The quarterly reports of the Z39 subcommittees follow:

SC/1 - Program - Chairman, James L. Wood, Chemical Abstracts Service Library.

Z39 has agreed to form a subcommittee in conjunction with the Music Industry Code Agency to prepare the proposal for an American National Standard to cover a universal numbering system for music industry products. The MICA has already completed a large part of the work on the format of the system to be used. This new subcommittee, 31, will be headed by Kenneth C. Schonberg, Director of MICA, a Division of Billboard Publications, Inc.

During the quarter a new subcommittee was also established to prepare a draft American National Standard system for numbering technical reports; Donald Hammer of the Purdue University Libraries will serve as Chairman.


The Chairman of SC/2 reviewed the galley of the American National Standard for a Format for Bibliographic Information Interchange on Magnetic Tape, and the document is now is press.

The subcommittee will be reactivated early in 1971 to work on adopting the standard for the interchange of bibliographic information on magnetic tape for specified data communication links. Liaison will be established with X3.

SC/3 - Periodical Title Abbreviations - Chairman, James L. Wood, Chemical Abstracts Service Library.

The National Clearinghouse for Periodical Title Word Abbreviations (NCPTWA) is preparing for publication in January 1971 a new cumulative edition of its periodical title word abbreviations. This new edition supersedes the NCPTWA Revised and Enlarged Word-Abbreviation List, 1966, and the

In addition to being much more convenient to use, this new 7000 plus entry, NCPTWA WORD-ABBREVIATION LIST, is designed to introduce a higher degree of standardization into the practice of abbreviating publication titles. The word abbreviations it will contain have been approved by the UNESCO/ICSU (International Council of Scientific Unions) UNISIST program and by member services of the ICSU Abstracting Board. These NCPTWA word abbreviations have also been recommended for adoption by the International Standards Organization.

The new LIST will contain detailed rules for formulating word abbreviations. Slavic Cyrillic words will appear transliterated according to standards recently approved for international usage in addition to the familiar Library of Congress schedules. Several hundred of the earlier used NCPTWA word abbreviations were changed to achieve international agreement on the total content of the new LIST. These changed abbreviations will be clearly indicated.

Supplements to this new NCPTWA WORD-ABBREVIATION LIST will be published semi-annually beginning in June 1971. The 1971 subscription price is $2.00.

Orders for copies of the NCPTWA WORD-ABBREVIATION LIST and subscriptions to the NCPTWA WORD-ABBREVIATION LIST SUPPLEMENT should be mailed with payment to:
National Clearinghouse for Periodical Title Word Abbreviations
C/o Chemical Abstracts Service
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio 43210.

SC/5 - Transliteration - Chairman, Jerrold Orne, University of North Carolina Library.

The proposed American National Standards for the Romanization of Arabic and Japanese were submitted to various educational, linguistic and cultural organizations for a general canvass at the request of ANSI from September 17 through October 15, 1970. The resulting comments were forwarded to ANSI and we are awaiting further word from them.

The first meeting of the Hebrew and Yiddish section of SC/5 yielded a consensus that a single romanization of Hebrew for all purposes is neither practical nor desirable. It is likely that the following will be proposed: a general purpose romanization; a "more exact" romanization; a narrow, reversible transliteration; and a phonemic transcription. The committee may also consider one or more quite specialized conversions as for example, a computer-compatible one.

While some of the above might well be applicable internationally, the general purpose and the "more exact" romanizations are closely tied to the English-speaking communities. The committee will work through the nationally applicable conversions first, developing principles that might be applicable to other language groups even though the romanizations will not be. It will then turn to the internationally applicable ones. Very substantial progress has been made on principles and a general purpose romanization has been adopted tentatively,
SC/6 - Abstracts - Chairman, Ben H. Weil, Esso Research and Engineering Company.

The ANSI public review for the proposed American National Standard for Writing Abstracts (Z39.14) has been completed and the proposal is now before the Board of Standards Review for action.

SC/8 - Proof Corrections - Chairman, Bruce Young, University of Chicago Press.

No activity was reported for the quarter.


Subcommittee 9 met in Washington on November 23rd to continue the review of terms selected from the COSATI Draft for inclusion in its "Terminology of Information Dissemination." The philosophy behind the construction of this Terminology is to include those terms relating to information dissemination which are specialized or relatively obscure. It will not include terms which would normally be found in glossaries or terminologies appropriate to another discipline, e.g., data processing, printing and publishing.

The criteria used in reviewing terms for inclusion are:
1) Select only terms relating to information dissemination.
2) Use only the noun form of the term; reject adjectival forms as they add bulk, not information.
3) Do not include terms in such general use as to make redefinition in a Terminology such as this superfluous.

SC/13 - Trade Catalogs and Directories - Chairman, Karl Baer, National Housing Center Library.

The American National Standard for Directories of Libraries and Information Centers (Z39.10) was approved by ANSI on November 4th; publication is pending.


No activity was reported for the quarter.


