ered by the Subcommittee on Lactobacilli and Closely Related Organisms.

Minute 6. Cooperation with other subcommittees. At the suggestion of Schleifer, an informal meeting was held on 6 September with members of the Subcommittee on *Nocardia* and Related Organisms and the Subcommittee on the *Actinomycetales*. Much useful discussion ensued, and areas of overlap between the subcommittees were considered.

Minute 7. Current membership. The current membership of the Subcommittee is as follows: L. Barksdale (Chairman), New York, N.Y., U.S.A.; R. M. Keddie (Secretary), Reading, U.K.; B. L. Beaman,

Davis, Calif., U.S.A.; H. G. Davis, Herston, Australia; K. Komagata, Tokyo, Japan; R. A. Lelliott, Harpenden, U.K.; E. Patocka, Prague, Czechoslovakia; V. Bica Popii, Bucharest, Romania; A. Saragea, Bucharest, Romania; K. H. Schleifer, Munich, F.R.G.; G. W. Skyring, Canberra, Australia; R. Yanagawa, Sapporo, Japan.

Minute 8. Adjournment. The meetings were adjourned at 1245 on 3 September and 1500 on 4 September.

R. M. KEDDIE, *Secretary*

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Minutes of the Meeting, 7 September 1978

Munich, F.R.G.

Minute 1. Call to order. The Chairman, S. M. Finegold, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. on 7 September 1978.

Minute 2. Record of attendance. The following members were present: S. M. Finegold (Chairman), Ella M. Barnes (Secretary), H. Beerens, M. P. Bryant, H. S. Goldberg, T. Hofstad, W. J. Loesche, T. Mitsuoka, W. E. C. Moore, A. C. Sonnenwirth, K. Ueno (for S. Suzuki), and H. Werner. In addition to the above, the following visitors were present: Y. deGraaff, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; T. Y. Mu-Skeenberger, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; N. J. Legakis, Athens, Greece; A. Sedallian, Annecy, France; R. Hammann, Bonn, F.R.G.; and C. Romon, Lille, France.

Minute 3. Lists of Approved Bacterial Names. The Subcommittee discussed the latest list of species names from the Judicial Commission and particularly any queries relating to the existence of reference and neotype strains. In the absence of any reference strain which can be cited as a neotype, a species name will be deleted. The list is being completed by E. M. Barnes, and members are asked to reply to her letters seeking further information as quickly as possible.

Minute 4. *Bacteroides melaninogenicus*, *B. oralis*, *B. ruminicola*, and *B. bivius*. The Subcommittee discussed the results of the joint exercise, and it was agreed from the base ratios and other properties that a number of different species were probably represented. From the information received, they were quite unable to reach any decision concerning the possible identity of *B. oralis*. It was agreed that further tests would be required, particularly enzyme patterns, serology, and homologies. The Subcommittee was grate-

ful to all those who had supplied data and strains to them, particularly J. G. Collee and J. Hardie from Great Britain. No further joint study was arranged, but it was hoped that individuals would go ahead with their own research on these organisms and publish their findings. When the Subcommittee meets in 2 years' time (1980), they will study the published data and any "in press" data which are made available to them in order to decide whether a strain can be designated *B. oralis*.

Minute 5. Expression of appreciation. The Subcommittee expressed their thanks to the retiring Chairman, S. M. Finegold, and Secretary, Ella M. Barnes, for their work during the past 6 years.

Minute 6. Current membership. The current membership of the Subcommittee is as follows: H. Werner (Chairman), Bonn, F.R.G.; H. S. Goldberg (Secretary), Columbia, Mo., U.S.A.; H. Beerens, Lille, France; E. M. Barnes, Norwich, England; J. Bittner, Bucharest, Romania; M. P. Bryant, Urbana, Ill., U.S.A.; S. M. Finegold, Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.; T. Hofstad, Bergen, Norway; W. J. Loesche, Ann Arbor, Mich., U.S.A.; T. Mitsuoka, Wako, Saitama, Japan; W. E. C. Moore, Blacksburg, Va., U.S.A.; A. C. Sonnenwirth, Saint Louis, Mo., U.S.A.; K. Ueno, Gifu-Ken, Japan.

Minute 7. Next meeting. The next meeting of the Subcommittee will be during the spring or fall of 1980, the exact date to be determined. The meeting will be held in Japan.

Minute 8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m. on 7 September 1978.

HERBERT S. GOLDBERG, *Secretary*