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QUARTERLY REPORTS
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The quarterly reports of the Z39 subcommittees follow:

SC/1 - Program - Chairman, Ben H. Weil, Exxon Research and Engineering Company, P.O. Box 121, Linden, NJ 07036 (201 474-2030)

Subcommittee 1 has reorganized and will meet on October 15 to review suggestions for Z39 work in new areas, the need to revive certain subcommittees that are presently inactive, and means/manpower to implement desirable Z39 work. Members of the Subcommittee include Henriette D. Avram, Stephen E. Furth, Joseph H. Kuney, and Robert S. Tannehill, Jr., in addition to Jerrold Orne and Linda Schneider ex officio.


Subcommittee 2 met at the Library of Congress on September 11, 1974. Mrs. Avram described the forthcoming meeting of ISO/TC 46/SC 4 on ISO Standard 2709 (to be held October 15-16, 1974 in Stockholm). The subcommittee reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to 2709. The committee then took a position on each recommended proposal; these positions will be submitted to TC 46/SC 4 prior to the October meeting.

In addition, Mrs. Avram discussed the requirements to add to Z39.2-1971 the capacity to define subrecords. The present subrecord field (002) is not part of the ANSI standard itself, but rather appears as an appendix. It was noted that Z39.2-1971 is now four years old and that all ANSI Standards must be reviewed every five years.

The following new members have joined SC/2: Mr. Charles Husbands, System Development Librarian, University of Chicago; Mr. S. Michael Malinconico, Systems Analysis and Data Processing, New York Public Library; Miss Margaret K. Park, Computer Center, University of Georgia; and Mrs. Lucia J. Rather, MARC Development Office, The Library of Congress. Other members of the subcommittee are: Mr.
Lawrence Buckland, Mr. Philip Long and Mr. Michael Keplinger. Mr. Kay Guiles recently resigned from the subcommittee.

SC/4 - Bibliographic References - Chairman, Ellis Mount, Engineering Library, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027 (212 280-2976)

The Committee is scheduling its work so as to have its first complete draft for review ready no later than November 1. Two meetings of the committee were held, one of which was for only a partial representation because of funding problems. The plan is for the standard to cover all types of materials, both printed and unprinted (including audio-visual items).

SC/5 - Transliteration - Chairman, Jerrold Orne, School of Library Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919 933-1327)

Hebrew and Yiddish - Chairman, Herbert C. Zafren, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45220 (513 221-1875)

The proposed American National Standard Romanization of Hebrew was submitted to Z39 member organizations for voting on August 12, 1974; the voting period ended September 23rd. At that time the voting tally was: 18 yes, 21 abstentions, and 14 organizations had not returned a ballot. We expect the ANSI Public Review of this proposal to be announced soon. Several voting members submitted comments with their ballots. These comments will be considered by the Subcommittee and members will be notified of any substantive changes made in the proposal.


The reaffirmation of Z39.7-1968, the American National Standard for Library Statistics, was approved by the ANSI Board of Standards Review on July 29, 1974. This standard was reaffirmed so that its "current" status at ANSI could be maintained until the revision is completed.

SC/8 - Proof Corrections - Chairman, Bruce C. Young, University of Chicago Press, 5801 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637 (312 753-3336)

The American National Standard Proof Corrections, Z39.22-1974, was recently published by ANSI; it is available from ANSI at $5.00 per copy. Representatives and Alternates are reminded to write to Ms. Marie Hogsett, ANSI, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018, for their complimentary copy.

SC/9 - Terminology - Chairman, Ben H. Weil, Exxon Research and Engineering Company, P.O. Box 121, Linden, NJ 07036 (201 474-2030)

Three Draft ISO Proposals have been received and will be reviewed by the Chairman of SC/9. The three proposals are chapters from the ISO Vocabulary of Information and Documentation and are entitled Literary and artistic copyright, Organizations, and Acquisition of Documents and Collection of Data.

