International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology
Subcommittee on Lactobacilli and Related Microorganisms

Minutes of Meetings, 5 and 6 September 1978
Botanisches Institut, Munich, Germany

Minute 1. Call to Order. The open meeting held at the Botanisches Institut on 5 September was called to order at 14:00 by Chairperson M. Rogosa.


Minute 3. Changes of membership. Jack London, elected as a member on 20 April 1975, was installed as recording secretary. A letter from K. Kitahara was read informing the subcommittee of the recent death of his father, Dr. Kakuo Kitahara, a subcommittee member of long standing, who made many contributions to the subcommittee and to our knowledge of the lactic acid bacteria.


Minute 5. Subcommittee activities and goals. Two major projects were initiated by the Subcommittee at the International Association of Microbiological Societies meeting in Israel, September 1973: (i) establishment of minimal standards for description of lactobacilli and related organisms and (ii) preparation of a list of validly published species names for microorganisms falling under the aegis of this subcommittee.

Minute 6. Progress report on minimal standards. A set of minimal standards was drafted from suggestions submitted at previous meetings by the membership. After an extensive discussion of each item on the list, it was decided that further consideration of the draft was necessary before a final document is published.

Minute 7. Progress report on names for the Approved List. The subcommittee voted to retain all species of Lactobacillus cited in the eighth edition of Bergey's Manual of Determinative Bacteriology for the present. However, a number of changes were suggested. These changes in the status of certain species will be suggested in forthcoming publications in the International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:00, 6 September.

Minute 1. The second session was called to order at 14:00 on 6 September. The open session was held at building K of the Convention Center.


Minute 3. Suggestions by E. I. Garvie regarding the status of the genus Pedicoccus were accepted and approved. The name P. cerevisiae was considered invalid, and the old name P. damnosus was reinstated. P. acidilactici, P. parvulus, and P. halophilus were retained. The species P. urinae-equi was rejected, but P. pentosaceus was accepted; however, the proposed neotype strain for the latter was rejected.

Minute 4. Research reports were presented by E. Lauer, J. Johnson, K. Knox, M. E. Sharpe, F. Gasser, J. London, and D. Hemme.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:00 on 6 September.

Jack London
Secretary