International Committee on Nomenclature of Bacteria Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of *Moraxella* and Allied Bacteria

Minutes of the Meeting, 11 August 1970

Room Constitution C, Maria-Isabel Hotel, Mexico City, Mexico

Minute 1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chairman, H. Lautrop.

Minute 2. Record of attendance. The members present were K. Patricia Carpenter, Sylvia G. Cary, A.-L. Courtieu, S. D. Henriksen, H. Lautrop, E. F. Lessel, R. G. E. Murray, M. Piéchaud, Alice Reyn, and J. M. Shewan. Guests present were F. Baquero and B. Wesley Catlin.

Minute 3. Open meeting. It was decided that instead of holding an open and a closed meeting as originally planned, the two would be combined into a single, open meeting.

Minute 4. Approval of list of agenda. The lists of agenda for the open and closed meetings were approved as distributed and were then combined into a single list.

Minute 5. Judicial Commission Opinions. Note was made of the Opinions issued by the Judicial Commission during the previous week which were of special interest to the Subcommittee.

Minute 6. Change in membership. Margaret J. Thornley and E. F. Lessel resigned as members of the Subcommittee. In a mail ballot, K. Bøvre was elected to membership.

Minute 7. Election of officers. H. Lautrop resigned as Chairman, and S. D. Henriksen and K. Bøvre were unanimously elected as Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Subcommittee.

Minute 8. Membership. The membership of the Subcommittee now is as follows: S. D. Henriksen (Chairman), Oslo, Norway; K. Bøvre (Secretary), Oslo, Norway; K. Patricia Carpenter, London, England; Sylvia G. Cary, Washington, D.C., USA; A.-L. Courtieu, Nantes, France; H. Lautrop, Copenhagen, Denmark; R. G. E. Murray, London, Ontario, Canada; E. J. Ordal, Seattle, Washington, USA; M. Piéchaud, Paris, France; Alice Reyn, Copenhagen, Denmark; J. M. Shewan, Aberdeen, Scotland; H. P. R. Seeliger (*ex officio*), Würzburg, Germany.

Minute 9. Report by Sylvia Cary. Miss Cary

presented a report on her serological studies of the Subcommittee's set of strains.

Minute 10. Report by Margaret Thornley. H. Lautrop presented Dr. Thornley's report on her strains of *Acinetobacter*.

Minute 11. Report by A.-L. Courtieu. Courtieu presented the results of his work on the antibiotic sensitivities of the strains in the study set.

Minute 12. Morphological and biochemical studies. The chairman reviewed the results of the study by various members of the Subcommittee on the morphological and biochemical characteristics of the strains in the study set.

Minute 13. Taxonomic considerations. Agreement was reached on a definition of the genus *Moraxella* and on its subdivision into five species: *M. lacunata*, *M. bovis*, *M. nonliquefaciens*, *M. phenylpyruvica*, and *M. osloensis*.

Agreement was also reached on the definition of the genus *Acinetobacter*, which contains a single species, *A. calcoaceticus*. This species includes the organisms previously referred to by names which contained the specific epithet "*anitratum*" or "*lwoffi*" (*sic*).

It was tentatively agreed that *Neisseria*, *Moraxella*, and *Branhamella* be united in the family *Neisseriaceae* and that the genus *Acinetobacter* be associated temporarily with this family for practical reasons.

Minute 14. Future activities of the Subcommittee. It was agreed that certain strains within the study set require additional attention and that certain other strains not included in the set should also be studied. Furthermore, most, if not all, of the strains in the study set should be examined with respect to cell wall composition, enzymatic regulation, hybridization, and production of isoenzymes.

Minute 15. Publication of results of joint study. It was agreed that the individuals who performed the work on the strains in the study set should publish the results of their work and make formal proposals in accord with the agreements reached by the Subcommittee.

Minute 16. *Bibliography.* It was agreed that the bibliography maintained by the Secretary should be kept up-to-date.

Minute 17. *Thanks to the Former Chairman and Secretary.* Henriksen, speaking not only for himself but also on behalf of the other members of the Subcommittee, thanked H.

Lautrop and E. F. Lessel for the service rendered to the Subcommittee as past Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

Minute 18. *Adjournment.* The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM.

E. F. Lessel, Secretary