SC/10 - Periodicals: Format and Arrangement - Chairman, Edward J. Huth, Annals of Internal Medicine, 4200 Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215 243-1200)
Subcommittee 10 is reorganizing under the chairmanship of Dr. Edward J. Huth, Editor of the Annals of Internal Medicine, to complete the revision of Z39.1-1967. The following have agreed to serve on the subcommittee: Dr. D.H. Michael Bowen, Head, Journals Dept., American Chemical Society; Dr. Stephen Juhasz, Editor, Applied Mechanics Reviews; Dr. Joseph Leiter, Associate Director for Library Operations, National Library of Medicine; and Mr. Samuel Sass, Librarian, William Stanley Library, General Electric Company.


No activity was reported for this quarter.


Mr. Roberts resigned in September as the SC/16 Chairman; the Program Subcommittee will consider the reorganization of this subcommittee at its October meeting.


By the end of September 1974, the ISBN Agency assigned a total of 4,617 ISBN Publisher Identifier numbers to U.S. publishers, and 739 ISBN Publisher Identifier numbers to Canadian publishers. 87% of the books available in print in the U.S. were assigned ISBN.

Following the IFLA conference in Washington, DC, the International ISBN Agency Advisory Board will have a two day meeting in New York, at R.R. Bowker, November 25-26, 1974, to discuss the international coordination and use of the ISBN. Members of the Board include: A.J. Wells, Director, British National Bibliography; Dr. Hans Jurgen Ehlers, Germany; Peter Thorp, UN, Paris; Dr. K.W. Neubauer, Director, International ISBN Agency, Germany; Emery Koltay, U.S.A.

SC/18 - Book Publishing Statistics - Chairman, Carol A. Nemeyer, Association of American Publishers, One Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016 (212 689-8920)

Subcommittee 18 met on September 24th. Members are reviewing UNESCO's statistical questionnaire for periodicals and newspapers to determine whether or not the scope of the 1968 Standard on Book Publishing Statistics should be extended to these forms of publications. As soon as the scope is finally confirmed, work will progress on revising the existing standard. The subcommittee is anxious to complete its assignment as soon as possible.


The American National Standard Criteria for Price Indexes for Library Materials, Z39.20-1974, was published by ANSI in September at $3.00 per copy. Representatives and Alternates are reminded to request their complimentary copy from Ms. Marie Hogsett, ANSI, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.
SC/24 - Report Literature Format - Chairman, Parmely C. Daniels, 5719 Third Street South, Arlington, VA 22202 (703 671-2955)

The American National Standard Guidelines for Format and Production of Scientific and Technical Reports, Z39.18-1974, has been published and is available from ANSI at $4.00 per copy.

SC/25 - Thesaurus Rules and Conventions - Chairman, Frank Y. Speight, American Welding Society, 2501 Northwest 7th St., Miami, FL 33125 (305 642-7090)

The American National Standard Guidelines for Thesaurus Structure, Construction and Use, Z39.19-1974, has been published and is available from ANSI at $4.50 per copy.


Subcommittee 27 met on June 19th. The membership voted to adopt, with qualifications, the amended ISO DIS 3166, "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries", which was approved at the Plenary Meeting of ISO/TC 46 in Helsinki, Finland in May 1974.

An editorial committee was appointed to prepare a draft American National Standard which was circulated to the members of SC/27 for vote and comment. More than two thirds voted to approve the document. The editorial and substantive comments are now being considered and answered. The amended document will be forwarded to Z39 for full voting as soon as possible.

SC/29 - Publicity and Promotion - Chairman, R.E. Utman, Princeton University Library, P.O. Box 200, Princeton, NJ 08540 (609 452-3271)

No activity was reported for the quarter.

SC/30 - Standard Account Numbers - Chairman, Russell Reynolds, National Association of College Stores, 55 E. College St., Oberlin, OH 44074 (216 775-1561)

Work is proceeding on the Standard Account Number. The subcommittee is now awaiting more information from the British so the two systems can be coordinated.

