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Minute 1. Call to order. The Chairman called the meeting
to order at 10:30 A.M.

Minute 2. Roll Call. Those present were I.S.Soriano
(Argentina), J.M.Vincent (Australia), V.B.D.Skerman
(Australia), R. Brunner (alternate for A. Janke,
(Australia), I. Emanuiloff (Bulgaria), R.G.E.Murray
(Canada), O. Lysenko (Czechoslovakia), T. Martinec
(Czechoslovakia), J. Malek (Czechoslovakia), H. Lautrop
(Denmark), S. Hoffman (alternate for F. Kauffmann,
Denmark), P. Toivanen (alternate for E. Mustakallio,
(Finland), U. Vartiomaara (Finland), L. Le Minor (France),
J.C.Senez (France), P. Thibault (France), M. Veron
(France), J. Pochon (France), D.H.Habs (Germany), H.
Blobel (alternate for H. Haupt, Germany), W. Wundt
(Germany), O. Kandler (Germany), Eve Billing (Great
Britain), T. A. Gibson, Chairman (Great Britain), Joan
Taylor (alternate for S.P. Lapage, Great Britain), Mary
E. Sharpe (Great Britain), P.H.A. Sneath (Great Britain),
A.Arseni (Greece), P. Kontomichelou (alternate for J.
Papavassiliou, Greece), M. Roussou-Liveri (alternate for
O. Marsellou, Greece), Maria Pavlatou (Greece), P.
Vassiliades (Greece), K. Rauss (Hungary), J. Weissfeiler
(Hungary), E.Küster (Ireland), G. Penso (Italy), T.
Kitahara (alternate for Y. Ochi, Japan), T. Fujino
(alternate for Y. Takahashi, Japan), E. Mulder (alter-
nate for T. Wiken, Netherlands), S.D. Henriksen (Norway),
K. Lachowicz (Poland), N. Nestorescu (Rumania), F.Perez-
Gallardo (Spain), M. Moreno-Lopez (Spain), G. Lofstrom
(Sweden), L. Ettlinger (Switzerland), E. Wiesmann
(Switzerland), O.N. Allen,(U.S.A.), R. E. Buchanan
(U.S.A.), M.P. Starr (alternate for S.G. Bradley, U.S.A.),
A. T. Kravchenko (U.S.S.R.), S. Banic (Yugoslavia),
Z. Tesic (Yugoslavia), H.P.R. Seeliger, Permanent Secre-
tary, W. A. Clark, Permanent Secretary, and E.F. Lessel,
Editorial Secretary.

Minute 3, Resignations. Names were read of the members who
have resigned from the Committee. They are as follows:
M. Burnet (Australia), A.Bitancourt (Brazil), K. Raska
(Czechoslovakia), M. Seelemann (Germany), G. de Rossi
(Italy), A.D. Verlinde (Netherlands), A. Grumbach
(Switzerland), and S. T. Cowan (Great Britain).

Minute 4. Deceased members. The names of deceased members of the Committee were read as follows: T. Petroff (Bulgaria), W. Markoff (Bulgaria), H. Katznelson (Canada), E.G.D.Murray (Canada), R. Ciferri (Italy), C. Ionescu-Milhaiesi (Rumania), E. Hormaeche (Uruguay), and V.L. Troitski (U.S.S.R.). Members present observed a moment of silence in tribute.

Minute 5. Approval of Alternates. The names of alternates for regular members not present were submitted and approved.

Minute 6. Approval of new members of the Committee. A list of new members nominated by various national societies to fill vacancies was submitted and approved. New members are: T. Martinec (Czechoslovakia), J. Sedlak (Czechoslovakia), O. Lysenko (Czechoslovakia), E. Wiesmann (Switzerland), N. Nestorescu (Rumania), Mary E. Sharpe (Great Britain), Eve Billing (Great Britain), S.P. Lapage (Great Britain), J. H. Becking (The Netherlands), T.O. Wiken (The Netherlands), A.L.B. Rossi (Venezuela), L. Pollak (Venezuela), J. Papavassiliou (Greece), P. Vassiliades (Greece), Maria Pavlatou (Greece), A. Arseni (Greece), U. Marselou (Greece), W. G. Lane (Australia), L. Ettlinger (Switzerland), M. Pochon (France), M. Veron (France), E. Bjorkman (Sweden), N.Fries (Sweden), O. Ouchterlony (Sweden), A. Ari (Turkey), S. Payzin (Turkey), S. Gurtürk (Turkey), E. T. Cetin (Turkey), C. Czek (Turkey), M. Moreno-Lopez (Spain), J. Perez-Silva (Spain), E. Feducky (Spain), F. Perez-Gallardo (Spain), S. Hernandez (Spain), H. Habs (Germany), O. Kandler (Germany), W. Wundt (Germany), J. Weissfeiler (Hungary), K. Rauss (Hungary), Z. Afoldy (Hungary), G. Banhegyi (Hungary), J. Meszaros (Hungary), A. T. Kravchenko (U.S.S.R.), T. Gibson (Great Britain), J. de Repentigny (Canada), E. Emmanouiloff (Bulgaria), S. Bardarov (Bulgaria), S. Neytcheff (Bulgaria), W. Weselinoff (Bulgaria), I. Pasheff (Bulgaria), K. Eimhjellen (Norway), O. Sandvik (Norway), and E. Küster (Ireland).

