



International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes

ICSP-EB Meeting 1st September 2022 Redacted Minutes

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Minute 1. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9.00 a.m. UK time.

Minute 2. Record of attendance

The following members of the Executive Board participated: I.C. Sutcliffe (Chair), E.R.B. Moore (Vice-Chair), A. Oren (Executive Secretary), P. Nielsen (Treasurer), Y. Shouche (Member-at-Large), D.R. Arahal (Chair JC) and M. Göker (Secretary JC). Apologies were received from S.L.W. On (Secretary Subcommittees) and R. Rosselló-Móra (Vice-Chair JC).

Minute 3. Minutes of the 28th July 2022 meeting of the Executive Board

The draft minutes of the 28th July 2022 meeting were approved with minor corrections and additions suggested by M. Göker and D.R. Arahal. Before distribution of the document to the ICSP members and publication on the ICSP website, item 11 of Matters Arising/Action points from previous meetings should be redacted. A. Oren will distribute the redacted minutes to the members of the ICSP, the Judicial Commission, and chairs of the Subcommittees on Taxonomy, and he will send a copy to E.R.B. Moore to be posted on the ICSP website.

Minute 4. Matters Arising/Action points from previous meetings

- A. Oren, has forwarded the redacted minutes of the 23rd June 2022 meeting to all members of the ICSP, the Judicial Commission and the chairs of the Subcommittees on Taxonomy.
- E.R.B. Moore has not yet posted the minutes of the 23rd June meeting of the Executive Board on the ICSP website. Ongoing.
- I.C. Sutcliffe has sent to E.R.B. Moore the paper by Oren et al. 2022, Reply to 'Regulating access can restrict participation in reporting new species and taxa', Nat. Microbiol. 10.1038/s41564-022-01167-z, to be posted on the ICSP website.
- S.L.W. On did not yet send the lists of taxa received from the subcommittees on taxonomy to M. Göker to be included in LPSN. Ongoing.
- I.C. Sutcliffe has finalized the document with proposals on expanding the ICSP membership and added it on the Slack channel. No reactions were posted yet; A. Oren has circulated the final version of the document to all members of the ICSP, the Judicial Commission, and the chairs of the Subcommittees on Taxonomy.

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- I.C. Sutcliffe and A. Oren started preparing the online meeting of the members of the ICSP, Judicial Commission and the chairs of the Subcommittees on Taxonomy, now scheduled for 11th October. The meeting, to be hosted by A. Oren, will be held by Zoom. A. Oren will set up the Zoom meeting and invite the participants at the end of September.
- A. Oren and I.C. Sutcliffe have prepared draft letters to the current full members of the ICSP to ask whether they want to continue for another three-year term and obtain mandate from renewal from their societies, as well as letters to all other relevant microbiological societies that are members of IUMS, inviting them to appoint a delegate. A. Oren will send out these letters in the first week of September.
- E.R.B. Moore has not yet submitted an invoice for expenses made in 2021 for maintenance of the ICSP website to P. Nielsen for reimbursement. Ongoing.
- I.C. Sutcliffe has sent the publication agreement, signed by IUMS and countersigned by him, to E.R.B. Moore, who added his signature. The agreement was then signed by the Microbiology Society. Thus, the agreement for publication of the IJSEM in the years 2023-2032 was finalized.
- I.C. Sutcliffe has checked with E.R.B. Moore about any further correspondence after 6th July with Ann Hitchcock of the US National Park Service on the topic of MTAs. No further action is needed now. We may update Ann Hitchcock when the proposed additional emendations to the ICNP are published in IJSEM, as the proposed revisions to Rule 30 may be of interest.
- I.C. Sutcliffe has thanked G.M. Garrity on behalf of the ICSP for the work he did as list editor, nomenclature reviewer and other functions he performed in the past.
- I.C. Sutcliffe has contacted M.E. Trujillo to propose M. Göker as second List Editor to replace G.M. Garrity. M.E. Trujillo agreed with the appointment, which needs to be approved by the Executive Board (see Minute 5).
- I.C. Sutcliffe and A. Oren did not yet consider proposals for candidates to join the nomenclature review team of the IJSEM. Ongoing.

Minute 5. Appointment of Markus Göker as a List Editor

After M. Göker temporarily left the meeting, the voting members of the Executive Board unanimously approved his appointment as a list editor of the IJSEM, to replace G.M. Garrity. M. Göker then re-joined the meeting, and I.C. Sutcliffe congratulated him on the appointment. A. Oren will request the staff of the Microbiology Society to grant M. Göker access to the Google Docs spreadsheet on which validation requests are recorded, and to invite him to the IJSEM editorial board meeting on 8th September.

Minute 6. ICSP budget planning, including IJSEM Editor bursaries

Because of a conflict of interest, M. Göker temporarily left the meeting.

