International Association of Microbiological Societies Section on Culture Collections Minutes of the Meeting

Friday, 7 August 1970

Hotel Maria Isabel, Mexico City, Mexico

Minute 1. Record of attendance. Those present were V. Skerman (President), H. Iizuka (Vice-President), S. Martin (Secretary-Treasurer), J. Burgers (UNESCO), D. Cetin (Turkey), E. George (UK), S. Hofmann (GFR), L. Henneberg (GFR), S. Lapage (UK), E. Lessel (USA), J. Papavassiliou (Greece), M. Piéchaud (France), H. Pohn (GFR), J. Shewan (UK), U. Taubeneck (GDR).

Minute 2. Welcome. Professor Skerman welcomed those present and indicated that the major point for discussion at this open meeting of the Section was the proposed World Federation for Culture Collections.

Minute 3. World Federation for Culture Collections. Professor Skerman noted that the 1968 Tokyo Conference had passed a resolution to the effect that a world federation for culture collections should be established and had appointed an ad hoc committee to consider means of implementing this resolution and to draft a set of statutes for the proposed organization. The ad hoc committee met in Tokyo in 1969 and drafted tentative statutes which could be circulated to culture collection workers for comment. A considerable exchange of ideas took place.

The meeting debated the pros and cons of a federation for culture collections. The following resolution (moved by Dr. Shewan, seconded by Mr. George) was proposed:

"This meeting resolves that the Section on Culture Collections be dissolved and that it be reconstituted as the World Federation for Culture Collections under the statutes of IAMS."

The resolution was passed.

The proposed statutes of the new organization were discussed at considerable length. Professor Skerman indicated that the Japanese Federation of Culture Collections had suggested that national federations become sustaining members of the World Federation. A list of comments on the draft statutes which had been received too late for consideration by the ad hoc committee was tabled for consideration of the meeting. After an article-by-article study of the draft, the Statutes of the World Federation

for Culture Collections (attached) were approved.

Minute 4. Election of officers. The Chairman pointed out that, having dissolved the Section on Culture Collections and created the World Federation, it remained to elect a temporary Executive Board to serve until the first meeting of the new organization (proposed for 1972). The following Executive Board was elected: S. Martin (Canada), President; H. Iizuka (Japan), Vice-President; S. Lapage (UK), Secretary; V. Skerman (Australia), Treasurer; S. Hofmann (GFR); E. Lessel (USA); J. Papavassiliou (Greece); M. Piéchaud (France).

Minute 5. Next Conference on Culture Collections. Dr. Martin presented a brief report on the results of the meeting of the ad hoc committee established to consider program material for the next Conference on Culture Collections. The proposals were accepted, and the meeting recommended that they be passed to Professor Martinec for his consideration.

Minute 6. Japanese Federation of Culture Collections. Professor Skerman outlined the great efforts which the JFCC has exerted on behalf of the culture collections of the world. Not only did it sponsor the 1968 Tokyo Conference and the 1969 meeting of the ad hoc committee on the WFCC statutes, but it also donated \$500 toward the costs incurred in preparing and mailing the WFCC questionnaires. The Section on Culture Collections has had the fullest support of the JFCC. The meeting was unanimous in its vote of thanks to the JFCC.

Minute 7. Proceedings of the 1968 Tokyo Conference. Professor Iizuka reported that the Proceedings of the First International Conference on Culture Collections was now published, and he placed a copy of the volume on display.

Minute 8. Vote of thanks to Professor Skerman. On behalf of all present, Dr. Martin tendered a hearty vote of thanks to Professor Skerman for the great effort which he has put forth as President of the Section on Culture Collections. His devotion to the cause of culture collections has been untiring.

S. M. Martin (Secretary)