International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology
Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of Vibrios
Minutes of the Open Meeting, 4 September 1974
Kiri Room, Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, Japan

1. Call to order. The open meeting of the Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman at 1906 hours.

2. Record of attendance. Subcommittee members present were Rudolph Hugh (Chairman) and Riichi Sakazaki (Secretary). Twelve guests attended.

3. Introductions. The Subcommittee members and guests introduced themselves.

4. History. The membership and 12-year history of the Subcommittee were reviewed.


6. Taxonomic problems. Unresolved taxonomic problems concerning vibrios, aeromonads, and related species were discussed.

7. Type and neotype strains. It was noted that nomenclatural problems cannot be resolved without accurately documented names of species and type or neotype strains designated for them. It was agreed that the reduction of synonyms to a universal name cannot be resolved through the use of reference strains as substitutes for type or neotype strains of species. A reference strain is neither a type nor a neotype strain and is without nomenclatural status.

8. Procedures for resolving systematic problems. Josef De Ley described procedures that he found useful in determining relatedness of species and strains of species.

9. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 2310 hours.

R. Hugh, Chairman
R. Sakazaki, Secretary