International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology

Subcommittee on the taxonomy of *Pseudonocardiaceae*

Minutes of the closed meeting, 16 August 1999, Sydney, Australia

Minute 1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, M. Goodfellow, at 13:00 on 16 August 1999 in the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney, Australia.

Minute 2. Record of attendance. The members present were J. Chun, M. Goodfellow (Chairman), R. M. Kroppenstedt, T. Kudo and D. P. Labeda (Secretary). K. Suzuki attended as a visitor.

Minute 3. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from T. M. Embley who expressed a wish to resign from the subcommittee.

Minute 4. Approval of agenda. The written agenda was presented and approved.

Minute 5. Recent developments in the taxonomy of the *Pseudonocardiaceae* and related organisms. The proposal of Labeda and Kroppenstedt for the new family *Actinosynnemataceae* to contain the genera *Actinokineospora*, *Actinosynnema*, *Lentzea* and *Saccharothrix* was discussed, along with the position of this taxon in the suborder *Pseudonocardineae*. The proposal for the new genus *Lechevalieria* to

contain the present taxa *Saccharothrix aerocolonigenes* and *Saccharothrix flava* was also discussed.

Minute 6. Taxonomic problems. It was agreed that (a) the genus *Actinobispora* should be validly published as a member of the family *Pseudonocardiaceae*; (b) clarification of the taxonomic position of *Kutzneria*, *Streptoalloteichus* and related taxa is required, and (c) the description of the family *Pseudonocardiaceae* needs to be emended.

Minute 7. Minimal standards. It was agreed that this question should be revisited following the resolution of existing taxonomic problems.

Minute 8. Current membership. The current membership of the committee is J. Chun (Seoul, Korea), M. Goodfellow (Chairman; Newcastle, UK), R. M. Kroppenstedt (Braunschweig, Germany), T. Kudo (Tokyo, Japan) and D. P. Labeda (Secretary; Peoria, USA).

Minute 9. Date of next meeting. The next subcommittee meeting would be held at the IUMS Congresses in Paris, France, in 2002.

Minute 10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 14:00.

David P. Labeda, Secretary
Michael Goodfellow, Chairman