

DALNET Collection Access Committee

Recommendation:

The Committee on Collection Access recommends to the DALNET Board that Z39.50 access to all unrestricted DALNET databases, including online catalogs, be enabled and instructions for connecting be published.

Provisions:

- 1) It should be understood that technical support will be provided by the DALNET Systems Office only to DALNET members for creating and maintaining their Z39.50 links.
- 2) Further, while Z39.50 access for searching unrestricted DALNET databases is being made available, there will be no automatic extension of onsite borrowing and interlibrary loan privileges at DALNET institutions beyond current borrowing and lending agreements.
- 3) Finally, those libraries that connect to the unrestricted DALNET databases using Z39.50 connections will be expected to adhere to the guidelines in the instructions for how to configure their access in the most efficient way for DALNET's servers.
- 4) It should also be understood that DALNET Z39.50 access should not be made available as a service until a permanent DALNET Web-master is hired so that person can put up a web-page with all of the technical information for each database, (i.e. server name, database name, attributes, etc.). Questions from non-DALNET libraries can then be referred to the web-page.