International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of *Listeria* and Related Bacteria

Minutes of the Meeting, 11 August 1982, Boston, Massachusetts

Minute 1. Call to order. The Chairman, H. J. Welshimer, called the meeting to order at 13:00.

Minute 2. Record of attendance. Those present were F. Baquero, A. L. Courtieu, D. Jones, B. S. Ralovich, H. P. R. Seeliger, H. J. Welshimer, and M. Woodbine. A. Audurier, J. Rocourt, and A. G. Taylor were also present as observers.

Minute 3. Apologies for absence. Apologies for absence were received from I. E. Bakulov, R. G. Dijkstra, I. Ivanov, G. Kucsera, and S. Ortel.

Minute 4. Election of officers. From the results of a postal ballot, H. P. R. Seeliger was elected Chairman and D. Jones was elected Secretary of the Subcommittee. H. J. Welshimer had previously indicated that he no longer wished to continue as Chairman. He was warmly thanked for his service during the past 10 years.

Minute 5. Election of members. The following individuals were elected to membership on the Subcommittee: A. Audurier, I. E. Bakulov, F. Baquero, A. L. Courtieu, R. G. Dijkstra, I. Ivanov, D. Jones, S. Ortel, B. S. Ralovich, J. Rocourt, H. P. R. Seeliger, A. G. Taylor, H. J. Welshimer, and M. Woodbine. G. Kucsera was selected to work on *Erysipelothrix*, and it was agreed that V. Nørrung and R. L. Wood should be invited to assist G. Kucsera in this area.

Minute 6. Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 1981. It was proposed by H. P. R. Seeliger and seconded by M. Woodbine that the minutes of the 22 September 1981 meeting be accepted as distributed.

Minute 7. Collation of epidemiological records. B. S. Ralovich produced an interesting and comprehensive report on the epidemiology of the listeriae.

Minute 8. Study on phage typing of *Listeria* cultures. A preliminary analysis of the first exercise dealing with phage typing of *Listeria* was presented by A. G. Taylor (Coordinator) on behalf of the working party, which included A.

Audurier (Tours, France), A. L. Courtieu (Nantes, France), J. Durst (Szolnok, Hungary), S. Ortel (Halle, German Democratic Republic), J. Rocourt (Paris, France), A. Schrettenbrüner (Würzburg, Federal Republic of Germany), and A. G. Taylor (Colindale, United Kingdom). A total of 200 cultures, including some duplicates and triplicates, were examined with three sets of phages. The preliminary results indicated good inter-laboratory reproducibility. It was agreed that the work should continue because of the very good indications that phage typing will prove to be very important in unravelling the problem of the epidemiology of the listeriae. The members of the working party were thanked for their splendid work.

Minute 9. Members dealing with *Erysipelothrix*. G. Kucsera was thanked for his efforts to establish a group of active investigators to draw up minimal standards for *Erysipelothrix*. G. Kucsera, V. Nørrung, and (probably) R. L. Wood will continue working on this task.

Minute 10. Minimal standards for describing listeriae. It was agreed that a preliminary draft of minimal standards for describing the listeriae should be drawn up by D. Jones and H. P. R. Seeliger on the basis of the cooperative, inter-laboratory study. Minimal standards for *Erysipelothrix* and *Brochothrix* are still under study.

Minute 11. Next meeting of the Subcommittee. The next meeting of the Subcommittee will take place during the IXth Symposium on the Problems of Listeriosis, which will be held in Nantes, France, in the summer of 1985.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:15 on 11 August. The outgoing Chairman expressed his thanks to all members of the Subcommittee and wished the new Chairman, H. P. R. Seeliger, a happy term of office.

D. JONES, *Secretary*
H. J. WELSHIMER, *Chairman*