International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of *Corynebacterium* and Coryneform Bacteria

Minutes of the Meeting, 8 August 1982, Boston, Massachusetts

Minute 1. Call to order. The open meeting was called to order by the Chairman, L. Barksdale, at 14:00 on 8 August.

Minute 2. Record of attendance. Members present were L. Barksdale (Chairman), R. M. Keddle (Secretary), K. Komagata, K. H. Schleifer, E. Stackebrandt, and R. Yanagawa. In addition, the following were present: D. Jones (Leicester), R. Hensel (Munich), R. Kroppenstedt (Darmstadt), and K. Suzuki (Tokyo).

Minute 3. Resignation of members. The Chairman reported that three members, G. H. G. Davis, R. A. Lelliott, and G. W. Skyring, have resigned from the Subcommittee.

Minute 4. New members. The Chairman reported that two new members, J. Prescott and E. Stackebrandt, had been elected to Subcommittee membership during the previous year.

Minute 5. Subcommittee activity. K. H. Schleifer and E. Stackebrandt suggested that *Micrococcus* and *Oerskovia*, respectively, be moved to the Subcommittee on *Corynebacterium* and Coryneform Bacteria. The other members present supported these suggestions. R. M. Keddle suggested that all organisms containing *meso*-diaminopimelic acid, arabinogalactan, and mycolic acid should be dealt with by the same Subcommittee. The central genera should be *Corynebacterium*, *Nocardia*, and *Mycobacterium*. This information will be communicated to the chairmen of the subcommittees on nocardioform organisms and actinomycetes. K. Komagata reminded the members that there had already been an informal meeting with the *Nocardia* Subcommittee.

The remaining genera with which the Subcommittee has

until now been concerned should be dealt with by the Subcommittee on *Corynebacterium* and Coryneform Bacteria.

After this part of the discussion was completed, K. H. Schleifer proposed E. Stackebrandt as Secretary; this proposal was seconded by R. Keddle and was agreed to by those present.

R. Keddle proposed that D. Collins (Reading, United Kingdom) be nominated as a new member of the Subcommittee. This motion was seconded by K. H. Schleifer. K. H. Schleifer proposed that D. Jones (Leicester, United Kingdom) be nominated as a new member of the Subcommittee; this motion was seconded by K. Komagata. K. Komagata mentioned the duplication of names on the Approved Lists of Bacterial Names and suggested that this matter should be discussed by the Subcommittee. K. H. Schleifer pointed out that this is a matter for individuals to straighten out by publications. K. H. Schleifer initiated a discussion on minimal standards for taxa.

Minute 6. Membership. The present membership of the subcommittee is as follows: L. Barksdale (Chairman), United States; E. Stackebrandt (Secretary), Federal Republic of Germany; B. L. Beaman, United States; R. M. Keddle, United Kingdom; K. Komagata, Japan; F. Patocka, Czechoslovakia; V. Bija Popii, Romania; J. Prescott, Canada; A. Saragea, Romania; K. H. Schleifer, Federal Republic of Germany; and R. Yanagawa, Japan.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:30 on 8 August.

E. STACKEBRANDT, *Secretary*