International Committee on Nomenclature of Bacteria Subcommittee on the Genus *Toxoplasma*

Minutes of Meeting, 7 July 1969

Leningrad, USSR

Minute 1. *Call to order.* An informal meeting of the subcommittee was called to order by the chairman, J. Chr. Siim, on the evening of 7 July 1969.

Minute 2. *Record of attendance.* Members present were P. C. C. Garnham, J. Chr. Siim, and D. N. Zasukhin. In addition, nearly 30 members of the IIIrd International Congress for Protozoology also attended.

Minute 3. *Taxonomy.* The chairman stated that both he and Granham thought it premature to consider the taxonomy of the toxoplasmas before definite information with regard to the life cycle of the organism was obtained in the different laboratories now carrying out active research on this subject.

Minute 4. *Toxoplasmosis in pregnancy.* Zasukhin introduced the following Russian workers, who spoke on toxoplasmosis in pregnancy: Prof. I. I. Grischenko, Dr. Niconova, Dr. Sigiste, Dr. Mulatov, and Prof. Kazanzen.

From a WHO meeting of investigators on toxoplasmosis, held in Geneva in 1968, the report of which is being published shortly, Siim mentioned the following opinions of this group:

(i) Congenital toxoplasmosis is acquired by the fetus, when the mother has an asymptomatic or mild infection with parasitaemia; (ii) subsequent pregnancies, as a general rule, will not result in further congenital infections; (iii) any mother with antibodies at the time of conception will have no congenitally infected offspring.

With regard to abortion it was emphasized by the same WHO-group that: (i) abortion is a single event as a complication of a primary acute toxoplasma-infection; (ii) evidence that toxoplasmosis is a significant cause of spontaneous abortion is still open to question; (iii) studies be continued in a most precise manner, i.e., investigations should be carried out as double-blind trials (with proper positive as well as negative controls).

Finally, Dr. Remington spoke on immunity in experimental toxoplasmosis, both humoral and cellular.

Minute 5. *Adjournment.* The meeting was adjourned.

J. Chr. Siim, Chairman

International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology Subcommittee on the Genus *Toxoplasma*

Minutes of Meeting, 10 August 1970

Mexico City, Mexico

Minute 1. *Call to order.* The meeting was called to order by the chairman, J. Chr. Siim, on 10 August 1970.

Minute 2. *Record of attendance.* Members present were H. A. Feldman and J. Chr. Siim. Absent were C. Cole, P. C. C. Garnham, and D. N. Zasukhin.

Minute 3. *Approval of agenda.* The agenda had been forwarded on 18 June 1970 to each member of the subcommittee who had acknowledged its receipt and suggested no changes.

Minute 4. *Report of the Chairman.* Since the meeting in Moscow in 1966, an informal meeting was held in Leningrad in 1968.

A meeting of investigators on toxoplasma sponsored by WHO was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 25 to 29 November 1968. C. Cole, H. A. Feldman, P. C. C. Garnham, J. Chr. Siim, and D. N. Zasukhin were invited participants, and all but the last attended. The report of that meeting has been published as WHO Technical Report Series No. 431, 1969.

Minute 5. *Report of Subgroup on Tax-*