International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of the Spirochaetales

Minutes of the Meeting, 3 and 4 September 1973
Binyanei Ha'ooma (Convention Center), Jerusalem, Israel

1. *Call to order.* The closed session of the meeting was called to order by the Secretary, L. H. Turner, at 9:15 AM on 3 September 1973.

2. *Record of attendance.* Members present were S. Faine, (Australia), R. C. Johnson (U.S.A.), D. A. Kuhn (U.S.A.), and L. H. Turner (England). The Secretary for Subcommittees, H. P. R. Seeliger, attended the latter part of the closed meeting.

3. *Acting chairman.* The members passed the motion made by L. H. Turner, and seconded by S. Faine, that R. C. Johnson chair the meeting.

4. *Resignation.* The Subcommittee accepted the resignation of J. H. Bekker, Utrecht, the Netherlands, on his retirement.

5. *Obituary.* The Subcommittee deeply regrets the death of two members, B. Babudieri, Rome, Italy, and M. Baltazard, Paris, France.

6. *Current membership.* The following were unanimously elected to membership and offices on the Subcommittee: R. M. Smibert (Chairman), Blacksburg, Va., U.S.A.; D. A. Kuhn (Secretary), Northridge, Calif., U.S.A.; E. Canale-Parola, Amherst, Mass., U.S.A.; S. Faine, Prahran, Victoria, Australia; O. Felsenfeld, Covington, La., U.S.A.; K. H. Hougen, Copenhagen, Denmark; R. C. Johnson, Minneapolis, Minn., U.S.A.; and L. H. Turner, London, England.

7. *Cooptation of scientists.* The Subcommittee agreed that scientists active in research on spirochetes could be coopted to participate in its activities without becoming elected mem-

bers.

8. *Next meeting.* The members made the recommendation to organize a meeting on the biology of spirochetes, dealing with all genera of spirochetes, some time between the Congress in Jerusalem, Israel, and the next International Congress for Bacteriology.

9. *Open session of meeting.* An open session was held on 4 September 1973 from 9:10 AM to 11:10 AM.

Present were members R. C. Johnson, D. A. Kuhn, and L. H. Turner, and the following guests: A. D. Alexander, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.; C. Borg-Peterson, Copenhagen, Denmark; R. Ghinsburg, Jerusalem, Israel; M. Mailloux, Paris, France; and R. G. E. Murray, London, Ontario, Canada.

Secretary D. A. Kuhn read the minutes of the closed session of the meeting on 3 September 1973.

K. H. Hougen presented her research on the comparative ultrastructure of *Treponema*, *Borrelia*, and *Leptospira*.

R. C. Johnson discussed his work on the chemical differences of spirochetes.

The Subcommittee and its guests discussed a possible "Uniform Terminology" applicable to spirochetes.

10. *Adjournment.* The closed session of the meeting was adjourned on 3 September 1973 at 11:30 AM.

Daisy A. Kuhn, Secretary

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Spirochaeta: Dr. Ercole Canale-Parola, Department of Microbiology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass. 01002, U.S.A.

Treponema: Dr. Robert M. Smibert, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Anaerobe Laboratory, P.O. Box 49, Blacksburg, Va. 24060, U.S.A.

Borrelia: Dr. Oscar Felsenfeld, Delta Re-

gional Primate Research Center, Tulane University, Covington, La. 70433, U.S.A.

Cristispira: Dr. Daisy A. Kuhn, Department of Biology, California State University at Northridge, Northridge, Calif. 91324, U.S.A.

Leptospira: Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of *Leptospira*.