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QUARTERLY REPORT

The quarterly reports of the Z39 subcommittees follow:

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

Eight new subcommittees are currently being organized; the chairmen are listed as follows:

SC/24: Scientific and Technical Report Format: Jack W. Grewell, Federal Aviation Administration
SC/25: Thesaurus Rules and Conventions: Frank Y. Speight, Engineers Joint Council
SC/26: Preparation of Scientific Papers: F. Peter Woodford, Rockefeller University
SC/27: Codes for Countries, Languages, Publishers, Areas and Dates: Miss Patricia E. Parker, The Library of Congress
SC/28: Guides for Referees of Journal Articles: Karl F. Heumann, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
SC/29: Publicity and Promotion: James L. Olsen, National Academy of Sciences


The proposed USA Standard for a Format for Bibliographic Information Interchange on Magnetic Tape was submitted by the Council of National Library Associations (CNLA), the sponsor for Sectional Committee Z39 to the United States of America Standards Institute. CNLA endorsed the recommendations of approval of the proposed standard by the Z39 Committee. Sectional Committee X3 informed the USASI board that it had not had a liaison member on Z39 at
the time Z39 approved the proposed standard. At this time, no definitive action has been taken between X3 and Z39 and USASI approval of the proposed standard is being held in abeyance.

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

USA Standard for Abbreviation of Titles of Periodicals (USAS Z39.5-1969 Revision of Z39.5-1963) was submitted in May to USASI for approval and subsequent publication.

During the second quarter of 1969, the Z39 National Clearinghouse for Periodical Title Word Abbreviations (NCPTWA) assigned 218 new title word abbreviations and issued the third 1969 quarterly supplement to its "Revised and Enlarged Word Abbreviation List."

Plans are being made for a complete reissue of the NCPTWA Word/Abbreviation List by mid-1970.

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

The revised draft of Subcommittee 4, Bibliographic References, was distributed to members of Z39 on August 12, 1969. In the light of certain developments since its distribution, it appears clear that another revision is essential prior to any approval. We have received a number of commendatory comments, but there have been basic criticisms which necessitate attention. The Chairman was a participant in an Institute of the U. S. Office of Education on "Systems and Standards for the Bibliographic Control of Media" at Norman, Oklahoma, on August 20-22, 1969, at which the proposed standard of SC/4 was discussed and criticized. It was felt that much more attention needed to be given to bibliographic references for audio-visual materials. The Chairman will attend another meeting of this group at A.L.A. Midwinter, in Chicago, in January. It is planned that the Subcommittee will review all comments received on the present draft, and it is intended that these will be discussed at the meeting of Z39 in San Francisco, October, 1969.

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

The sub subcommittee on the Romanization of Japanese, under the chairmanship of Charles Hamilton of the University of California at Berkeley, is currently preparing a draft which we hope to submit to the membership for a vote in the near future. The draft will incorporate the very helpful suggestions and comments elicited by the draft circulated last May.
SC/6 - Abstracts - Chairman, Ben H. Weil, Esso Research & Engineering Company.

Subcommittee 6 has now prepared a version of its Standard on Writing Abstracts that is near enough to completion to warrant submitting it to interested parties for comments and suggestions. This is the third draft prepared since July 1. The first evolved from a synthesis of the major elements of a recent IUPAP-unesco Guide and the drafts of the two previous Subcommittee 6's. The second draft incorporated changes suggested at a Subcommittee meeting in Washington on August 7, and supplementary material from subcommittee members and certain NFSAIS representatives; some reorganization was also involved. The present (third) draft contains further subcommittee revisions, and reflects firmer decisions on certain appendices not yet completed. Future work will be predicated on comments received from interested parties, including NFSAIS, ICSU/AB and ISO. The subcommittee hopes to complete its work on the Draft Standard early in 1970.

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

The first draft of a proposed USA Standard for Proof Corrections was sent to the membership for comment on September 12, 1969. Copies of the draft are available from the Z39 office in Chapel Hill.

SC/9 - Terminology - Dr. Jerrold Orne, University of North Carolina Libraries.

The recently published ISO Recommendation ISO R 919-1969-Guide for the Preparation of Classified Vocabularies (Example of Method) is available from the USA Standards Institute at $6.00 per copy.

Jerrold Orne participated for USASI/Z39 and ISO/TC46 in the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting on Writing of Dates, in New York City on September 17, 1969, at the USASI headquarters. The purpose of the meeting was primarily to discuss the U.S. position on the DATCO draft and to provide the two delegates with points of view for consideration. Mr. G. W. Frey, of the American Banking Association will represent USASI and X3 and Mr. Frank C. White, of the American Transport Association will represent TC97 at the DATCO meeting in Geneva on October 8 and 9 in Geneva.

