International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology
Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of Campylobacter and Related Bacteria
Minutes of the Meeting, 6 July 1994, Prague, Czech Republic

Session 2. Closed meeting.

Minute 1. Call to order. The Chairman, J. Ursing, called the closed meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. on 6 July 1994 in the ILF Hotel in Prague, Czech Republic.

Minute 2. Record of attendance. The members present were J. B. Ursing (Chairman), M. A. Karmali (Secretary), F. E. Dewhirst, H. Lior, and C. M. Patton. Apologies for absence were received from J. G. Fox, A. Lee, F. Megraud, R. J. Owen, T. J. Trust, and P. Vandamme.

Minute 3. Minutes of the previous meeting. The following corrections were made to the minutes of the meeting held in Brussels, Belgium, on 22 September 1993: in minute 8 change Campylobacter showii to Campylobacter showae; and in minute 10 change F. G. Fox to J. G. Fox. The emended minutes were approved.

Minute 4. Agenda. The agenda was approved as circulated.

Minute 5. Matters concerning membership. A new member, F. E. Dewhirst, was welcomed to the subcommittee. The resignation of R. Sakazaki was accepted with regret. Members voted to expand the subcommittee to include three new members; nominees will be invited by the Secretary. J. B. Ursing was reelected Chairman, and C. M. Patton was elected Secretary. The next term will be for 2 years, and terms thereafter will be for 3 years.

Minute 6. Amendment to Article 9.2 of the International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology statutes. J. B. Ursing reported that he had written to the International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology Executive Secretary to suggest amending Article 9.2 to allow subcommittees to vote on new member nominees without having to first submit nominations to the International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology Secretary for Subcommittees on Taxonomy. A reply is pending.

Minute 7. Recent developments in the genus Campylobacter and related taxa. F. W. Dewhirst summarized new findings and the current relationships within the family Campylobacteraceae and related bacteria as determined by 16S rRNA studies. Organisms previously identified as "Gastrospirillum" and "Flexispira rappini" strains are Helicobacter or Helicobacter-like strains and will be renamed. The following new species have been described: Helicobacter hepaticus and Helicobacter pa-mentensis. Proposals for additional new Helicobacter species will be published soon.

Minute 8. Minimal standards. The manuscript concerning minimal standards had been published (J. Ursing, H. Lior, and R. Owen, Int. J. Syst. Bacteriol. 44:842–845, 1994). F. W. Dewhirst was appointed chairperson of the Working Group on Minimal Standards for Description of New Species of Genera outside the Campylobacteraceae. He will form a group to write a draft document that will be available for comments and discussion at the next meeting in August 1996. The group can include others besides members of the subcommittee if necessary.

Minute 9. Current membership. The members of the subcommittee are as follows: J. P. Butzler (Belgium), F. E. Dewhirst (United States), J. G. Fox (United States), M. A. Karmali (Canada), A. Lee (Australia), H. Lior (Canada), F. Megraud (France), R. J. Owen (United Kingdom), C. M. Patton (Secretary) (United States), J. L. Penner (Canada), T. J. Trust (Canada), J. B. Ursing (Chairman) (Sweden), and P. Vandamme (Belgium).

Minute 10. Next meeting. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be held during the International Union of Microbiological Societies Congresses in Jerusalem, Israel, in August 1996.

Minute 11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. on 6 July 1994.

C. M. Patton, Secretary
J. B. Ursing, Chairman