SC/31 - Music Industry Code

Subcommittee 31 is no longer active; however, work on an International Standard Record Number is continuing on the international level. At the recent meeting of TC 46 in Helsinki, the 2nd Draft Proposal of "International Standard Record Numbers" was withdrawn because of lack of support. A new Draft Proposal of the same title, prepared by the German delegation, will be submitted to all members of TC 46/WG 1 for consideration.

SC/32 - Technical Report Numbering - Chairman, Donald P. Hammer, ISAD Executive Director, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611 (312 944-6780, Ext. 266)

Since all of the negative votes have been resolved and since NTIS has indicated that they will assume the role of the clearinghouse for technical report numbering, the subcommittee plans no further activity. The ANSI Public Review
ended on August 21, 1974, and the approved standard is now being prepared for submittal to CNLA and ANSI.

SC/33 - Bibliographic Entries for Microfiche Headers and Roll Microfilm Containers - Chairman, Joseph H. Howard, Serial Record Division, The Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540 (202 426-5302)

During this quarter, Subcommittee 33 reviewed and prepared comments on ISO/TC 46/WG 6 (South Africa-33) 18E... Headers for Microfiche.

SC/34 - Journal Article Citations - Chairman, Harold Oatfield, 15500 S.E. Oatfield Road, Milwaukie, OR 97222 (503 659-8364)

The 4th Draft of the Identification Code of Serial Articles was sent to all Representatives, Alternates and Subcommittee Chairmen for review and comment on August 27, 1974. Additional copies may be obtained from the Z39 office. The review period will end October 29, 1974.


During the July-September quarter, SC/35 met at the ALA Conference in New York and acted on the numerous comments which had been received on the draft of the standard for advertising micropublications, distributed earlier. Since most of the comments were based on paragraph 2 of the draft, the persons primarily responsible for that paragraph were assigned the task of applying the changes to it. The Chairman of the subcommittee now has the new paragraph in hand and will soon provide a new draft of the total document to the Z39 office.

During the meeting of the subcommittee it was decided that the chairman and Mr. Stevens Rice would prepare a journal article explaining the philosophy of the standard to librarians and micropublishers.

The draft standard was published in two appropriate journals for the early information of interested parties.

SC/36 - Standard Order Form - Chairman, Mrs. Jennifer Magnus, Order Division, The Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540 (202 426-5361)

A fifth draft of the Standard Order Form was prepared for circulation at ALA and was presented to the Acquisitions Discussion Group of the Resources and Technical Services Division, on July 7. The general response was favorable, and copies will be sent to the members for written comments. It is believed that sufficient input from the booktrade has been received. The circulation of the draft to interested librarians may help to create a climate in which a standard format can be more easily accepted.


The following have agreed to serve as members of this recently organized subcommittee: Mr. James Adler, Congressional Information Service; Mr. Hubbard Ballou, Columbia University Library; Mr. Milton Mandel, Research Publications; Mr. Alan M. Meckler, Microform Review; Mr. Stevens Rice, University Microfilms; Dr.
MEMBERSHIP

The American Translators Association was recently admitted to membership on Z39. ATA is a professional society of translators and interpreters which promotes the recognition of translators as a profession and the improvement of standards and quality of translation.

Robert Oakley of the Cornell University Law Library was recently named as the American Association of Law Libraries Representative to Z39; he succeeds Hugh Y. Bernard.

Richard A. Farley, Director of the National Agricultural Library, was recently named as the NAL Representative to Z39, succeeding Joseph F. Caponio. Samuel T. Waters serves as the NAL Alternate.

ASIS BULLETIN

Jerrold Orne and Ben Weil, as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Z39, have agreed to serve as contributing editors for the Bulletin of the ASIS. They will alternately be writing a column on standards for the Bulletin. The first column will appear in the second issue of this new journal.

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