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11. The open meeting took place on the morning of 4 September when a general discussion was held on the current situation on the taxonomy of *Brucella*. Later a round table discussion on brucellosis was held and the following papers were presented.

1. Brief note for recent bovine brucellosis in Japan by R. Azuma, Y. Isayama, and T. Tanaka (National Institute of Animal Health)
2. Report on canine brucellosis in a beagle breeding colony by A. Gohda and S. Suzuki (Kitasato Institute)
3. Detection of *Brucella canis* infection in dogs in the Tokyo area by K. Udeda, J. Saegusa, and K. Fujiwara (Institute of Medical Science, Tokyo University)
4. On pathogenicity and antigenicity of *B. canis* QE13 for experimental animals by Y. Isayama (National Institute of Animal Health)
5. Standardization of the tube test antigens of the brucellae: Determination of the 50% agglutinability with a spectrophotometer by S. Tanaka and T. Suto (National Institute of Animal Health)
6. The growth behaviour of *B. abortus* in bovine serum by M. Nakamura (Tohoku University)

There was a lively discussion on all these papers, and during the course of the discussion the need for reference sera preparations for standardizing *B. canis* antigens was stressed.

W. Wundt, Chairman

W. J. Brinley Morgan, Secretary

International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology

Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of Staphylococci and Micrococci

Minutes of the Meeting, 24 September 1974

Hotel International, Brno, Czechoslovakia

The Fifth Meeting of the Subcommittee, held on 24 September 1974, at the Hotel International, Brno, Czechoslovakia, was called to order at 2000 h. Members present were: L. R. Hill (Secretary), M. Kocur (Acting Chairman), P. Oeding, and K. H. Schleifer. Apologies for absence were received from A. C. Baird-Parker (Chairman), J. B. Evans, L. Grun, and W. E. Kloos.

1. The Subcommittee recorded with deepest regret the death of Dr. T. Gibson, who had been a member from the inception of the Subcommittee in 1963 until 1971.

2. The Chairman's Report (A. C. Baird-Parker) was read: Scripts for the *Micrococcaceae* chapters in *Bergey's Manual* (8th ed.) had been finalized (authors: A. C. Baird-Parker for *Staphylococcus* and *Micrococcus*, M. Kocur for *Planococcus*) to include recent findings by Subcommittee members and others, and thanks were extended to Subcommittee members for their help. Numerous new species have been described recently, some arising from collaborative work between some of our members. There is a lack of a specific and simple test to separate staphylococci and micrococci (in discussion, mention was

made of the paper by J. B. Evans and W. E. Kloos [Appl. Microbiol. 23:326-331, 1972]), and the relationships of species such as *M. freudenreichii*, *M. mucilaginosus*, *M. cryophilus*, *M. radiodurans*, and *M. radiophilus* have not been established.

3. Minutes of the Fourth Meeting (London, 1971) have not been published. It was agreed that salient points of the Fourth Meeting would be included in a Report (1970-1974) to ICSB, appended to these present Minutes.

4. **List of approved names; list of minimal standards.** Earlier in 1974, L. R. Hill had prepared two draft documents, submitted to the Chairman and Secretary. It was agreed that the Secretary would distribute these to all members for comments. The need to press forward this activity of the Subcommittee was emphasized.

5. The Subcommittee may need to reconsider infrasubspecific designations (e.g., in *Staphylococcus aureus*) previously rejected (Minutes of the Second Meeting, Int. J. Syst. Bacteriol. 17:381-382, 1967). Comments by members will be welcomed and should be sent to the Secretary.

6. **Joint meeting of the Subcommittees on Phage-Typing of Staphylococci and on Taxonomy of Staphylococci and Micrococci.** It had not been possible to hold a further joint meeting of the two Subcommittees since the first meeting (8 April 1971, London); however, a joint meeting will be held later in the week in Brno (vide infra).

7. **Future activities of the Subcommittee.** It was recommended that future meetings be held at 1- to 2-year intervals, mainly in Europe, to enable most of the membership to attend. In view of the cancellation of the originally intended Fifth Meeting at Jerusalem, it was decided to abandon the policy of holding Subcommittee meetings only during International Congresses, but rather to adopt a policy of meeting when and wherever possible. It was further recommended that the next meeting be held in Warsaw, September 1975, at the time of the 3rd International Symposium on Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Infections.

8. **Committee membership.** Dr. Baird-Parker indicated that he wished to resign from the Chair, but would like to remain a Subcommittee member. Dr. Baird-Parker's resignation was accepted and he was thanked for his services to the Subcommittee. L. R. Hill was nominated to the position of Chairman, the name to be submitted to postal ballot by the Secretary. Members would, at the same time, be asked to indicate their own ability or wish to remain on the Subcommittee. The current membership of the Subcommittee is, in addition to the three above-mentioned persons: J. B. Evans, L. Grun, D. A. A. Mossel, P. Oeding, A. Torres Pereira, W. E. Kloos, and K. H. Schleifer.

9. The Meeting closed at 2245 h.

M. Kocur, Secretary
L. R. Hill, Chairman

Joint Meeting of the Subcommittees on Phage-Typing of Staphylococci and on Taxonomy of Staphylococci and Micrococci

Minutes of the Meeting, 26 September 1974

Hotel International, Brno, Czechoslovakia

A joint meeting was held on 26 September 1974, at the Hotel International, Brno, Czechoslovakia. Those present from the Taxonomy Subcommittee were: L. R. Hill, M. Kocur, and P. Oeding. It was stated that cooperation between the two Subcommittees should improve and that the Phage-Typing Subcommittee would like more information on the Taxonomy Subcommittee's activities, especially in relation to stan-

dard methods. Also, the Phage-Typing Subcommittee would value provision of a list of well-defined strains of staphylococci (i.e., strains well documented for deoxyribonucleic acid base ratios, cell wall composition, etc.) for use in basic studies in phage typing. M. Kocur stated that the Taxonomy Subcommittee can supply such a list.

M. Kocur, Secretary
L. R. Hill, Chairman

International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of Mycoplasmatales

Minutes of Interim Meeting, 18 September 1974

Bordeaux, France

1. **Call to order.** The session of the meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, 18 September, by the Chairman, D. G. ff. Edward, at Labaz Co., La Grave d'Ambarès.

2. **Record of attendance.** Members present were: D. G. ff. Edward, Chairman; E. A. Freundt, Secretary; M. F. Barile; G. S. Cottew; Ruth Lemcke; S. Razin; D. Taylor-Robinson; J. G. Tully; and R. F.