

The preparation of the catalogue is to be in charge of an International Council, to be appointed, and the final editing and publication shall be conducted by a Central International Bureau, under the direction of the International Council. Any country that is willing to do so shall be entrusted with the task of collecting, provisionally classifying, and transmitting to the Central Bureau, in accordance with rules laid down by the International Council, all the entries belonging to the scientific literature of that country. "In indexing according to subject-matter regard shall be had, not only to the title (of a paper or book), but also to the nature of the contents."

The catalogue shall comprise all published original contributions—periodical articles, pamphlets, memoirs, etc.—to the mathematical, physical, or natural sciences, "such as, for example, mathematics, astronomy, physics, chemistry, mineralogy, geology, botany, mathematical and physical geography, zoology, anatomy, physiology, general and experimental pathology, experimental psychology and anthropology, to the exclusion of what are sometimes called the applied sciences—the limits of the several sciences to be determined hereafter."

The system of collecting and preparing material for the catalogue in each country shall be subject to the approval of the International Council.

"The Central Bureau shall issue the catalogue in the form of 'slips' or 'cards,' the details of the cards to be hereafter determined and the issue to take place as promptly as possible. Cards corresponding to any one or more branches of science, or to sections of such sciences, shall be supplied separately at the discretion and under the direction of the Central Bureau. The Central Bureau shall also issue the catalogue in book form from time to time, the entries being classified according to the rules to be hereafter determined. The issue in the book form shall be in parts corresponding to the several branches of science, the several parts being supplied separately, at the discretion and under the direction of the Central Bureau."

It was also decided that the Central Bureau shall be located in London, and that the Royal Society appoint a Committee to study all undecided questions relating to the catalogue and to report later. As it was thought that the necessary guarantee fund could be raised by private subscription, it was decided that no appeal to the Governments of the several countries represented was necessary.

At the adjourned meeting, which took place in October, 1898, the above was confirmed, with some slight alterations. The first of January, 1900, was fixed as the date for beginning the new catalogue, and the recommendation of the Royal Society was adopted, that "In 1905, in 1910, and every tenth year afterwards, an International Convention shall be held in London to reconsider, and, if necessary, revise the regulations for the carrying out of the work of the catalogue."