International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of *Pasteurella*, *Francisella*, and *Yersinia*

Minutes of the Meeting, 9 and 12 August 1982, Boston, Massachusetts

Session 1. Closed meeting

Minute 1. Call to order. N. S. Mair, Chairman of the Subcommittee, was absent; W. Frederiksen called the closed meeting to order as acting Chairman at 16:00 on 9 August 1982.

Minute 2. Record of attendance. Present at the closed meeting were the following members: W. Frederiksen (Copenhagen, Denmark), acting Chairman; G. Wauters (Brussels, Belgium), Secretary; H. Bercovier (Jerusalem, Israel); B. Hurvell (Uppsala, Sweden); E. L. Biberstein (Davis, Calif.); and J. E. Phillips (Edinburgh, United Kingdom). The corresponding member present was R. Hugh (Washington, D.C.). Invited guests were D. J. Brenner (Atlanta, Ga.) and R. Sakazaki (Tokyo, Japan).

Minute 3. Apologies. Apologies were received from the following members: G. R. Carter (Blacksburg, Va.); I. V. Domaradskij (Moscow, USSR); W. Knapp (Erlangen, Federal Republic of Germany); N. S. Mair (Leicester, United Kingdom), Chairman; H. H. Mollaret (Paris, France); N. G. Olsuviev (Moscow, USSR); B. Rowe (London, United Kingdom); and S. Winblad (Malmö, Sweden), and from the following corresponding members: T. Maruyama (Tokyo, Japan); O. Mraz (Brno, Czechoslovakia); T. Omland (Oslo, Norway); P. Perreau (Maisons-Alfort, France); and M. Yamanaka (Osaka, Japan).

Minute 4. Resignation of the Chairman. The members accepted with regret the resignation of N. S. Mair as Chairman of the Subcommittee. They expressed their gratefulness for the contribution of N. S. Mair to the Subcommittee.

Minute 5. Appointment of a new Chairman. A new Chairman was not appointed until the reorganization of the Subcommittee was discussed (Minute 7).

Minute 6. Minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes of the meeting held in Paris on 5 and 6 October 1979 and circulated in 1981 were approved.

Minute 7. Proposal to disband the Subcommittee on *Pasteurella*, *Francisella*, and *Yersinia*. A proposal, made by W. Frederiksen, to dissolve and reorganize the Subcommittee was circulated to the members and corresponding members by July 1981. The vast majority of the members agreed to this proposal, and it was therefore decided to disband the Subcommittee. The principle of the dissolution and reorganization had been submitted to the ICSB and approved at its meeting in Boston on 7 August 1983.

Pasteurella, along with *Actinobacillus* and *Haemophilus*, would be transferred to a new Subcommittee on *Pasteurellaceae*. This point would be discussed at the joint meeting with the Subcommittee for *Haemophilus* during the second part of this meeting.

Yersinia would be transferred to the Subcommittee for *Enterobacteriaceae*. Several members expressed the opinion that a *Yersinia* working group should be set up within the Subcommittee of *Enterobacteriaceae*. D. J. Brenner, Chairman of the *Enterobacteriaceae* Subcommittee, agreed to

include *Yersinia* in the matters of that Subcommittee; he had no objections to create a working group for this genus, similar to those already existing for other members of *Enterobacteriaceae*.

There will be no Subcommittee for *Francisella* at the present time.

Minute 8. Joint meeting with the Subcommittee on *Haemophilus*. The second part of the meeting was devoted to a joint meeting with the Subcommittee on *Haemophilus*. The creation of a *Pasteurellaceae* Subcommittee was accepted by the members of both Subcommittees. E. L. Biberstein was appointed as Chairman and W. Frederiksen as Secretary of the new Subcommittee, which should deal with *Pasteurella*, *Actinobacillus*, *Haemophilus*, and related organisms.

Minute 9. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 18:00.

Session 2. Scientific open meeting on 12 August 1982

Minute 10. Call to order. The call to order was made at 16:00 by W. Frederiksen, acting Chairman. The meeting was devoted to scientific contributions by members or invited guests.

In attendance at the open meeting were the same members and the corresponding member present at the closed meeting. In addition, the following guests were present: F. Gosselin, R. Khakhria, M. Kilian, W. Mannheim, R. Sakazaki, and A. Wake.

Minute 11. Distribution of documents. A draft by O. Mraz on "Reevaluation of differentiation features in the group *Pasteurella-Actinobacillus*" and the abstracts of two papers on (i) "Further study of the infraspecific taxonomy of *Francisella tularensis*" and (ii) "Sensitivity to macrolide antibiotics and lincomycin in *Francisella tularensis holarctica*" by N. G. Olsuviev and co-workers were previously circulated to the members. They were accepted as contributions to the Subcommittee.

Minute 12. Presentation of paper. B. Hurvell presented a paper by S. Winblad dealing with taxonomic problems in *Yersinia enterocolitica*.

Minute 13. Presentation of lectures. B. Hurvell gave two lectures on *Yersinia* infections in dogs and horses. He first reported on a *Y. enterocolitica* serovar 3 infection in a kennel. The second case report mentioned the first isolation of a *Y. pseudotuberculosis* serogroup I strain from lesions of the pharynx in a living horse.

Minute 14. *Pasteurella haemolytica*. W. Frederiksen described the characteristics of four groups within or related to the species *Pasteurella haemolytica*.

Minute 15. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 17:30.

W. FREDERIKSEN, Acting Chairman
G. WAUTERS, Secretary