QUARTERLY REPORTS
(July - September 1972)

The quarterly reports of the Z39 subcommittees follow:

SC/1 - Program - Chairman, Harold Oatfield.

No activity was reported for the quarter.


Subcommittee 2 did not meet this quarter. Approval was received from ANSI to revise the Z39.2-1971 standard for bibliographic information interchange on magnetic tape to reflect that the standard is for information interchange in digital form and to incorporate a section in the revised document describing the existing standard for tape. The subcommittee will begin work on the revision early in 1973.

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

Subcommittee 3 reports no activity for this quarter.

As of 28 September 1972, 312 organizations and/or individuals have entered 477 subscriptions to the 1972 semi-annual supplement to the 1971 NCPTWA Word-Abbreviation List. Since 1 January-28 September 1972, the NCPTWA has filled orders for 227 copies of its 1971 Word-Abbreviation List.

SC/4 - Bibliographic References - Chairman, Ellis Mount, Columbia University Engineering Library.

The meeting originally scheduled for September was postponed until later in the fall at the request of Dr. Orne. In the meantime individual members have been continuing separate work on their assignments, including a comprehensive analysis of how some of the major computer-based systems handle bibliographic elements. Members are also gathering source materials from other groups working in this field so as to profit from their work and experience.
SC/5 - **Transliteration** - Chairman, Jerrold Orne, University of North Carolina Library.


Page proofs of the American National Standards for the Romanization of Arabic and the Romanization of Japanese have been reviewed by the appropriate Z39 personnel. Published copies of these two standards should be available in the near future.

Hebrew and Yiddish - Chairman, Herbert C. Zafren, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

The subcommittee met in Cincinnati on August 21 and 22 making final revisions to the current draft of the Hebrew standard and making considerable progress toward a Yiddish standard. As soon as the Hebrew draft can be duplicated, it will be submitted to Z39 members for review.

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

Z39 recommended that ANSI approve the ISO Draft Proposal for Abstracts which was circulated during the summer. The ISO draft was based largely on Z39.14-1971 and was drafted in Lisbon in 1971 with the SC 6 chairman as Secretary of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

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

No activity was reported for the quarter.

SC/9 - **Terminology** - Chairman, Patrick D. J. Rae.

Copies of the third draft of the alphabetical arrangement of Chapter 4 of the ISO Vocabulary of Documentation, submitted to TC 46 Working Group 3 Panel 4 in May 1972, will be distributed during the next quarter to representatives and alternates of Z39 for their information. Work on the first draft of the classified arrangement of Chapter 4 has been completed and is being reviewed by SC 9 members. Ben Weil covered the Working Group 3 sessions at the recent TC 46 meeting.

SC/10 - **Arrangement of Periodicals** - Chairman, Anne J. Richter.

The final draft of the revision of Z39.1-1967, the ANSI for Periodicals: Format and Arrangement, is in preparation and will be submitted to Z39 with a letter ballot in the first quarter of 1973.

In order to determine whether the ANS Basic Criteria for Indexes, Z39.4-1968, should be revised during 1973, the subcommittee chairman has contacted all members of SC 12 and all Z39 subcommittee chairmen for their recommendations. He has also asked John Fall to try to obtain a consensus of the American Society of Indexers. Although not all responses are in, the majority so far favor no revision. By special arrangement with ANSI, the American Society of Indexers was able to reprint Z39.4-1969, in full, in their recently published brochure which outlines ASI organization and activities.


The proposed ANS for International Standard Book Numbering was submitted to Z39 members with a letter ballot on July 17, 1972, with a closing date of August 28th. Z39 approved the standard by the following vote: 44 yes; 2 abstentions; and 4 did not reply. The proposal will be forwarded to CNLA and ANSI during the next quarter for their approval.


Z39 was notified recently that the ANSI ISTAB (Information Systems Technical Advisory Board) rejected the proposed ANSI Z219.1-1971, Use of CODEN for Periodical Title Abbreviations. This proposal had been submitted to ANSI by the American Society for Testing and Materials in 1971 for approval as an American National Standard; Z39 members were asked to comment on it during the public review in July and August, 1971. After considerable discussion, the ISTAB came to the conclusion that the proposed standard was in conflict with Z39.9-1971, the ANS Identification Number for Serial Publications.


