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Andrew Wells writes about the
cataloguing and bibliographic access review

How many cataloguing standards committees do you think Australian libraries need? Do you know how many committees there are and what they do?

The major national committees are the Australian Committee on Cataloguing (ACOC) and the ABN Standards Committee. ACOC has an international focus and represents Australia on AACR2 revision and Dewey. The ABN Standards Committee recommends on how these international standards are used in ABN. A recent newcomer to the library standards arena is Committee IT/19 of the Standards Association of Australia. This committee works on international standards in the information technology field and recommends the 'cloning' of these standards to become Australian standards. A recent example is the Z39.50 search and retrieve standard.
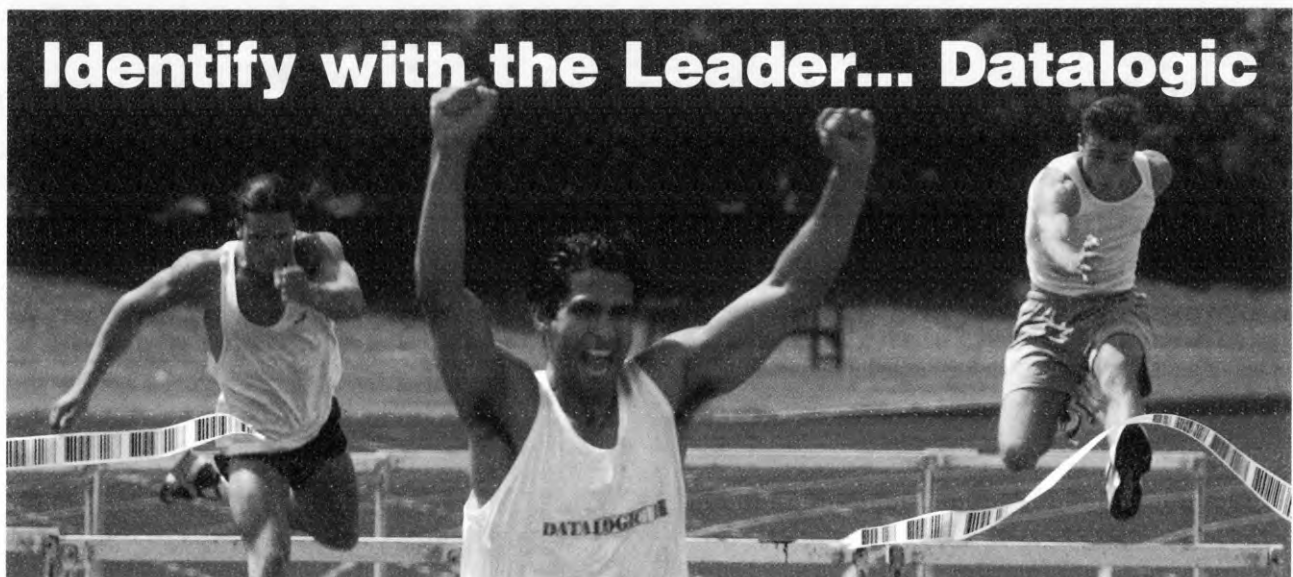
A committee has been established to review the development, monitoring and promotion of standards for cataloguing and bibliographic access. Submissions are invited and should be sent to Stan Bastow, convenor, State Library of Queensland, PO Box 3488, South Brisbane 4101. Stan can be contacted at (07) 3840 7862, fax (07) 3846 2421, e-mail stan.bastow@slq.qld.gov.au. Submissions close on 7 June 1996. ∎

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Terms of reference

1. To examine the existing range of bodies involved in developing, monitoring and promoting cataloguing and bibliographic access standards, used by or likely to be considered for use by Australian libraries. This will include, but not limited to, the Australian Committee on Cataloguing (ACOC), the ABN standards committee and Standards Australia Committee IT/19.

2. To determine the extent of overlap between these bodies.

3. To recommend the most effective mechanism(s) for monitoring and assessing overseas and Australian developments in library cataloguing and bibliographic access standards, including the structure, governance and funding for any recommended body.