JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMITTEE ON THE NOMENCLATURE OF BACTERIA

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Academy of Medical Sciences

Ultiza Solyanka 14, Moscow, USSR

Minute 10. Call to order. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

Minute 11. Roll Call. Those present were R. E. Buchanan (Chairman), W. A. Clark (Secretary), T. Gibson, S. D. Henriksen, O. Kandler, H. Lautrop, L. LeMinor, E. F. Lessel, H.P.R. Seeliger (Secretary), V.B.D. Skerman, P.H.A. Sneath, P. Thibault, and V. M. Zhdanov.

Minute 12. Do abstracts or published proceedings of meetings or unpublished dissertations constitute effective publication of a new bacterial name? Among the points brought out in this connection were the following: 1) names mentioned in published abstracts often do not ever appear again in publication, 2) abstracts of certain meetings are regularly published in accepted scientific journals. An example is the abstracts of meetings of the Society for General Microbiology published in the Journal of General Microbiology, 3) abstracts have been cited in the Index Bergeyana as effective publication of new names, 4) if rule 11 were interpreted to mean that publication of a new bacterial name in abstracts or proceedings of meetings is ineffective, then many names now considered to be effectively published would have to be rejected.

The Commission asked the secretaries to draft a statement putting forth the pros and cons of this question to be published in the International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology, and after appropriate time has elapsed for consideration by interested scientists, to poll the Commission members by mail ballot for a vote.

Minute 13. Action taken to discourage use of different cases of the same word for genus and species names. The Commission voted to add the following note to Rule 25c of the Code: In the name of a species the use of different cases of the same word in the genus name and the specific epithet should be avoided (i.e. Arizona arizonae).

Minute 14. Procedure for requesting an opinion. The Commission instructed the secretaries to publish a statement instructing bacteriologists on the procedure for requesting opinions. It is the responsibility of individuals

requesting opinions to have them in proper form for publication at the time of submission. Requests must be submitted to the Chairman or one of the permanent secretaries who in turn will publish them in the Journal of Systematic Bacteriology.

Minute 15. Editor of the revised Code named. The Commission designated Dr. Buchanan as Editor of the International Code of Nomenclature of Bacteria for the new revision.

Minute 16. Publication of the International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology. The Chairman and Secretaries of the Commission, in consultation with Dr. Buchanan, will look into the problems of publication, i.e. future location, financing, editor, etc.

Minute 17. Contents of the Journal of Systematic Bacteriology. In addition to the customary papers dealing with nomenclature and taxonomy, publication of new names, reports of the activities of the Nomenclature Committee and its Judicial Commission, requests for opinions and designation of type and neotype cultures, members of the Commission suggested news items, letters to the Editor and technical papers on methods for characterizing bacteria. The secretaries called attention to their letter dated 3 September 1965, in which they suggested the Journal might consist of Reviews of papers and titles of papers published elsewhere and covering problems of bacteriological nomenclature and taxonomy and a Cumulative Index. It was also considered appropriate to list life members of the ICNB at the end of the Code. It was felt that in this way individuals who have given distinguished service in nomenclature can be given honor by those who succeed them.

It was agreed that for descriptions of bacteria photographs depicting cell morphology and flagellation, while desirable, were not essential, and that only a statement of the description was required.

Minute 18. Date of Publication of a new name. It was pointed out that the date of publication of a new name is that in which the article appeared, and that it is the date when the issue in question of that journal was posted. The Commission urged that priority of publication be given those papers submitted to the Journal of Systematic Bacteriology in which new species are named and consequently where priority is of great importance.

The Commission agreed to request (through one of the permanent secretaries (Dr. Seeliger) that the ICNB ask

the IAMS to look up the matter of date of distribution of publications with regard to establishing priorities. It was the hope of the Commission that in this way editors of Journals could be persuaded to state clearly the date of publication of each issue.

Minute 19. Recommendation of Dr. Cowan as a Life Member of the ICNB. The Commission agreed to recommend to the ICNB that Dr. S.T.Cowan be designated a life member of the Committee in view of his long service to nomenclature first as a permanent secretary and later as Chairman of the ICNB and vice-chairman of the Judicial Commission. The Committee will be asked to vote by mail concerning this matter.

Minute 20. Translation of the revised Code into different languages; place of annotations in the revised Code. The Commission authorized publication of the revised Code, without annotations in the October issue of the Journal of Systematic Bacteriology. Also, a new edition of the revised Code with annotations, opinions to date, and lists of nomina Conservanda and Nomina rejicienda will be translated into German, French, Russian, Japanese and Spanish with annotations and published. Annotations may be placed at the end of the Code if suitable cross references are provided. (Annotations are comments clarifying or interpreting the Code; they are not official statements of the ICNB or its Judicial Commission).

The Commission recommended the ICNB inform the IAMS of these plans for translation, and that those who wish to translate the annotations of the revised Code from the basic English document into a language other than those listed above may do so in their national societies in consultation with the Judicial Commission. This does not constitute permission to publish unauthorized translations of the General Considerations, the Principles, the Rules, the Recommendations or the Provisions of the Code.

Minute 21. Copyright for the International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology. A Commission instructed the Editor to copyright the International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology immediately.

Minute 22. Election of Officers. Dr. P.H.A. Sneath was elected Chairman of the Judicial Commission; Dr. H. Lautrop was elected Vice-chairman.

Minute 23. Expression of Appreciation for Dr. R. E. Buchanan. The Commission paid a tribute to R.E. Buchanan express-

ing its appreciation for his great contribution to bacterial nomenclature and to the science of bacteriology.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

W.A. Clark

H.P.R. Seeliger

Joint Permanent Secretaries