Minutes

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Antonio Ventosa, *Chairman*

International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes

Subcommittee on the taxonomy of *Halomonadaceae*

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 09:25.

Minute 2. Record of attendance. The subcommittee members present were Drs A. Ventosa (Chairman), D. R. Arahal (Secretary) and A. Oren. Apologies were received from V. Bejar, A. Gambacorta, C. D. Litchfield, R. Montalvo-Rodriguez, M. R. Mormile, E. Quesada, B. J. Tindall and R. H. Vreeland.

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

Minute 4. Minutes of the previous meetings. The minutes of the meetings held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 7 August 2008 [Arahal & Ventosa, *Int J Syst Evol Microbiol* **58** (2008), 2670–2671] and in Beijing, China, on 30 June 2010 [Oren & Ventosa, *Int J Syst Evol Microbiol* **60** (2010), 2257–2259] were approved.

Minute 5. Current membership and changes in membership. The current membership list contains the following names: Drs Antonio Ventosa (Seville, Spain) (Chairman), David R. Arahal (Valencia, Spain) (Secretary), Victoria Bejar (Granada, Spain), Agata Gambacorta (Pozzuoli, Italy), Carol D. Litchfield (Manassas, VA, USA), Rafael Montalvo-Rodriguez (Mayaguez, Puerto Rico), Melanie R. Mormile

(Rolla, MO, USA), Aharon Oren (Jerusalem, Israel), Emilia Quesada (Granada, Spain), Brian J. Tindall (Braunschweig, Germany) and Russell H. Vreeland (Coatesville, PA, USA).

Following an e-mail consultation by the Secretary to the members of the subcommittee on 6 May 2011, a proposal to nominate a new member was raised: Rafael R. de la Haba (Sevilla, Spain). There was a consensus about the need to introduce young but outstanding and active scientists, as is the case with this proposal, to ensure the continuity of the subcommittee. The nomination was approved unanimously. The Secretary will formally invite Dr de la Haba to join the subcommittee at its next meeting.

Minute 6. Any other business. No other business was brought into discussion.

Minute 7. Date and venue of next meetings. The next closed meeting is scheduled for the next IUMS Congress, to be held in Montreal, Canada, on 27 July to 1 August 2014. The subcommittee also proposed to hold an open meeting during the next International Conference on Halophilic Microorganisms in Storrs, CT, USA, in July–August 2013, jointly with the subcommittee on the taxonomy of *Halobacteriaceae*.

Minute 8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 on 6 September 2011.