International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology
Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of Listeria, Brochothrix, and Erysipelothrix

Minutes of the Meetings, 7 and 8 September 1986, Manchester, England

Closed Meeting, 7 September 1986
Minute 1. Call to order. Chairman H. P. R. Seeliger called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
Minute 2. Record of attendance. Those present were A. Audurier, A. L. Courtieu, I. Ivanov, D. Jones (Secretary), V. Nørrung, B. S. Rolovich, A. G. Taylor, H. P. R. Seeliger (Chairman), R. L. Wood, and M. Woodbine. Present as invited observers were W. F. Schlech, A. Schönberg, and R. E. Weaver.
Minute 4. Election of officers. On the results of a postal ballot of all members, H. P. R. Seeliger was re-elected Chairman, and D. Jones was re-elected Secretary.
Minute 6. Minutes of last meeting. It was proposed by M. Woodbine and seconded by B. S. Rolovich that the minute of the meeting of 16 September 1985 held at Nantes, France, be accepted as distributed.
Minute 7. Report of Erysipelothrix working party. R. L. Wood gave an oral report of the work carried out by him and V. Nørrung on minimal standards for the description of species. The report was based on a comprehensive study. H. P. R. Seeliger thanked Dr. Wood and Dr. Nørrung for the report. It was agreed that the report should form the basis of a published description of minimal standards for the description of species of the genus Erysipelothrix.
Minute 8. Minimal standards for description of Listeria species. The document on minimal standards for the description of species within the genus Listeria had not been prepared (see Minute 7, Int. J. Syst. Bacteriol. 36:117, 1986). It was agreed that minimal standards for descriptions of the species of Listeria, Brochothrix, and Erysipelothrix should be prepared by the Secretary and submitted to the International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology prior to publication in the International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology. The subcommittee recognized the Pasteur Institute Laboratory as the International Center for Listeria phage typing.

Minute 9. Establishment of a phage typing center in the United States. Members of the Working Party on Phage Typing noted the wishes of workers in the United States to establish such a center. The hope was expressed that there would be fruitful collaboration between the various centers.
Minute 10. Proceedings of ISOPOL VIII, Madrid, Spain. The offer of a commercial company to print a limited number of copies of the symposium was gratefully accepted.
Minute 11. Proceedings of ISOPOL IX, Nantes, France. A. L. Courtieu announced that the proceedings of ISOPOL IX should be ready in October 1986.
Minute 12. Next meeting of the subcommittee. It was agreed that the next meeting of the subcommittee would be held either in Pecs, Hungary, in August 1988 or in Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany, in September 1988. The Chairman and Secretary would make further enquiries and inform members as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Open Meeting, 8 September 1986
Minute 1. Call to order. The Chairman, H. P. R. Seeliger, called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.
Minute 2. H. P. R. Seeliger welcomed subcommittee members and 30 other individuals. He noted that the level of attendance was a reflection of the current interest in listeria as a food-borne pathogen.
Minute 3. The following reports were given: (i) "Isolation of Listeria from various European cheeses," by H. P. R. Seeliger; (ii) "Observations on a cheese-related Listeria epidemic in Southern California," by R. E. Weaver (this paper was followed by an interesting account by J. H. Siliker of his results in investigating the same outbreak); (iii) "Listeriosis— in vivo and in vitro models of oral infection," by W. F. Schlech; (iv) "Survival of listeriae in milk," by L. J. Cox. These four contributors stimulated a great deal of discussion and interesting points were raised on the ability of listeriae to survive in animal cells and on the importance of carefully controlled pasteurization procedures. The final contribution was a brief account, given by R. L. Wood, on studies done by him and V. Nørrung directed towards the development of minimal standards for the description of the species of Erysipelothrix.
Minute 4. H. P. R. Seeliger thanked all the speakers. The meeting closed at 10:20 p.m.

Dorothy Jones, Secretary
H. P. R. Seeliger, Chairman