International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology

Subcommittee on Mycobacteria

Minutes of the Meeting 22 June 1976

Cape Town, South Africa

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 17:00, Mt. Nelson Hotel, by Chairman, Dr. Ernest H. Runyon.

2. **Record of attendance.** H. H. Kleeberg (South Africa); M. Magnusson (Denmark); G. Meissner (Federal Republic of Germany); E. H. Runyon (U.S.A./South Africa); K. Takeya (Japan); L. G. Wayne (U.S.A.); G. P. Kubica (U.S.A.).

Three members sent their proxies (so indicated): A. Lind, Sweden (O. Ouchterlony); J. Stanford, Great Britain (M. Magnusson); L. Sula, Czechoslovakia (H. W. B. Engel).

Members not present and not sending proxies were Drs. Marks, Pattyn, Tacquet and Zykov.

Ex officio: H. P. R. Seeliger.

A quorum was present.

3. **Noncommunicating members.** Chairman Runyon discussed the problem of "non-communicating" members of our 14-person Subcommittee. After some discussion, it was suggested that each such member be asked if he wished to continue on the Subcommittee or to have his name dropped from membership. In anticipation of the need for some replacements, several persons were suggested for future consideration.

4. **New chairman.** Dr. Runyon next announced his retirement as chairman of the committee, effective at the end of this Cape Town meeting. The resignation was accepted with regret, and the committee expressed sincere thanks to Dr. Runyon for his leadership over the years. Because the membership had been apprised of the resignation by mail, and because a quorum was present, the floor entertained nominations for a new chairman. By proxy Dr. Stanford proposed the name of Dr. Pattyn (seconded by Dr. Magnusson) while the proxy for Dr. Lind was directed to propose Dr. Wayne (seconded by Dr. Kleeberg). Dr. L. G. Wayne was elected by majority vote as the new chairman of the Subcommittee on Mycobacteria and assumed office at the close of the

Cape Town meeting. Dr. Kubica will continue as Secretary until the 1978 meeting of IAMS.

5. **ICNB amendment.** Discussion next centered around a proposed amendment to the 1976 International Code of Nomenclature of Bacteria (ICNB) involving the reuse of old taxon names not conserved on the "1980 list" of approved genera and species. The Subcommittee felt there were some names which should not be available for reuse because prior usage was of such nature and extent that reapplication to new taxa would create an intolerable confusion. A draft of an amendment, expressing this committee's feelings, will be prepared and sent to Professor Sneath for comments prior to final submission.

6. **Agenda of next meeting.** The agenda for our next meeting was discussed and it was agreed that we specifically include the following for consideration: (i) the 1980 approved list of species of mycobacteria; (ii) a list of recommended methods for taxonomic characterization within the genus *Mycobacterium*; and (iii) a discussion of any newly reported species.

7. **Site of next meeting.** Time and place of the next meeting were discussed and a number of proposals were made in the interest of attracting the majority of our membership. Proposals included (i) Prague, 1977, in association with the next meeting of the International Working Group on Mycobacterial Taxonomy; (ii) Brussels, 1978, in conjunction with the biennial meeting of the International Union Against Tuberculosis; or (iii) Munich, 1978, at the time of the next IAMS meeting. The membership will be polled for their choice of meeting place, and final decision on place and date will be communicated by Chairman Wayne.

8. The Subcommittee membership and officers remain as recorded in items 2 and 4 above.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 18:20.

George P. Kubica, Secretary