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By the end of 1969, five members of the Subcommittee had completed their examination of the 77 strains which constitute the study set assembled by the Subcommittee and processed and distributed to the members by the American Type Culture Collection. Fifteen of these strains were added in 1966 and 1967.

Those participating in the study were K. Patricia Carpenter, S. D. Henriksen, H. Lautrop, M. Piéchaud, and J. M. Shewan. In addition, K. E. McNeil (Brisbane, Australia) examined the strains under the supervision of V. B. D. Skerman. The results of these studies were tabulated and distributed to the Subcommittee members in May 1970.

Special investigations on the set of strains were conducted by the following members: Sylvia Cary (serology), A.-L. Courtieu (antibiotic sensitivity), R. G. E. Murray (survival studies), E. J. Ordal (deoxyribonucleic acid analyses and hybridizations), and J. M. Shewan (electron microscopy of cell surfaces). Margaret J. Thornley studied fine structure and radiation resistance in Acinetobacter, using strains not included in the study set.

Information of various kinds relating to the organisms which the Subcommittee deals with was supplied to microbiologists on 12 occasions.

In March 1969, the advice of the Subcommittee was sought by the Judicial Commission on problems relating to the nomenclature of organisms of interest to the Subcommittee. After the issuance of a questionnaire to the members, a recommendation was prepared and returned to the Judicial Commission in December 1969.

H. Lautrop, Chairman
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