REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE
TAXONOMY OF HAEMOPHILUS
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1 vacancy, for a member from an East European or Asian
country.

Appointment of Secretary

No secretary has been appointed so far.

Summary of work of the Subcommittee

1. Review of definition of the genus Haemophilus. There was general agreement that species without X and/or V requirements or without otherwise definable coenzyme-like substances should not be included in the genus.
2. With the acceptance of this definition, H. puteriorum and H. citreus should not be included until their accessory requirements have been defined.

Items still under consideration

1. The position of species with X and/or V requirements on primary isolation only.
2. The taxonomic significance of CO₂ requirement on primary isolation and/or first few subcultures.
3. The inclusion of H. parasuis in the genus.
4. The position of H. pleuropneumoniae, and a review of haemophili isolated from swine.
5. Re-definition of the species H. gallinarum.
6. The position of H. vaginalis.

7. The relationship to the genus Haemophilus of a group of small, Gram-negative bacilli isolated from pathogenic sources.
8. Designation of type or neotype strains for each species of the genus.
9. Encouragement of investigations by post-graduate students on characterization of Haemophilus species.

It is felt that items 1 to 9 require a meeting of the members of the Subcommittee for discussion. There is a lack of funds for travelling for such purposes. The International Committee on Nomenclature of Bacteria is asked to search earnestly for ways and means of financing meetings at times other than during attendance at International Microbiological Congresses.

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