International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology
Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of Mycobacterium

Minutes of the Meeting, 10 September 1986, Manchester, England

Session 1. Open meeting.

Minute 1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order by Secretary M. Magnusson since the Chairperson, L. G. Wayne, was unable to attend.

Minute 2. Record of attendance. Members in attendance were M. Magnusson (Secretary), I. Baess, R. C. Good, H. H. Kleeberg, M. Kubin, and S. R. Pattyn. Apologies for absence were received from L. G. Wayne (Chairperson), M. Goodfellow, W. Kappler, A. Lind, H. Saito, J. Stanford, and M. Tsukamura.

Minute 3. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the meeting held in Boston, Mass., August 1982, were approved.

Minute 4. Tribute. A tribute was given to the memory of subcommittee member Gertrude Meissner, who died 20 November 1985. Her long service to the aims and goals of the subcommittee was acknowledged.

Minute 5. Scientific matters. Short presentations were given by M. Kubin (preparation and characterization of monoclonal antibody against Mycobacterium kansasii) and M. Kubin and E. Branaer (chemotypes of Mycobacterium xenopi detected by thin-layer chromatography: their relation to the geographic origin of the strain). M. Magnusson introduced a manuscript entitled “Recommended Minimal Standards for Assigning an Organism to the Genus Mycobacterium,” which was prepared under subcommittee auspices. It had been circulated prior to the meeting and was now referred to D. Minniken for expert review of the analytical procedure for mycolic acids. The problem of genotypic versus phenotypic classification as represented by >90% deoxyribonucleic acid relatedness among strains of Mycobacterium avium, Mycobacterium paratuberculosis, and wood duck variants was introduced by I. Baess. After preliminary discussion the topic was deferred to a later meeting for further consideration.

Minute 6. Current membership. Membership of the subcommittee is as follows: I. Baess, Denmark; R. C. Good, United States; M. Goodfellow, United Kingdom; W. Kappler, German Democratic Republic; H. H. Kleeberg, South Africa; M. Kubin, Czechoslovakia; A. Lind, Sweden; M. Magnusson, Denmark; S. R. Pattyn, Belgium; H. Saito, Japan; J. L. Stanford, United Kingdom; M. Tsukamura, Japan; and L. G. Wayne, United States.

Session 2. Closed meeting.

Minute 7. Changes in officers. With regret the members of the subcommittee accepted the resignation of L. G. Wayne as Chairperson; however, he will retain membership on the subcommittee. M. Magnusson was elected Chairperson, and R. C. Good was elected to replace him as Secretary.

Minute 8. Changes in membership. The subcommittee voted to elect V. Levy-Frebault, France, and F. Portaels, Belgium, to membership.

Minute 9. Date of next meeting. Members were asked to convene in September 1987 in Bilthoven, the Netherlands, during the meeting of the International Working Group on Mycobacterial Taxonomy.

Minute 10. Appreciation. Members unanimously expressed their appreciation to L. G. Wayne for the leadership which he has given to the subcommittee.

Robert C. Good, Secretary