Minute 7. Appointment of a nominating committee. The Chairman appointed S. D. Henriksen (Chairman), L. Le Minor, T. Martinec, O. N. Allen, J. M. Vincent, Eve Billing as a committee to nominate the chairman and vice chairman of the Nomenclature Committee and six new members for the Judicial Commission. They will report later in the meeting.

Minute 8. Minutes of the last meeting (Montreal, 1962). These had been published in the International Bulletin of Bacteriological Nomenclature and Taxonomy (now the

Journal of Systematic Bacteriology) after the last Congress. The Chairman asked for objections to the minutes. None were made, and the minutes were approved as published.

Minute 9. Approval of agenda and voting procedures. No additional items for the agenda were proposed by the members.

Voting by show of hands was approved as the accepted method for this meeting.

Minute 10. Consideration and disposal of proposals for emendation of the International Code of Nomenclature of Bacteria and Viruses. Seventy-three items of proposed emendations of the Code had been published in the Journal of Systematic Bacteriology 16(3): 341-369. These were considered and some were modified by the Judicial Commission at its meetings of July 21, as is shown in the minutes of the Judicial Commission's meetings. Dr. Buchanan, Chairman of the Judicial Commission reported any major changes from the published emendations. There were no objections or proposals of further modifications. The Nomenclature Committee approved the emendations to the Code recommended by the Judicial Commission.

Minute 11. Publication of the International Code of Nomenclature of Bacteria. The Committee approved publication of the emended Code in English as the basic language of this document, and in practicable translations into French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish. Translations by national societies of the English annotations were authorized but not translation of the Code itself.

Minute 12. Reports of the Taxonomic Subcommittees. The point was raised that these reports might be given early in the meeting for convenience of the subcommittee chairmen and secretaries.

Verbal reports were given by the Subcommittees on the Lactobacilli (P. A. Hansen), Actinomycetes (E. Kuster), Numerical Taxonomy (P.H.A. Sneath), Streptococcus and Pneumococcus (M. D. Moody), Enterobacteriaceae (Joan Taylor and Patricia Carpenter), Staphylococcus phage typing (R.E.O. Williams and M. T. Parker), Pseudomonas (J. Shewan and W. C. Haynes), Mycobacterium (H.P.R. Seeliger), Neisseria (M. Pelczar), Leptospira (L. H. Turner), Brucella (W. Wundt), Toxoplasma (J. C. Siim), and Sulfate-reducing Bacteria (J. Senez). These reports

were accepted and will be published in the Journal of Systematic Bacteriology for the record.

Minute 13. Report of the ad hoc subcommittee on Leptotrichia buccalis and Bacterionema matruchotii. This subcommittee was appointed with G. Frostell as chairman to consider the suitability of the neotype cultures proposed for this species. The strains studied were L. buccalis ATCC 14201 and B. matruchotii 14266. The subcommittee reported their acceptance of B. matruchotii 14266 as a neotype strain and their rejection of L. buccalis 14201 as a neotype strain.

The Nomenclature Committee requested that this subcommittee continue to search for a suitable neotype strain of L. buccalis.

Minute 14. Status of present subcommittees. The Subcommittee on Sulfate-reducing Bacteria recommended in its report that "because of recent rapid changes in the taxonomic position, there is a need for recently published work and proposals on nomenclature to be subject to the test of time, and therefore that the subcommittee be dissolved." The Nomenclature Committee accepted this recommendation and dissolved the subcommittee.

The Toxoplasma Subcommittee requested in its report that it be allowed to continue work under the aegis of the Bacteriological Nomenclature Committee, although the taxonomic status of these organisms is considered to be still in doubt. The Nomenclature Committee agreed to this request.