During this quarter all activity continued to take place at ANSI, where a review by the public is about to take place, following receipt of comments from the groups to whom the proposed standard was sent last quarter. The question of the selection of such reviewing agencies was raised by the Chairman at the November Z39 meeting in Washington, D. C. for the purpose of improving the selection by having the chairman of each subcommittee involved in the process of suggesting likely, interested organizations, these names then to be considered by ANSI for their final choice.
The American National Standard Identification Number for Serial Publications was approved by ANSI on November 18, 1970. Planning for the implementation of the system is underway.

ANSI has announced a public review period of sixty days, beginning December 4, 1970, for the proposed American National Standard for Title Leaves of a Book.

A provisional draft standard on price indexes for library materials was circulated to the subcommittee in June, 1970.

On September 11 a meeting of the subcommittee was held in Washington, D. C. At this meeting the members discussed a draft outline of the standard and defined the objectives for a standard for price indexes. On the basis of the meeting a revised draft was prepared and circulated to subcommittee members. Comments from them on this revised draft have now been integrated into a new draft, which will be discussed at the January 17th meeting of the subcommittee in Los Angeles (during ALA Midwinter). Circulation to the members of Z39 will follow.

On December 10th, Draft No. 1 of the Standard for Scientific and Technical Reports--Format and Production was sent for comment to some sixty industrial organizations and universities which issue technical reports. Revision of the draft, as necessary, will be made after consideration of these comments and those sent earlier by Z39 members.

Agreement has been reached on a draft standard to be circulated for comment to members of Z39 and others having special knowledge and interest in thesauri. After sufficient time has elapsed for receipt of comments, the subcommittee will meet again to prepare a final draft for formal ballot.

A second draft was circulated for comment and criticism on October 19th. The comments received will be incorporated into a final draft for voting.

Z39/27 has finished selecting the entities for the country of publication code list and is in the process of completing the naming rules and alpha and numeric coding rules.
PH5 ACTIVITY

Vernon Tate of the National Microfilm Association attended the recent meeting of Standards Committee PH5, Photographic Reproduction of Documents, and reported various activities of interest to Z39. The following PH5 standards are currently available from ANSI:

1) PH5.3 16 and 35 mm Gelatin Microfilm for Reel Application
2) PH5.4 Storage of Processed Silver-Gelatin Microfilms
3) PH5.4 Dimensions of 100' Reels
4) PH5.9 Specifications for Microfiches

A Standard on Containers (PH5.8) and a Standard Glossary (PH5.11) have been approved by PH5 and forwarded to ANSI. (The Glossary is the NMA Glossary, 4th edition.)

Among activities in progress are micropaque standards for readers and for micropques. A task force is at work on a draft standard for high reduction (high compaction) fiche and related matters. A rotary camera test pattern is still being developed, and a test pattern for "office copiers" has been exhibited in a "next to final stage".

X3 ACTIVITY

X3.12-1970, American National Standard Vocabulary for Information Processing, is now available from ANSI (1430 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10018) at $6.00 per copy.

ANSI STAFF

Israel Resnick has been appointed staff coordinator for Z39; he also serves in the same capacity for various piping and process equipment standardization activities.

Mrs. DeDe Goldstein has been assigned as Engineering Aide for Z39.
MEMBERSHIP NOTES

The Joint Committee on Pharmacy College Libraries of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy has been dissolved and will no longer be represented in Z39. We would like to thank Mrs. Gertrude Lorber, of the Medical Library of Charles Pfizer & Co., for her contribution to Z39 as the representative of the group.

We are pleased to welcome the American Association of University Presses as a member of Z39; Marjorie Scal of the Cambridge University Press will serve as its representative.

Miss M. Ann Heidbreder has been named as the alternate representative to Z39 for the Association of American Publishers.

Logan O. Cowgill, of the Department of the Interior Water Resources Information Center, has been named as the Special Libraries Association representative to Z39, succeeding Mrs. Anne Richter.

LATE ADDITION


The International Standard Book Numbering Steering Committee (Dr. Ehlers, Germany, David Whitaker, England and Emery Koltay, U. S.) had their working group meeting at the conclusion of the Frankfurt Fair in Germany, on the 25th of September 1970. The host of the meeting was Karlheinz Wenzel from the Borsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels.

Other participants were: M. Dupouey, from the Syndicat National des Editeurs, Paris; M. Padt, representing the Holland publishing; Director H. H. Koch, Bureau ISBN, Amsterdam; Mrs. Johanna Eggert, Secretariat of TC 46 in Berlin; Sanford Cobb, Association of American Publishers, U.S. The German National Library representative and other German publishers also participated. The participants reported on the status of the ISBN in their country.

Other major problems discussed were:
Assigning the ISBN agency duties "ad interim" from the BSI to the Steering Committee
ISBN agency for intergovernmental and international association publications
Proposal to amend the ISBN text approved in Stockholm to use the group identifier "X" for the internal numbering of retrospective holdings of libraries wishing to establish a numbering compatible with the ISBN
Final (unique) text for the ISBN Instruction Manual, which will become an integral part of the standard
Collaboration between the ISBN Agencies
Discussion on the numbering of the nonprint media. Books on microfilm, microform, microfiche
MIC, Music Industry Code
Serial Numbering, International.

The conclusions and proposals will be submitted in early Spring 1971 at the ISO/TC 46 plenary meeting.