International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology
Subcommittee on Corynebacterium and Coryneform Organisms
Minutes of the Meeting, 13 September 1990, Osaka, Japan

Minute 1. Call to order. The closed meeting was called to order by chairman E. Stackebrandt at 6:05 p.m.

Minute 2. Record of attendance. Those present were K. Komagata and E. Stackebrandt (chairman). Present as invited observers were R. Kroppenstedt and K. Suzuki.

Minute 3. Apologies for absence. Apologies for absence were received from D. Jones, J. Prescott, K. H. Schleifer, and R. Yanagawa. Because of an unpardonable mistake in the mailing address, the secretary, D. Collins, had not been invited.

Minute 4. Minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting, 7 September 1986, Manchester, United Kingdom, have not been prepared.

Minute 5. Changes in membership. To broaden the activities of the subcommittees, the following individuals were elected as new members: R. Kroppenstedt, Braunschweig, Federal Republic of Germany; K. Suzuki, Tokyo, Japan; and Y. H. Park, Daejon, Korea.

Minute 6. Changes in Subcommittee structure. The members discussed problems in the preparation of minimal standards for the description of species. Obviously, the main problem is caused by the phenotypic heterogeneity of the genera being dealt with by the subcommittee. Members then discussed a proposal by E. Stackebrandt to organize an ad hoc committee to consider the possible reorganization of subcommittees dealing with coryneform bacteria and actinomycetes. It was agreed that subcommittees should be restructured to reflect the developing suprageneric relationships of taxa. The chairman was asked to contact the chairman of the other four subcommittees on actinomycetes during the International Union of Microbiological Societies congress to accelerate the reorganization process.

Minute 7. The meeting was closed at 7:15 p.m.

E. Stackebrandt, Chairman