International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology

***International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology* will become *International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology* from January 2000**

The *International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology* (IJSB) will broaden its scope to cover systematic and evolutionary issues of unicellular eukaryotic micro-organisms. From January 2000, beginning with volume 50, the title of the journal will be changed to *International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology* (IJSEM).

This change has been initiated by the International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology during the VIIIth IUMS Congress in Jerusalem, Israel, August 1996, and approved during the IXth IUMS Congress held in Sydney, Australia, August 1999. Approval for the name change has been agreed by the International Union of Microbiological Societies, during the transfer of publishing rights to the Society for

General Microbiology, Reading, UK, in late 1997. The IJSEM is the official journal of the ICSB and fulfills all functions laid down in the Principles and Rules of the International Code of Nomenclature of Bacteria [ICNB; Edited by S. P. Lapage, P. H. A. Sneath, E. F. Lessel, V. B. D. Skerman, H. P. R. Seeliger & W. A. Clark (1990). Washington, DC: American Society for Microbiology] (see General Consideration 6, paragraph 4, of ICNB). This change of name of the journal, which will be included in the next revision of the ICNB, does not affect the status of names of taxa previously published in the IJSB.

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