Minutes

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A. Ventosa, *Chairman*

International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes

Subcommittee on the taxonomy of *Halobacteriaceae*

Minutes of the closed meeting, 6 September 2011, Sapporo, Japan

Minute 1. Call to order. The meeting was held at the Sapporo Convention Center, Sapporo, Japan. The chairman, Dr A. Ventosa, opened the meeting at 09:10.

Minute 2. Record of attendance. The subcommittee members present were Drs A. Ventosa (Chairman), A. Oren (Secretary) and M. Kamekura. Apologies were received from R. R. Colwell, M. L. Dyll-Smith, C. D. Litchfield, Y. Ma, R. Montalvo-Rodríguez, F. Rodríguez-Valera, H. Stan-Lotter, B. J. Tindall and R. H. Vreeland.

Minute 3. Approval of agenda. The agenda of the meeting was approved.

Minute 4. Minutes of previous meetings. The minutes of the meetings of the Subcommittee on the taxonomy of *Halobacteriaceae* held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 7 August 2008 [Oren & Ventosa, *Int J Syst Evol Microbiol* **58** (2008), 2465–2467] were approved with the corrigendum indicated in Minute 5 of the minutes of the joint meeting of the Subcommittee on the taxonomy of *Halobacteriaceae* and the Subcommittee on the taxonomy of *Halomonadaceae* held in Beijing, China, on 30 June 2010 [Oren & Ventosa, *Int J Syst Evol Microbiol* **60** (2010), 2257–2259]. The minutes of this joint meeting were also approved.

Minute 5. Acceptance of Professor Shuang-Jiang Liu and Dr R. Thane Papke as members of the subcommittee. Shuang-Jiang Liu and R. Thane Papke, who were nominated

as new members of the Subcommittee at its meeting in Istanbul in 2008, were formally accepted as members.

Minute 6. Changes in membership and nomination of new members. Aharon Oren nominated Mohammad Ali Amoozegar (Tehran, Iran) as a new member of the subcommittee. The nomination was approved unanimously. The secretary will formally invite Dr Amoozegar to join the subcommittee at its next meeting.

Minute 7. Current membership. The current membership of the subcommittee is as follows: A. Ventosa (Seville, Spain) (Chairman), A. Oren (Jerusalem, Israel) (Secretary), R. R. Colwell (Baltimore, MD, USA), M. L. Dyll-Smith (Wako-Wako, Australia), M. Kamekura (Noda, Japan), C. D. Litchfield (Manassas, VA, USA), S.-J. Liu (Beijing, China), Y. Ma (Beijing, China), R. Montalvo-Rodríguez (Mayaguez, Puerto Rico), R. T. Papke (Storrs, CT, USA), F. Rodríguez-Valera (Alicante, Spain), H. Stan-Lotter (Salzburg, Austria), B. J. Tindall (Braunschweig, Germany) and R. H. Vreeland (Coatesville, PA, USA).

Minute 8. Next meeting of the subcommittee. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be held in association with the international meeting on halophilic micro-organisms, scheduled to take place in Storrs, CT, USA, in July–August 2013.

Minute 9. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 09:25 on 6 September 2011.