RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
SYMPOSIUM ON LEPTOSPIRA AND LEPTOSPIROSES
IN MAN AND ANIMAL, LUBLIN, DECEMBER, 1962

To the Editor of the International Bulletin:

As Chairman of the International Symposium on "Leptospira and Leptospiroses in man and animals" held in Lublin (Poland) on the 6th-8th December 1962, I have the pleasure of sending the resolution attached hereto, which has been signed by the following persons at the Meeting: B. Babudieri, Italy, J. Parnas, Poland, J. Czekalowski, United Kingdom, A.A. Warfolomiejewa, USSR, W.W. Ananin, USSR, E. Kmety, Czechoslovakia, and approved by all participants.

I would be very happy if this could be published in the Bulletin.

With my best regards, sincerely yours,

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RESOLUTION

All participants of the "International Symposium on Leptospira and Leptospiroses in man and animal" held in Lublin on the 6th, 7th, and 8th December 1962, recognise the great achievements attained in various laboratories in recent years and agree that for the purpose of speeding up further progress in this field still more intensive cooperation is desirable.

The most important tasks for the future are the following:

1. The same terminology should be used by all scientific workers concerned in the problem;
2. Standardised methods should be applied in Leptospiral research in order that the results obtained by various authors may be comparable;

3. All participants agree that the rules and recommendations contained in the "International Code of Nomenclature of Bacteria and Viruses" should be observed and that in the field of nomenclature the authority of the "Taxonomic Subcommittee on Leptospira of the International Committee on Bacteriological Nomenclature" should be recognised and the list of serotypes and subserotypes of Leptospirae prepared at their meeting held in Montreal August 1962 to be used as a starting point for Taxonomy of Leptospirae;
4. It is suggested that:
 - a. New serotypes should be described only after careful and complete comparisons with all known related serotypes;
 - b. For the inclusion of a new serotype into the list of recognized serotypes the rules of the "Taxonomic Subcommittee on Leptospira of the International Committee on Bacteriological Nomenclature" must be followed and observed.
5. It is a general strong feeling that new WHO-FAO Reference Laboratories for Leptospirae and Leptospiroses should be created in Eastern Europe.
6. Referring to good results achieved thus far by standardised procedures introduced into certain serological investigations it is considered now equally important to extend the standardization to all other serological methods.
7. Information and scientific material should be exchanged.