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QUARTERLY REPORT
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The quarterly reports of the Z39 subcommittees follow:

SC/1 - Program - Chairman, James L. Wood, Chemical Abstracts Service Library.
No activity was reported for this subcommittee this quarter.

The American National Standards Institute approved the proposed American National Standard Format for Bibliographic Information Interchange on Magnetic Tape on May 13, 1970, and the document is now being prepared for publication by ANSI. Members of SC/2 responsible for the standard include: Mrs. Henriette D. Avram, Chairman; Mrs. Pauline A. Atherton, Syracuse University; Mr. Kay D. Guiles, Library of Congress; Mr. Lawrence F. Buckland and Miss Ann T. Curran, Inforonics; Miss Phyllis B. Steckler, CCM Information Sciences, Inc.; Mr. Abraham Lebowitz, National Agricultural Library; Mr. Michael Keplinger, National Bureau of Standards; and Mr. Frederick Kilgour, Ohio College Library Center.

The Chairman of SC/2 attended a meeting in Sweden May 27-29, 1970 when the International Standards Organization TC/46 Working Group 4 (Automation in Documentation) convened to discuss the Swedish Standards Institute proposed standard for a bibliographic information interchange format. The Swedish document was an adaptation of the Z39 SC/2 document. The basic structure of the format is identical to that described in the American National Standard; the terminology describing the scope and explanation of the proposal and the definitions have been rephrased. The session resulted in a draft for an International Standards Organization proposal to be circulated to Working Group 4 for editorial comments. The Secretariat will then prepare a final draft ISO proposal based on the comments to be forwarded to ISO/TC/46 for action.

SC/3 - Periodical Title Abbreviations - Chairman, James L. Wood, Chemical Abstracts Service Library.
The American National Standard for the Abbreviation of Titles of Periodicals (ANSI Z39.5-1969) is available from the American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, N. Y., 10018 at $2.75 per copy.

SC/4 - Bibliographic References - Chairman, Dr. Maurice Tauber, Columbia University School of Library Service.

The proposed American National Standard Bibliographic References, which was sent to all members and alternates for balloting on March 19th, was not approved by the committee. A new subcommittee will be organized to work in this difficult area of standardization and it is anticipated that they will make good use of the work of the previous subcommittee and of the constructive criticism received on the drafts sent for comment and ballot.

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

The proposed American National Standards for the Romanization of Arabic and the Romanization of Japanese were forwarded to ANSI by Z39's sponsor, CNLA on May 12th. They will be subject to a two-month public review period before the final decision by ANSI is made.

A new subcommittee on Hebrew and Yiddish has been organized with Herbert C. Zafran, Librarian at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, as Chairman. Members of the subcommittee include the following: Dr. Lawrence Marwick, Library of Congress; Dr. Menahem Schmelyer, Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Dr. Mordkhe Schaechter, Binyumen Shekter Foundation for the Advancement of Standard Yiddish; Allen B. Veaner, Stanford University Libraries; and Dr. Werner Weinberg, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

The proposed American National Standard System for the Transliteration of Slavic Cyrillic Characters was approved by the membership of Z39 and will soon be forwarded to CNLA for referral to ANSI.

SC/6 - Abstracts - Chairman, Ben H. Weil, Esso Research and Engineering Co.

The proposed American National Standard for Writing Abstracts, which was submitted to Z39 for balloting on May 6, 1970, was approved by all 42 members who returned their ballots. (Three did not reply by the closing date, June 17th.) The proposal will be sent to CNLA for referral to ANSI.

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

The final draft is in preparation and will be submitted to Z39 for balloting in the near future.

SC/9 - Terminology - Chairman, Patrick D. J. Rae, Parkinson Information Service.

Subcommittee 9 was recently reorganized under the chairmanship of Dr. Patrick D. J. Rae, Head of Information Service at the Parkinson Center. Members on the Committee are: Robert R. Freeman, Environmental Science Services Administration of the Dept. of Commerce, Robert S. Hooper; Mrs. Lois Lunin, Information Center for Hearing, Speech and Disorders of Human Communications of Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions; and Malcolm Rigby, Editor of Meteorological and Geoastrophysical Abstracts. Carlos A. Cuadro of Systems Development Corporation and Ben-Ami Lipetz of the Yale University Library Research Department was also serve in an advisory capacity.
The major objective of this new group is to prepare a working paper on Terminology of Information Dissemination for the October meeting of ISO/TC 46 WG 3 in Paris, which Dr. Rae will attend as the U.S. representative. At the first meeting of the subcommittee on May 11th, the individual members were asked to draft sections of terminology appropriate to their speciality.

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

The proposed American National Standard for Directories of Libraries and Information Centers, sent for ballot on February 4, 1970, was approved by Z39 and was forwarded by CNLA to ANSI on June 24th.

Upon the recommendation of Subcommittee 13, the American National Standard for Trade Catalogs, Z39.5-1965, was submitted to the membership at the May 12th meeting for reaffirmation. (Under ANSI procedures, all standards must be reaffirmed, revised or withdrawn after five years.) The Committee voted unanimously to reaffirm Z39.6-1965 and ANSI was notified of the decision.


Draft number 2 of Standard Book Numbering was sent to all members and alternates for comment on May 12th. Copies for review may be obtained from the Z39 office at the University of North Carolina Library in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27514. This will probably be the last draft to circulate for comment before balloting.


The proposed American National Standard for the Advertising of Books was approved by Z39 and was forwarded to ANSI by CNLA on June 24, 1970 for the public review period.


The proposed American National Standard Identification Number for Serial Publications is currently being subjected to the two-month public review under new ANSI Operating Procedures. The review period will close on July 15th, after which ANSI will make its final decision on the proposal.

