Minutes of the Meeting, 10 August 1982, Boston, Massachusetts

**Minute 1. Call to order.** The Chairman, D. J. Brenner, called the meeting to order at 15:00 on 10 August 1982.

**Minute 2. Record of attendance.** Present were D. J. Brenner, W. Frederiksen, P. H. Mäkelä, and R. Sakazaki. Not present were D. Dye, W. H. Ewing, L. Le Minor, B. Rowe, F. Ørskov, I. Ørskov, and M. P. Starr. D. J. Brenner was instructed to vote for W. H. Ewing. Present as guests were K. A. Bettelheim, F. W. Brenner, J. J. Farmer III, R. Hugh, and G. Wauters. F. W. Brenner graciously agreed to act as Secretary for the meeting.

**Minute 3. Opening remarks.** The Chairman welcomed those present and announced that a proposal to change the family name from Enterobacteriaceae to “Enterobacteriaceae” had been defeated by a Judicial Commission vote to the Subcommittee members. The Chairman will summarize the opinions of the Subcommittee members. The Subcommittee Chairman will recirculate to the Subcommittee members.

**Minute 4. Minutes of the last meeting.** The minutes of the last meeting, which was held in Munich, Federal Republic of Germany, in 1978 had been circulated previously and were approved as written.

**Minute 5. Resignations.** P. A. M. Guinee resigned from the Subcommittee, and B. Rowe resigned as Subcommittee Secretary but retained his membership. The Subcommittee members agreed to reluctantly accept these resignations and instructed the Chairman to thank P. A. M. Guinee and B. Rowe for their many contributions to the Subcommittee.

**Minute 6. Proposals for changes in the nomenclature of the shigellae.** V. Petrovskaya and H. Khomenko proposed five nomenclatural changes in the classification of shigellae. These proposals were circulated to the Subcommittee members, and replies were received. The Chairman will summarize the comments and will circulate a draft recommendation to the Subcommittee members.

**Minute 7. Proteus-Providencia working group.** R. Sakazaki circulated a list of problems in Proteus, Providencia, and Morganella to the members of this working group. The replies received indicate general agreement on acceptance of Morganella and transfer of Proteus rettgeri from Proteus to Providencia. There was disagreement as to whether citation for Providencia should be attributed to Ewing 1962 or to Kauffmann 1953. Ewing 1962 is the citation given on the Approved Lists. R. Sakazaki will summarize the opinions of his working group and circulate them to the Subcommittee members.

**Minute 8. Klebsiella-Enterobacter-Hafnia-Serratia working group.** R. Sakazaki previously circulated the opinions of this working group to the Subcommittee members. The Subcommittee members must respond to the opinions and decide on appropriate recommendations to be sent to the International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology by the Subcommittee Chairman. If a Subcommittee member disagrees with the majority recommendation, he may submit a minority report. The Subcommittee Chairman will recirculate the working group report for comment.

**Minute 9. Salmonella nomenclature.** L. Le Minor sent preprints of a paper proposing changes in Salmonella nomenclature to several Subcommittee members and requested that the Chairman ask the Subcommittee for comments on these proposals, a summary of which is given below.

- **Minute 10. Working groups.** W. Frederiksen requested an
updated list of members of each working group. The Chairman said he would contact the coordinators of the working groups to obtain this information.

**Minute 11.** Another proposal to change the family name Enterobacteriaceae. Goodfellow and Trüper (Int. J. Syst. Bacteriol. 32:383, 1982) proposed the name “Escherichiaaceae” to replace Enterobacteriaceae. This name had already been informally considered by the Judicial Commission and presumably found less desirable than “Enterobacteriaceae”. At their meeting in Boston, the members of the Judicial Commission turned down the proposal to change Enterobacteriaceae to “Enterobacteraceae.” The Subcommittee members present voted unanimously against the proposed name change, reaffirming two earlier votes against “Escherichiaaceae.” The results of this vote will be communicated to the Judicial Commission when they refer the “Escherichiaaceae” proposal to the Subcommittee.

**Minute 12.** Yersinia. G. Wauters, Secretary of the Pasteurella, Francisella, Yersinia Subcommittee, stated that the Subcommittee would disband. The Enterobacteriaceae Subcommittee members agreed that the genus Yersinia belongs in the family Enterobacteriaceae and voted unanimously to accept responsibility for it. The International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology will be informed of this decision. It was agreed to establish a Yersinia working group.

**Minute 13.** Minimal criteria for description of new taxa. The Judicial Commission has requested that each Subcommittee describe, with detailed techniques, a set of minimal criteria for the description of new taxa to be submitted to the Judicial Commission and for publication in the International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology. A written set of guidelines for this task was distributed at the Boston meeting of the International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology and to the officers of the taxonomic subcommittees. After some discussion the members present agreed to distribute the International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology guidelines and to seek the opinions of all Subcommittee members. The meeting was adjourned at 17:15 on 10 August.

DON J. BRENNER, Chairman