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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <a href="mailto:osiaref@si.edu">osiaref@si.edu</a>
<b>Title:</b>	Records
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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

In 1971, at the invitation of the Smithsonian Institution, systematists and administrators representing seven scientific institutions, including the Smithsonian, convened to discuss a national program for systematics collections and their management. The participants recommended that further studies be undertaken and a report be presented to a national conference. Six committees were established and their findings presented to the Conference of Directors of Systematics Collections meeting at Gainesville, Florida, in April 1972. The meeting revised the reports and they were again reviewed in July 1972, at the Systematic Biology Symposium sponsored by the Smithsonian, the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Science Foundation. The findings were then turned over to a committee of systematists and administrators, meeting at the Smithsonian's Belmont Conference Center, who were responsible for drafting a national plan for the coordination of national systematic resources. The Association of Systematics Collections, which replaced the Conference of Directors of Systematics Collections, received the draft and was charged with the responsibility to write, publish, and distribute the final report.

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## Descriptive Entry

These records consist of materials of the Systematic Biology Symposium and the Belmont Conference concerning their discussion of the work of the six committees. They include general correspondence and the correspondence of the six committees; financial records; travel vouchers; position papers of the six committees; drafts of a national plan for systematics resources; a pre-publication draft of *America's Systematic Collections: A National Plan*; transcripts and tapes of the Systematic Biology Symposium; and correspondence, constitution, and by-laws of the Association of Systematics Collections.

## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Biology -- Classification

Types of Materials:

Audiotapes

Names:

Association of Systematics Collections  
Belmont Conference Center (Elk Ridge, Md.)  
Conference of Directors of Systematics Collections  
National Academy of Sciences (U.S.)  
National Science Foundation (U.S.)  
Systematic Biology Resource Management Project  
Systematic Biology Symposium

## Container Listing

### Box 1

- Box 1 of 5                      Finances, 1971-May 1973
- Box 1 of 5                      *America's Systematics Collections: A National Plan*, prepublication draft of the report (August 1973)
- Box 1 of 5                      Drafts 3 and 4 of *America's Systematics Collections: A National Plan*
- Box 1 of 5                      Drafts 1 and 2 of *America's Systematics Collections: A National Plan*
- Box 1 of 5                      Post-Belmont Correspondence File, October 1972-November 1972
- Box 1 of 5                      Post-Belmont Correspondence File, November 1972-October 1973
- Box 1 of 5                      Minutes of the Belmont Writing Conference, September 29-October 1, 1972
- Box 1 of 5                      Original Drafts of Output, Belmont Writing Committee, September 29-October 1, 1972

### Box 2

- Box 2 of 5                      Belmont Participants Travel Vouchers
- Box 2 of 5                      Belmont Meeting - Participants Travel and Housing Forms
- Box 2 of 5                      Belmont Meeting - Arrangements
- Box 2 of 5                      Belmont Meeting - Richard Sumner Cowan's Papers (2 folders)
- Box 2 of 5                      Sally W. Yochelson's Notes, working papers, address lists, etc.
- Box 2 of 5                      Directive to Belmont Writing Committee

### Box 3

- Box 3 of 5                      Systematic Biology Symposium, National Academy of Sciences, Transcript (July 6-8, 1972)

- Box 3 of 5 Post-Systematic Biology Symposium Correspondence, July-September 1972. Contains correspondence, constitution, and by-laws pertaining to the Association of Systematics Collections. (2 folders)
- Box 3 of 5 Systematic Resources Symposium - Arrangements
- Box 4
- Box 4 of 5 Hotel Reservation Data for Symposium Participants
- Box 4 of 5 Position Papers of the Six Committees
- Box 4 of 5 Committee I. Relationships of Natural History Museums to Users. Howard S. Irwin, Chairman. (NOTE - Files for Committees contain correspondence and financial statements. Chairmen maintain their own detailed records of committee work.)
- Box 4 of 5 Committee II. National Resource Centers for Systematic Biology, George Edmund Lindsay, Chairman.
- Box 4 of 5 Committee III. Specimen Documentation, Data Recording, Retrieval and Exchange. Richard Sumner Cowan, Chairman. Expenditures.
- Box 4 of 5 Committee III. Specimen Documentation, Data Recording, Retrieval and Exchange. Richard Sumner Cowan, Chairman. New York Meeting.
- Box 4 of 5 Committee III. Specimen Documentation, Data Recording, Retrieval and Exchange. Richard Sumner Cowan, Chairman. General. Includes 2 tapes of the first meeting.
- Box 4 of 5 Committee IV. Management of Collections: Curatorial Practices, Operating Procedures, Equipment. Robert Inger, Chairman.
- Box 4 of 5 Committee V. Growth of Collections and Libraries. Reed C. Rollins, Chairman.
- Box 4 of 5 Committee VI. Present Trends and Future Prospects. Peter Hamilton Raven, Chairman.
- Box 4 of 5 Chronological Correspondence File, May-June 1972
- Box 4 of 5 Chronological Correspondence File, March-April 1972

Box 5

- Box 5 of 5                      Chronological Correspondence File, May 1971-February 1972
- Box 5 of 5                      Original Transcripts of the Systematic Biology Symposium (4 folders)
- Tapes
- Box 5 of 5                      Committee III. Specimen Documentation, Data Recording, Retrieval and Exchange. Tapes VI and VII. March 31, 1972 (2 magnetic tapes)
- Box 5 of 5                      Systematic Biology Symposium. Tape 1. July 6, 1972 (magnetic tape)
- Box 5 of 5                      Systematic Biology Symposium. Tape 5. July 8, 1972 (magnetic tape)