International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of the *Actinomycetales*

Minutes of the Meeting, 17 and 19 August 1982, Oaxtepec, Mexico

Session 1. Closed meeting

Minute 1. *Call to order.* The closed meeting was called to order at 17:45 on 17 August by the Acting Chairman, R. Locci.

Minute 2. *Record of attendance.* The members present were: S. G. Bradley, Richmond, Va.; G. Brownell, Augusta, Ga.; T. Cross (Acting Secretary), Bradford, United Kingdom; and K. P. Schaal, Cologne, Federal Republic of Germany.

Minute 3. *Apologies for absence.* Apologies for absence were received from E. Kuster, G. A. DeVries, and S. T. Williams.

Minute 4. *Minutes of the previous meeting.* The minutes of the meeting held in Cologne, Federal Republic of Germany, in September 1979 were approved as distributed.

Minute 5. *Election of new officers.* R. Locci was elected Chairman. The Secretary (S. T. Williams) agreed to serve a further term of office.

Minute 6. *Changes in membership.* The members learned with regret of the death of D. Gottlieb, a past Chairman of the Subcommittee and a very active worker in the field of actinomycete taxonomy. On behalf of the Subcommittee, due tribute was paid to him by S. G. Bradley. The resignations of some members were announced, and their contributions to the activities of the Subcommittee were sincerely acknowledged. In order to strengthen the Subcommittee by the introduction of new members engaged in actinomycete taxonomy, the following individuals were proposed for membership: R. M. Kroppenstedt (Secretary of the *Nocardia* Subcommittee), E. Stackebrandt (Secretary of the *Corynebacterium* Subcommittee), G. Alderson (Secretary of the European Actinomycete Group), M. Mordarski, J.-S. Ruan, and J. Hunter.

Minute 7. *Current membership.* The current members of the Subcommittee are: R. Locci (Chairman), Milan, Italy; S. T. Williams (Secretary), Liverpool, United Kingdom; G. Alderson, Bradford, United Kingdom; S. G. Bradley, Richmond, Va.; T. Cross, Bradford, United Kingdom; J. Hunter, Berkeley, Calif.; L. V. Kalakoutskii, Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; R. M. Kroppenstedt, Darmstadt, Federal Republic of Germany; H. J. Kutzner, Darmstadt, Federal Republic of Germany; M. Mordarski, Wroclaw, Poland; T. Okami, Tokyo, Japan; H. Prauser, Jena, German Democratic Republic; T. P. Preobrazhenskaja, Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; J.-S. Ruan, Beijing,

China; K. P. Schaal, Cologne, Federal Republic of Germany; E. Stackebrandt, Munich, Federal Republic of Germany; and I. M. Szabo, Budapest, Hungary.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:00 on 17 August.

Session 2. Open meeting

Minute 8. *Call to order.* The open meeting was called to order at 17:15 on 19 August by the Chairman, R. Locci.

Minute 9. *Record of attendance.* The visitors present were: S. Brown-Skrobot, United States; M. Floru, United States; R. C. Yao, United States; M. Dreyfuss, Switzerland; B. C. Mullen, United States; N. Agre, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; A. M. Buchanan, United States; H. Sandoval, Mexico; J. A. L. Sabido, Mexico; R. del Muro, Mexico; A. Henssen, Federal Republic of Germany; G. Pulverer, Federal Republic of Germany; A. O'Donnell, United Kingdom; D. Minnikin, United Kingdom; J. A. Bush, United States; M. Athalye, United Kingdom; D. P. Labeda, United States; M. Jackson, United States; A. Dietz, United States; E. F. Pagan, Puerto Rico; B. L. Beaman, United States; V. Kurup, United States; J. Vickers, United Kingdom; A. J. McCarthy, United Kingdom; G. Vobis, Federal Republic of Germany; C. Bormann, Federal Republic of Germany; E. Helmke, Federal Republic of Germany, and H. Weyland, Federal Republic of Germany.

Minute 10. *Minimal standards.* Arrangements for compiling minimal standards for descriptions of new taxa were outlined by the Chairman. Genera to be considered by the *Actinomycetales* Subcommittee were defined after consultation with the secretaries of the subcommittees responsible for *Nocardia*, mycobacteria, and corynebacteria. Workers with specialized knowledge of particular genera will be invited by the Secretary to compile minimal standards for genus and species descriptions. Such invitations, with an example of one genus, will be sent out before the end of 1982, and it was anticipated that returns will be available for consideration by the Subcommittee early in 1983.

Minute 11. *Next meeting.* The next meeting of the Subcommittee will be held in 1985 at Debrecen, Hungary, during the VIth International Symposium on Actinomycete Biology.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:30 on 19 August.

T. CROSS, Acting Secretary