Minute 15. Formation of new taxonomic subcommittees. Petitions were presented for the formation of a Subcommittee on Mycoplasmas by D. G. ff Edward and E. A. Freundt, a Subcommittee on Gram-negative, Anaerobic Rods by H. Beerens and W. E. C. Moore, and a Subcommittee on Pasteurella by W. Knapp and H. H. Mollaret. These petitions were approved.

On the recommendation of the Judicial Commission, a Subcommittee on Moraxella and Allied Organisms was formed. (This Subcommittee will carry on the work begun by the Judicial Commission's former ad hoc subcommittee on Bacterium anitratum.) The Committee requested that all taxonomic subcommittees keep in mind the international nature of their work and that they choose members accordingly.

Minute 16. Opinion from the Judicial Commission. The Judicial Commission reported that it had considered

favorably a request by R. D. Shuman and Wellman (Jour. Syst. Bact. 16(2): 195-196) to conserve the name Erysipelotrix rhusiopathiae (Migula) Buchanan over the name E. insidiosa (Trivisan) Langford & Hansen. There were no objections from the Committee.

Minute 17. Report of the Editorial Board. Dr. Buchanan, Chairman of the Board, reported the change in name of the International Journal of Bacteriological Nomenclature and Taxonomy to the International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology; the change in the format of this journal and also the formation of a new Board of Editors, consisting of the Chairman of the Judicial Commission, who shall be Chairman of the Board, the editor or editors of publications authorized by the Judicial Commission, the Permanent Secretaries and the Editorial Secretary. The report was accepted.

Minute 18. Election of Judicial Commissioners. The resignations of F. Kauffman (Class X) and S. T. Cowan (Class XI) created two vacancies in addition to the four vacancies in Class XII. The nominating committee presented the following names for consideration by the Nomenclature Committee and election to the vacant posts of Judicial Commissioners: Class X, J. Sedlak; Class XI, R. G. E. Murray; Class XII, O. N. Allen, O. Kandler, L. Le Minor, and S. P. Lapage. Additional nominations from the floor were T. Martinec, W. Wundt, and E. Küster. Dr. Sedlak was elected to Class X, Dr. Murray to Class XI and Drs. Allen, Kandler, Le Minor, and Lapage to Class XII.

Minute 19. Election of Officers. The Committee elected V. B. D. Skerman as Chairman and S. D. Henriksen Vice-chairman.

Minute 20. Life Member. The Committee unanimously and with acclaim elected R. E. Buchanan a Life Member of the Committee in thanks for his efforts to develop and perfect the International Code of Nomenclature of Bacteria.

Minute 21. Life Member. The Committee instructed the Secretaries to express the gratitude of the Committee to Dr. S.T. Cowan for his many years of work as Permanent Secretary and later Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee and as Vice-Chairman of the Judicial Commission. By a mail ballot (see Minute 10 of the Judicial Commission) Dr. Cowan was elected to life membership in the ICNB.

Minute 22. Executive Committee for the International Committee on Nomenclature of Bacteria. In order to provide for the increasing administrative tasks of the Nomenclature Committee and for improved communication with the International Association of Microbiological Societies

(IAMS), it was agreed to establish an Executive Committee of the ICNB. This Executive Committee will consist of the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the ICNB, the two Permanent Secretaries, and the Chairman of the Judicial Commission (ex officio).

Minute 23. Chairman of ICNB ex officio a member of the Judicial Commission. The International Committee on Nomenclature of Bacteria decided that its Chairman should serve ex officio on the Judicial Commission to insure liaison between the Committee and the Commission.

Minute 24. Liaison with International Committee on Nomenclature of Viruses (ICNV). The Committee agreed to invite the ICNV to associate one of their members with the ICNB as an ex officio member, with the thought they may wish to reciprocate, in an arrangement which might avoid unnecessary confusion. The Chairman requested the Vice-chairman to establish contact with the newly formed ICNV and attempt to arrange for such liaison.

Minute 25. Publication of ICNB Executive Committee's Activities. The hope was expressed that Committee members would be kept informed of important decisions of their Executive Committee taken between International Congresses. The Permanent Secretaries were instructed to keep members informed, possibly in concert with the Publication Board.

Minute 26. Vote of Thanks. Dr. T. Gibson has served as Chairman pro tem of the ICNB since the retirement of Dr. Cowan. The Committee voiced its thanks for his effective efforts during this Congress.

Dr. Gibson expressed the thanks of the ICNB to the organizers of the Congress and their assistants. The meeting was then adjourned.

W. A. Clark
Permanent Secretary

H. P. R. Seeliger
Permanent Secretary