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

SC/13 is editing its working paper and plans to submit it to the membership for a vote during the next quarter.
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SC/17 - Standard Book Numbering - Co-Chairman, Robert W. Frase, American

"News about Z39" July issue reported the status on Standard
Book Numbering. There were no basic developments in the period
of July-September.

De facto the system is being promoted as a U. S. standard. The
Standard Book Numbering Agency is a collaboration between the
American Book Publishers Council, American Educational Publishers
Institute, American Standards Association-Committee Z39, Library
of Congress and R. R. Bowker Company. The agency assigned
Publisher Prefixes to more than 2,000 active publishers in the
United States. More than 400 publishers printed the SBN's in
their 1969 catalogs. About 28% of the titles in Book In Print 1969
will carry SBN's. For 1970, the SBN Agency plans to accomplish
a total numbering.

The ISO, Technical Committee ISO/TC 46-Documentation has on his
agenda of the plenary meeting (to be held in Stockholm from
It will be:

a) Seminar on the SBN.

b) Discussion on the second draft proposal.

Following this meeting, the SC/17 will edit the second draft
proposal on the United States SBN, which will be circulated in
January 1970.

SC/19 - Book Publishers Advertising - Chairman, Ellis Mount, Engineering
Library, Columbia University.

The committee met once as a group to review all comments received
regarding the draft edition which had been distributed in March
1969. Changes adopted at this meeting are expected to be incor-
porated in a proposed draft version ready to be voted upon by
Z39 groups. This version should be ready before the end of September
1969.

SC/20 - Standard Serial Coding - Chairman, Fred Croxton, Technical Information
Services Company.

The subcommittee is currently reviewing comments received with
regard to the draft circulated on July 1st.

SC/21 - Title Leaves of a Book - Chairman, Mrs. Anne J. Richtner, R. R.
Bowker Company.

The first meeting of this subcommittee was held on August 20, 1969
in the offices of the R. R. Bowker Company. With the newly approved
ISO Recommendation R1086, Title-Leaves of a Book, and the Draft British Standard Specification for Title-Leaves of a Book as the base, a tentative U. S. draft was prepared which will be sent to Committee members not present for their comments. It is hoped that a draft in form suitable for circulation among the full Z39 Committee will be ready by the end of the year.

The sub-committee members represent various fields of publishing—technical, trade, textbook, and university presses—and both public and special libraries.

The recently published ISO Recommendation R1086 Title-Leaves of a Book is available from the USA Standards Institute at $5.60 per copy.

Membership Note:

Dr. F. Peter Woodford of Rockefeller University and chairman of the Council of Biology Editors succeeds Robert Gordon of the University of Notre Dame as representative of the Council of Biology Editors to Z39. Dr. Woodford has also agreed to serve as chairman of SC/26: Preparation of Scientific Papers.

Mr. Vaclav Mostecky, Law Librarian at the State University of New York at Buffalo, succeeds Mrs. Meira Pimsleur of the Columbia University Law Library as the representative of the American Association of Law Libraries.

ISO Meeting

Technical Committee 46 of the International Standards Organization will hold its twelfth plenary meeting in Stockholm from October 20-25, 1969. The United States delegation will consist of Jerrold Orne, Mrs. Henriette Avram, Emery Koltay, Dan Melcher, and James Wood.

Following are some of the items which will be discussed at the meeting. SC/2 of TC46 (Conversion of Written languages) will consider conversion schemes for Yiddish, Chinese, Japanese, Arabic, Hebrew and non-Slavic Cyrillic. Working Groups 1, 2, and 3 will discuss International terminology, respectively. Numerous items will be considered by ad hoc groups; among these are: Abbreviations of titles of periodicals, Directories of libraries information and documentation centers, Guide for preparation of author's abstracts, Bibliographical references, Identification numbers for serial publication and standardization of mechanized treatment for documentation. Cooperation with INFCO and participation in DATCO will also be discussed.
Z39 and PH5 Standards currently available from the USA Standards Institute
10 East 40th St., New York, N. Y. 10016:

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In final approval stage:

| Z39.2 - 1969 Bibliographic Information Interchange on Magnetic Tape | |
| Z39.5 - 1969 Abbreviation of Titles of Periodicals (Rev. of Z39.5 - 1963) | |

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