MEMORANDUM

General Procedure to be Followed in the Formation of
Taxonomic Subcommittees within the International
Committee on Bacteriological Nomenclature

During the VIII International Congress of Microbiology held in August 1962 in Montreal, the formation of several new taxonomic subcommittees was approved by the International Committee on Bacteriological Nomenclature. The list of names of members of the new taxonomic subcommittees and the revised lists of names of members of the already existing taxonomic subcommittees will be published in one of the forthcoming issues of the International Bulletin of Bacteriological Nomenclature and Taxonomy. As the increased interest in problems of taxonomy and nomenclature may lead to the formation of further taxonomic subcommittees in the interval between the VIII and IX International Congresses of Microbiology, the procedure for establishing new taxonomic subcommittees is outlined as follows:

Individuals or groups of individuals working in a special field who wish recognition should submit the names of representative workers specializing in this field to Dr. W. Clark, Joint Permanent Secretary for Nonmedical Bacteriology, 2112 M Street NW, Washington 7, D.C., USA, with a copy to Prof. Dr. H.P.R. Seeliger, Joint Permanent Secretary for Medical Bacteriology, Hygiene-Institut, Venusberg, 53 Bonn, Germany. According to the procedure laid down in the International Code of Nomenclature of Bacteria and Viruses, the Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee, with the two Joint Permanent Secretaries of that Committee, will select the membership of the new taxonomic subcommittee from these and other names. They will also appoint a temporary chairman and secretary to carry on the work with the members of the taxonomic subcommittee until such time as the subcommittee can meet, elect its chairman and secretary, and review and revise the membership. Such taxonomic subcommittees created in the interim between two International Congresses of Microbiology will be regarded as provisional until such time as their formation is approved by the International Committee on Bacteriological Nomenclature.

In accordance with the Code, the taxonomic subcommittees and the interim-subcommittees may organize one or more subgroups to consider special problems. The members of such subgroups need not necessarily be members of the taxonomic subcommittee with the exception of the chairman and the secretary of each subgroup.

The duties of taxonomic subcommittees are outlined in the Bacteriological Code (pages 128 and 129).

The membership and temporary organization of interim-taxonomic subcommittees will be published in the International Bulletin of Bacteriological Nomenclature and Taxonomy.

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