PROPOSED ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PASTEURIELLA AND RELATED ORGANISMS

Participants at the meeting were:
Burrows, Dr. T. W., Porton, Great Britain
Frederiksen, Dr. W., Aalborg, Denmark
Lawton, Dr. W. D., Fort Detrick, Md., U.S.A.
Mair, Dr. N. S., Leicester, Great Britain
Thal, Prof. E., Stockholm, Sweden
Winblad, Prof. St., Malmoe, Sweden (as adviser)
Knapp, Prof. W. (Chairman), Berne, Switzerland
Mollaret, Prof. H. H. (Secretary), Paris, France

The participants endorsed the proposal of Smith and Thal (Acta path. microbiol. Scand., 64:213-233, 1965) and Knapp (Arch. Hyg. 149:715-731, 1965) that Pasteurella pseudotuberculosis and Pasteurella pestis be redesignated as species of the genus Yersinia (van Loghem) as Yersinia pseudotuberculosis and Yersinia pestis.

The Subcommittee proposes to institute a reinvestigation of the genus Pasteurella and related organisms and has nominated the following to be responsible for their respective working groups:

- **Pasteurella pseudotuberculosis**
  - **(Yersinia pseudotuberculosis, Bacille de Malassez et Vignal)**
  - Dr. N. Mair, Leicester, Great Britain

- **Pasteurella pestis**
  - **(Yersinia pestis)**
  - Dr. T. Burrows, Porton, Great Britain

- **Pasteurella haemolytica/ureae, etc.**
  - Dr. W. Frederiksen, Aalborg, Denmark

- **Pasteurella multocida**
  - Dr. W. Frederiksen, Aalborg, Denmark

- **Pasteurella "X"**
  - **(Yersinia enterocolitica)**
  - Prof. St. Winblad, Malmoe, Sweden

- **Pasteurella tularensis**
  - **(Francisella tularensis)**
  - Prof. Olsuf'ev, Moscow, U.S.S.R.
In order to achieve uniformity in the work of the Subcommittee, the members of the groups have been requested to select suitable reference strains for the individual species and to make propositions as to the standardization of the cultural, biochemical, and serological methods.

Specialists interested in the genus Pasteurella who are willing to join in a collaborative study of the group, or any part thereof, are asked to communicate with the Chairman, Prof. Dr. W. Knapp, present address, Institut für Hygiene und Medizinische Mikrobiologie der Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, 85820 Erlangen, Wasserturmstrasse 3 and with the Secretary, Prof. Dr. H. H. Mollaret, Institute Pasteur, Paris, 25, Rue du Docteur Roux.

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Professor H. H. Mollaret, Secretary