Draft No. 5, May 1972, was submitted to all Z39 representatives and subcommittee chairmen on August 30, 1972. The closing date for comment is October 31st.

SC/24 - **Report Literature Format** - Chairman, Parmely Daniels.

The potential conflicts with the work of SC 32 on Technical Report Numbering have been worked out to the satisfaction of SC 24 and SC 32; the proposal will be submitted to CNLA and ANSI for appropriate action as soon as possible.

SC 25 is still working to resolve the few negative votes on the proposed ANSI Guidelines for Thesaurus Structure, Construction and Use.

SC/26 - Preparation of Scientific Papers - Chairman, F. Peter Woodford, The Ciba Foundation.

The ANSI for the Preparation of Scientific Papers for Written or Oral Presentation was approved by the ANSI Board of Standards Review on September 5, 1972. Galleys have already been reviewed by the appropriate Z39 personnel and copies of the published standard are expected to be available by the end of the year.


The members of SC 27 approved the second draft of the proposed country code standard in June. August 18th the document was sent to the members of Z39 for comment. The comments are now being consolidated and distributed to the subcommittee members for review.

SC/29 - Publicity and Promotion - Chairman, Harold Oatfield.

In response to a request by the SC 29 chairman, various Z39 members have been helping to distribute the Z39 brochure to members of their organizations. Bulk mailings for such distribution have been sent to representatives of the following organizations: Music Library Association, Special Libraries Association, National Academy of Sciences, National Federation of Science Abstracting and Indexing Services, Library Binding Institute, Information Industry Association and the American Society for Information Science.


The first draft of a standard covering a universal numbering system for music industry products has been written and is being reviewed by subcommittee members. Active liaison has been maintained with the international movement through ISO Technical Committee 46, which has established a working group to develop an International Standard Record Number system, using the Music Industry Code as a base.

SC/32 - Technical Report Numbering - Chairman, Donald P. Hammer, University of Massachusetts Library.

SC 32 has completed its pre-comment work and a draft Technical Report Numbering Standard is now being circulated by Z39 for comment. A great many comments have been received by the subcommittee chairman, and a meeting has been scheduled for October 24th at the National Science Foundation to consider those statements.

The committee's work concerning microfiche is under consideration by Subcommittee 2 of ANSI Standards Committee PH5, for inclusion in their revision of ANSI PH5.9-1970, Specifications for Microfiche. The draft appeared in the September 1972 Journal of Micrographics with a call for comment from interested persons. The work is also being considered by ISO as document ISO/TC46 (USA-3) 1088 E. The subcommittee met in September and began discussions on bibliographic information for roll microfilm containers. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17.

SC/34 - Journal Article Citations - Chairman, Harold Oatfield.

The subcommittee met on July 7th to continue its work on the initial draft.

14TH PLENARY MEETING OF ISO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 46: DOCUMENTATION

Standards Committee Z39 was well represented at the recent ISO/TC 46 Plenary Meeting, September 26-October 6 at the Hague. Those attending for Z39 were: Jerrold Orne, Mrs. Henriette Avram, Emery Koltay, Ethan Hurd, R. W. Bemer, Kenneth C. Schonberg, Paul Vassallo and Harry White, Jr. A full report of the activities and resolutions of the meeting will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

IEEE PROPOSED STANDARD

The proposed ANSI Recommended Practice for Units in Published Scientific and Technical Work was submitted with a letter ballot to the voting members of Z39 on August 30, 1972; the closing date for the voting period is October 11, 1972. This proposal was submitted for Z39 consideration by IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.), one of the member organizations of Z39, earlier this year; it is a revision of IEEE Standard No. 268, first published in 1966. Members of Z39 were asked to comment on it in April, 1972.

MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Carl M. Spaulding was recently named as the Alternate Representative for the Council on Library Resources.