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An institute on the national bibliographic network, sponsored by the Information Science and Automation Division (ISAD), will be held at the Chicago Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago, February 24 - 25, 1977. Program chairperson is S. Michael Malinconico, New York Public Library.

The institute will provide a forum for discussion of the major policy issues that need to be resolved before planning for a national bibliographic network is completed. It will also provide participants with information on the current status of establishment of such a network. Prominent members of the library profession, each representing a specific community within the profession, will express their views on the subject.

Among the issues to be discussed are:

- formulation of a national bibliographic policy.
- What is a national bibliographic network?
- centralization vs. decentralization.
- How should a national network be governed?
- What will be the network's physical structure?
- Who should be a part of such a network?
- What will be the impact on library service and librarianship?
- What will be the impact of such a network on various facets of information dissemination?
- What are the international implications?
- What will be the role of the National Commission, the Library of Congress, and professional associations?

In addition, the requirements for a national bibliographic network will be considered from the viewpoint of the public library, the research library, the academic library, the Library of Congress, and existing networks.

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Some of the speakers will include Alphonse Trezza, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; Robert Wedgeworth, American Library Association; Joseph Rosenthal, University of California (Berkeley); John G. Lorenz, Association of Research Libraries; Maurice Freedman, New York Public Library; Henrietta Avram, Library of Congress; Stephen M. Silberstein, University of California (Berkeley).

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