well as genetic (Lauer and Kandler, in preparation) characteristics. Since the epithet eriksonii has priority, the name B. dentium must be replaced by B. eriksonii in the list of approved names. The type strain is ATCC 15423 = DSM 20084.

Minute 6.5. The names B. coryneforme, B. globosum, B. cornutum, B. appendicitis, and B. parabifidum, which had not been included in the approved list according to the minutes of the Amsterdam meeting, were again discussed. It was generally agreed either that they are synonyms or that the respective species have not been unequivocally defined. They should therefore definitely not be included in the list of approved names.

Minute 7. Minimum standards. The circulated draft was accepted subsequent to minor additions. It should be supplemented by a description of the methods for determining the electrophoretic mobility of transaldolase. Scardovi was asked to send the proper references and necessary additional descriptions to the secretary.

Minute 8. Open meeting. It was agreed to hold an open meeting on 5 September at 1430 prior to the meeting of the Lactobacillus Subcommittee. The following contributions were scheduled:

H. Beerens, C. Romond, and C. Neut: "Interet de la recherche de l'exigence des facteurs bifidus dans la taxonomie des espèces appartenant au genre Bifidobacterium"
K. W. Knox: "6-Deoxy-talose in the cell walls of bifidobacteria"
E. Sharpe: "Screening tests for differentiation of bifidobacteria from anaerobic lactobacilli"


Minute 10. Next meeting. An invitation from Scardovi to hold the next meeting in 1980 in Bologna, Italy, was accepted.

Minute 11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1830.

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Minute 1. Call to order. The Chairman, S. M. Finegold, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. on 7 September 1978.

Minute 2. Record of attendance. The following members were present: S. M. Finegold (Chairman), Ella M. Barnes (Secretary), H. Beerens, M. P. Bryant, H. S. Goldberg, T. Hofstad, W. J. Loesche, T. Mitsuoka, W. E. C. Moore, A. C. Sonnenwirth, K. Ueno (for S. Suzuki), and H. Werner. In addition to the above, the following visitors were present: Y. deGraaff, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; T. Y. Muskeneberger, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; N. J. Legakis, Athens, Greece; A. Sedallian, Annecy, France; R. Hammann, Bonn, F.R.G.; and C. Romon, Lille, France.

Minute 3. Lists of Approved Bacterial Names. The Subcommittee discussed the latest list of species names from the Judicial Commission and particularly any queries relating to the existence of reference and neotype strains. In the absence of any reference strain which can be cited as a neotype, a species name will be deleted. The list is being completed by E. M. Barnes, and members are asked to reply to her letters seeking further information as quickly as possible.

Minute 4. Bacteroides melaninogenicus, B. oralis, B. ruminicola, and B. bivius. The Subcommittee discussed the results of the joint exercise, and it was agreed from the base ratios and other properties that a number of different species were probably represented. From the information received, they were quite unable to reach any decision concerning the possible identity of B. oralis. It was agreed that further tests would be required, particularly enzyme patterns, serology, and homologies. The Subcommittee was grateful to all those who had supplied data and strains to them, particularly J. G. Collee and J. Hardie from Great Britain. No further joint study was arranged, but it was hoped that individuals would go ahead with their own research on these organisms and publish their findings. When the Subcommittee meets in 2 years' time (1980), they will study the published data and any “in press” data which are made available to them in order to decide whether a strain can be designated B. oralis.

Minute 5. Expression of appreciation. The Subcommittee expressed their thanks to the retiring Chairman, S. M. Finegold, and Secretary, Ella M. Barnes, for their work during the past 6 years.


Minute 7. Next meeting. The next meeting of the Subcommittee will be during the spring or fall of 1980, the exact date to be determined. The meeting will be held in Japan.

Minute 8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m. on 7 September 1978.

HERBERT S. GOLDBERG, Secretary