

BACKGROUND: *The free-floating subdivision –Congresses is used under subjects for collections of conference proceedings on those subjects as well as for works about congresses on those subjects. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for the use of –Congresses as both a form and topical subdivision. For classification of congresses, see F 240.*

- 1. –Congresses as a form subdivision.** Use **–Congresses** as a form subdivision under subjects of all types to represent either: (1) the collected papers delivered at, or published on the occasion of, one or several congresses, symposia, conferences, meetings, etc.; (2) condensations or abstracts of such papers; (3) reports of the proceedings or discussions, preprints, program statements, lists of delegates, etc., of such congresses; or (4) combinations of these types of materials.
- 2. Meetings of a society or institution.** For the proceedings of a meeting or meetings of a society or institution on a specific subject, use the subdivision **–Congresses** under the subject. For the annual meeting of a corporate body or other proceedings dealing with the internal affairs of a society or institution, use the subdivision **–Congresses** under the name of the corporate body, society, etc.
- 3. Lectures published separately.** Use **–Congresses** for collections of two or more lectures or papers, or of contributions, essays, etc., that are based on papers, originally presented at a conference or meeting and identified with that meeting. Omit the subdivision **–Congresses** when one or several lectures, originally delivered on the occasion of an individual meeting, are later published under separate cover, and no longer identified with the original meeting.
- 4. Legislative hearings.** Do not use the subdivision **–Congresses** for the hearings of legislative bodies.
- 5. Use of form subdivisions after –Congresses.** Further subdivide **–Congresses** by the form subdivisions **–Calendars**, **–Directories**, or **–Juvenile literature**, if appropriate. Do not use the form subdivisions **–Abstracts** or **–Periodicals** after the subdivision **–Congresses**.
- 6. –Congresses as a topical subdivision.** Use **–Congresses** as a topical subdivision under subjects for works about congresses, conferences, meetings, etc., on those subjects. *Example:*

Title: The guide to writers conferences.
650 #0 \$a Authorship \$x Congresses \$v Directories.

Title: ERIC calendar of education-related conferences.
650 #0 \$a Education \$x Congresses \$v Calendars.

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7. *The subdivision -Congresses-Attendance.* Use the free-floating topical subdivision **-Congresses-Attendance** under subjects for works on attendance at or participation in congresses on those subjects. *Example:*

Title: Conference attendance patterns among physicists.
650 #0 \$a Physics \$x Congresses \$x Attendance.
650 #0 \$a Physicists \$z Great Britain.