.)	\$3.50
Z39.34-1977 Synoptics (new)	\$4.50

Representatives and Alternates of Z39 are reminded to write Ms. Frances Schrotter at ANSI for their complimentary copy of each title.

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#### Annual Meeting

The Z39 annual meeting was held on April 28 at the Library of Congress, Washington DC. The new Z39 officers were introduced: Chairman, James L. Wood (Chemical Abstracts) and Vice-Chairman, Sally McCallum (Library of Congress). The Executive Council members are: Robert Asleson (R.R. Bowker), Glyn Evans (SUNY at Albany), Ben-Ami Lipetz (Yale University), Sandra Paul (Random House), James Rush (Ohio College Library Center), and Robert S. Tannehill (Chemical Abstracts).

Copies of the minutes are available upon request to Mr. James Wood.

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#### International News

ISO has published a second amendment to ISO 3166, Codes for the representation of names of countries. This can be ordered from ANSI at a cost of \$4.50.

ISO/TC 46/SC 1 Documentation - Documentary Reproduction has been made a Technical Committee, TC 171, Micrographics. Further information can be obtained from the National Micrographics Association. The existing Working Groups in the former sub-

committee will remain as Working Groups.

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From the Former Chairman

Since it is in no other way possible for me to reach all of the good people who have worked so willingly and generously with me in ANSI/Z39 over the past fifteen years, I am taking advantage of this last issue of NEWS ABOUT Z39 to come out under my direction to carry my personal appreciation.

There is no really adequate way to express the tremendous range of impressions, convictions, feelings, and understanding these past years which all of you brought me. It has been another growing up period for me and for Z39, and I am grateful to those who have contributed to the growth of Z39 and to mine. We took Z39 as a foundling; we leave it an able, mature entity, now ready for its growing family of responsibilities.

In recent weeks I've received kind letters and verbal tributes from valued colleagues for my work with Z39. In fact, these tributes belong more to all of you, who have carried through the detailed and complex tasks inevitably required to bring any national standard to universal acceptability. Believe me, I have never been unaware of this, even when I may have seemed most demanding, and stretched the bonds of old friendship to their limits. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years in standards work, thanks to your competences, your sharing the task, and always in the end, your friendship.

There are at the least two individuals who must be named for special reasons. The first is Ben Weil, who did far more than just serve as Vice-Chairman of Z39 and Chairman and leader of a number of committees. His hand and work is on more of our standards, including many of the most difficult ones, than any other single person associated with Z39 in my time. His industry and perspicacity are legendary, and their products will endure long beyond our time. Even more important to me, however, are his rare qualities of honesty, forthrightness, and loyalty, seldom found in such full measure in one body. Ben has been a tower of strength and a true friend. His qualities are already widely known and appreciated. I would like to express my own appreciation to him here as a personal tribute.

The second individual has relatively recently joined full force in the Z39 effort, but then provided the kind of initiative most sorely needed during a most critical period. Toni Bearman has long served the interests of Z39 as member, representative, leader, prodder, engineer, doing as much as she could in the wee hours possible in her busy schedule of work, school, and home life. These tasks, for someone of her energy and capacities, she carried as a normal or usual pattern of superload. It was when Z39 was under greatest stress and in danger, however, that her full strength was felt. She accepted major responsibilities for management, the Vice-Chairmanship of Z39, and Chair of the Planning Committee, and gave unstintingly of her precious time and strength when it was most needed. She will always have my respect and admiration.

I could go on with tributes to many, each for their respective roles and contributions, but the number is legion and the telling would grow too long. Suffice it to say

here and now, the last time, at least for me, that I will long remember and treasure the good company you made in our mutual efforts to establish useful and durable national standards for our fields of work. I hope you will remember me kindly as the work goes on.

Jerrold Orne  
July 1, 1978

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Available Z39 Standards

Z39.1-1977	Periodicals: Format and Arrangement	\$4.00
Z39.2-1971	Bibliographic Information Interchange on Magnetic Tape	6.00
Z39.4-1968	Basic Criteria for Indexes (R1974)	3.25
Z39.5-1969	Abbreviation of Titles of Periodicals (R1974)	3.25
Z39.6-1965	Trade Catalogs (R1977)	3.00
Z39.7-1968	Library Statistics (R1974)	5.50
Z39.8-1977	Compiling Book Publishing Statistics	3.50
Z39.9-1971	Identification Number for Serial Publications	2.75
Z39.10-1971	Directories of Libraries and Information Centers (R1977)	3.50
Z39.11-1972	System for the Romanization of Japanese (R1977)	3.50
Z39.12-1972	System for the Romanization of Arabic (R1977)	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 the 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
Z39.29-1977	Bibliographic References	11.50
Z39.31-1976	Format for Scientific and Technical Translations	3.50
Z39.33-1977	Development of Identification Codes for Use by the Bibliographic Community	3.00
Z39.34-1977	Synoptics	4.50

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