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Previously the Executive Board had agreed to continue financial support of LPSN (Minute 6, Executive Board meeting 26th August 2021) at a level to be determined after the finalisation of the publication agreement with the Microbiology Society (which determines ICSP income). Now the publication agreement is finalized, the Executive Board proposed to grant LPSN financial support in the coming years [details redacted], the sum to be reviewed annually in view of the other expenses of the ICSP.

A proposal to grant IJSEM editors and list editors with increased bursaries [details redacted] to support attendance at scientific meetings was unanimously approved by the voting members of the Executive Board.

Minute 7. Welcome to Dr Jorge Olivares as a full member of the ICSP

On 23rd August, the Sociedad de Microbiología de Chile appointed Dr. Jorge Olivares-Pacheco as a member of the ICSP. A. Oren and I.C. Sutcliffe have already welcomed Dr. Olivares-Pacheco to the ICSP.

Minute 8. [Redacted]

Minute 9. Plenary meeting of the ICSP in 2023

We hope to hold a plenary meeting of the ICSP in association with the FEMS conference in Hamburg in July 2023, as ICSP has already agreed to organize a scientific session during the conference. It will be the opportunity for Tania Woyke, recipient of the 2020 van Niel International Prize for Studies in Bacterial Systematics, to deliver her prize lecture.

Discussion was held as to when the next candidate should be nominated for the van Niel prize. Normally the van Niel Prize is awarded during a IUMS conference, but it is not yet clear when and where the next IUMS conference will take place and, since Valencia 2017, ICSP plenary meetings have not been held in tandem with IUMS meetings. In anticipation of nominating a candidate to the University of Queensland, the members of the Executive Board are invited to propose nominees for the 2023 van Niel Prize, to be discussed at the next meeting of the Executive Board. As our contact at the University of Queensland, Prof. Paul Young, also happens to be the vice-president of IUMS, his advice can also be sought on when the next prize should be awarded.

Minute 10. Update on Subcommittees

There was nothing to report.

Minute 11. Update from the Judicial Commission

D.R. Arahal and M. Göker reported that Judicial Opinions 112–122 were published on 10th August (<https://doi.org/10.1099/ijsem.0.005481>). Opinions 123-127 have been finalized and are ready to be sent to the ICSP voting members for ratification. A. Oren will prepare the ballot to be open during the month of September. I.C. Sutcliffe will check the opinions for minor

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editing before the document is submitted for publication in the IJSEM. Thus, all Requests for Opinions were dealt with, and there is no further backlog. I.C. Sutcliffe congratulated the members of the Judicial Commission on this outstanding achievement.

M. Göker reported that a new Request for an Opinion about the names of classes was just accepted for publication in the IJSEM, and that a manuscript with guidelines for submission of new Requests for an Opinion papers is now being finalized.

A message was received from D.R. Brown, who wishes to appeal Opinion 122. M. Göker has drafted a reply to D.R. Brown with further input from I.C. Sutcliffe and A. Oren. I.C. Sutcliffe will finalize the letter and send the reply to D.R. Brown on behalf of the ICSP Executive Board.

Minute 12. Update from the Publications Committee

There were no further updates.

Minute 13. Update from the IJSEM

There was nothing to report. The editorial board will hold a hybrid meeting on 8th September.

Minute 14. Update from the editor-in-chief of the ICNP

A Oren reported that the 2022 Revision of the ICNP was accepted for publication in the IJSEM on 12th August and was sent to production. The paper with proposals for new emendations (Oren, A., Arahal, D.R., Göker, M., Moore, E.R.B., Rosselló-Móra, R., and Sutcliffe, I.C. 2022. Proposals to emend Rules 8, 15, 22, 30(3)(b), 30(4), 34a, and Appendix 7 of the International Code of Nomenclature of Prokaryotes) was submitted for publication in the IJSEM on 2nd August.

Minute 15 Update from the treasurer

There was nothing further to report.

Minute 16. Update from the working group on type strain accessibility

There was nothing to report. The group will meet on 29th September.

Minute 17. Update from the working group on Education & Outreach

Y. Shouche had nothing new to report. I.C. Sutcliffe will request M. Chuvochina to post a note on the ICSP Twitter account that Judicial Commission Opinions 112-122 were published.

Minute 18. Other business

I.C. Sutcliffe noted that the mBio paper by Oren, A., Göker, M., Sutcliffe, I.C., on behalf of the Executive Board of the International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes 'New phylum names harmonize prokaryotic nomenclature' was sent to production together with a reply by

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Date of next meeting: **29st September 2022, 9 am UK time**

Adjourned at 10.35

Minutes prepared by A. Oren – 2nd September 2022

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Action points

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- All members of the Executive Board, to propose nominees for the 2023 van Niel International Prize.

- A. Oren, to prepare the ballot for ratification of Judicial Opinions 123-127 by the ICSP voting members, to be open during the month of September.

I.C. Sutcliffe, to finalize the letter to D.R. Brown concerning his inquiry about possibilities to appeal Judicial Opinion 122.

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