Jerrold Orne, Chairman of Z39, and Lawrence Livingston, of the National Library of Medicine, represented the U.S. at the recent meeting (June 22-24) in Oslo of ISO/TC 46 WG 1. Working Group 1 was originally organized to work on the International Standard Book Numbering System but has now turned its attention to Standard Serial Numbering.

SC/21 - Title Leaves of a Book - Chairman, Mrs. Anne J. Richter.

Although the proposed ANS for Title Leaves of a Book, received wide approval during the voting earlier this spring, several pertinent additions were suggested. The subcommittee is reviewing these items before the standard is finalized.

The subcommittee is currently working on its initial draft.

SC/24 - Report Literature Format - Chairman, Jack W. Grewell, Federal Aviation Administration.

A second draft of the ANS Scientific and Technical Reports: Format and Production was completed in May 1970. Two meetings have been held to develop a third draft. Good progress is being made toward completing this draft, which is anticipated to be adequate for widespread distribution for review and comment. Despite the progress made, it will not be possible for this subcommittee to meet its previously established goal of submitting a draft standard for comment in June; this action now is rescheduled for the latter part of August 1970.


At its meeting on May 6, the subcommittee completed is preliminary work towards formulation of the first draft standard. The draft to be prepared by the chairman will be distributed to members of the subcommittee for comment and discussion at a meeting to be held in September.

SC/26 - Preparation of Scientific Papers - Chairman, Dr. F. Peter Woodford, Rockefeller University.

The first draft ANS for the Preparation and Editorial Scrutiny of Scientific Papers was submitted to the membership for review and comment on June 3, 1970. Copies may be obtained from the Z39 office in Chapel Hill.

SC/27 - Identification Codes for Countries, Languages, Publishers, Areas and Dates - Chairman, Patricia E. Parker, Library of Congress.

SC 27 held its third meeting on June 17 at the Washington, D. C. Office of the American Society for Information Science. The members continued working on the development of a country code list to be used for the primary purpose of coding place of publication. The time was devoted specifically to listing the requirements for the selection of entities to be included in the list.


The Chairman of this subcommittee, Karl Heumann, has found it necessary to resign his duties.

SC/29 - Publicity and Promotion - Chairman, James L. Olsen, Jr., National Academy of Science.

Subcommittee 29 held its first meeting on April 29, 1970. The subcommittee's report of this meeting could not be read at Z39's annual meeting but has since been distributed to all members and alternates. In summary, the report stated SC 29's goals, suggested ways of achieving greater exposure of Z39 and its products, explored the question of ANSI sale of standards and alternatives to direct sale of
Z39 standards and called for the counsel of the report's readers on the points presented.

Remarks made by the ANSI representative at the annual meeting may have some bearing on SC 29's role and future. ANSI headquarters current reorganization could, conceivably, absorb SC 29's role or alternatively, the two groups could work cooperatively. The impact of ANSI reorganization on SC 29 will become clearer in the ensuing months.

SC/30 - Identification Code for Libraries and Bookdealers - Co-chairman:

Co-chairmen Joseph Eisner and Russell Reynolds are currently seeking members for the reorganized SC 30. The scope of the subcommittee has been expanded to include bookdealers as well as libraries in the identification code.

Membership Notes

We are pleased to welcome two new member organizations to Z39; they are the Shoe String Press and the R. R. Bowker Company. Frances Ottemiller and Elizabeth Cooper will serve as the representative and alternate for Shoe String Press and Emery Koltay will represent the Bowker Company. This brings the total membership to 47.

Dr. Jacques Vallee and Dr. George Patterson have been named as alternate representatives of the Association for Computing Machinery.

Stephen Salmon has succeeded Bella Shachtman as the representative of ALA to Z39.

Mrs. Anne Richter has resigned as the American Book Publishers Council representative to Z39 and Robert Frase will serve in this capacity pending the reorganization of ABPC and the American Educational Publishers Institute into the Association of American Publishers. Mrs. Richter will continue to represent SLA until a new representative from that organization is named.

CNLA Change

Mrs. Beatrice M. James, Director of the Bergenfield (N.J.) Free Public Library assumes the duties of the Chairman of Council of National Library Associations on July 1. As Chairman, she will serve as Z39's liaison with ANSI and will represent CNLA on Z39.
We wish to thank Mrs. Helen Brown Schmidt, former Chairman of CNLA, for her work in behalf of Z39 during the past two years.

ANSI Staff

We are sorry to report the death of our ANSI Staff Representative, Charles E. Ginder, in Berlin on June 11, 1970. Mr. Ginder had recently joined the ANSI organization as the engineer in charge of the Information Processing Section and was responsible for administering standardization activities in the field of computers and business machines as well as in documentation.

ISO Recommendations

The following items have been recently published by ISO and are available from the American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10018:

1) ISO Recommendation R 1087 - Vocabulary of Terminology ($8.40)

2) ISO Recommendation R 1149 - Layout of Multilingual Classified Vocabularies ($8.40)

"Standards Action"

A new bulletin designed to solicit public comment on new standards, those submitted for approval, or revised American National Standards is being published by ANSI.

Entitled "Standards Action," the bulletin will be issued every two weeks to insure widespread consideration of pending action, including the reaffirmation or withdrawal of standards. Notice will also be taken of recently completed standards actions.

According to an ANSI spokesman, "Standards Action" will be available at no cost to interested industrial firms; trade, technical, and professional organizations; consumer and labor groups; government agencies; the trade and technical press; and concerned individuals. Issues will include the title and description of each standard on which action is proposed; the time limit for comment; and the name and address of the organization from which a copy of the standard may be obtained.

Comments received will be submitted to the Institute's Board of Standards Review, which is responsible for final approval, reaffirmation, or withdrawal actions. It is anticipated that this bulletin will encourage public surveillance and comment on standards.