
August 1978

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 It has been replaced by an Executive Council (see report below).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
proposals 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.


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.

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


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


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.


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."


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.


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's responses to them. They are now investigating a means of having the form printed before the draft goes out for a vote.


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

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

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
- Z39.34-1977 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.

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 McCollum (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.

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-
committees will remain as Working Groups.

* * *

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 overload. 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

Available Z39 Standards

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Standard</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Z39.1-1977</td>
<td>Periodicals: Format and Arrangement</td>
<td>$4.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.2-1971</td>
<td>Bibliographic Information Interchange on Magnetic Tape</td>
<td>6.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.4-1968</td>
<td>Basic Criteria for Indexes (R1974)</td>
<td>3.25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.5-1969</td>
<td>Abbreviation of Titles of Periodicals (R1974)</td>
<td>3.25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.6-1965</td>
<td>Trade Catalogs (R1977)</td>
<td>3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.7-1968</td>
<td>Library Statistics (R1974)</td>
<td>5.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.9-1971</td>
<td>Identification Number for Serial Publications</td>
<td>2.75</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.10-1971</td>
<td>Directories of Libraries and Information Centers (R1977)</td>
<td>3.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.12-1972</td>
<td>System for the Romanization of Arabic (R1977)</td>
<td>3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.14-1971</td>
<td>Writing Abstracts</td>
<td>3.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.15-1971</td>
<td>Title Leaves of a Book</td>
<td>3.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.16-1972</td>
<td>Preparation of Scientific Papers for Written or Oral Presentation</td>
<td>4.25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.18-1974</td>
<td>Guidelines for the Format and Production of Scientific and Technical Reports</td>
<td>4.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.19-1974</td>
<td>Guidelines for Thesaurus Structure, Construction and Use</td>
<td>4.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.20-1974</td>
<td>Criteria for Price Indexes for Library Materials</td>
<td>3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.21-1973</td>
<td>Book Numbering</td>
<td>3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.22-1974</td>
<td>Proof Corrections</td>
<td>5.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.24-1976</td>
<td>System for the Romanization of Slavic-Cyrillic Characters</td>
<td>3.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.25-1975</td>
<td>Romanization of Hebrew</td>
<td>4.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.26-1975</td>
<td>Advertising of Micropublications</td>
<td>1.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.27-1976</td>
<td>Structure for the Representation of Names of Countries of the World for Information Interchange</td>
<td>1.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.29-1977</td>
<td>Bibliographic References</td>
<td>11.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.31-1976</td>
<td>Format for Scientific and Technical Translations</td>
<td>3.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.33-1977</td>
<td>Development of Identification Codes for Use by the Bibliographic Community</td>
<td>3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z39.34-1977</td>
<td>Synoptics</td>
<td>4.50</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

R = Reaffirmed
These standards should be ordered directly from the American National Standards Institute, Sales Department, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

*   *   *

Z39 Office

Further information on the activities of Standards Committee Z39 may be obtained from: Standards Committee Z39, c/o The National Bureau of Standards, Library Division, Gaithersburg, MD 20760.