



# International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes

## ICSP-EB Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Redacted Minutes

**Chair:**

I. C. SUTCLIFFE  
Northumbria University  
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**Vice-Chair:**

E. R. B. MOORE  
University of Gothenburg  
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**Vice-Chair:**

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University of Copenhagen  
Denmark

**Secretary:**

M. GÖKER  
Leibniz Institute DSMZ  
Germany

### 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), S.L.W. On (Secretary of Subcommittees), Y. Shouche (Member-at-Large), D.R. Arahal (Chair JC), H. Christensen (Vice-Chair JC), and M. Göker (Secretary JC). Apologies were received from P. Nielsen (Treasurer) and R. Hahnke (Member-at-Large).

### Minute 3. Publication of the 2022 Revision of the ICNP

I.C. Sutcliffe congratulated the Editorial Board of the ICNP for the publication of the 2022 Revision of the Code, which is online since 23 May (<https://doi.org/10.1099/ijsem.0.005585>), and he thanked A. Oren for the efforts spent on the preparation and publication of the new revision.

### Minute 4. Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 meeting of the Executive Board

The draft minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 meeting were approved after redaction of a number of items. 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 5. Matters Arising/Action points from previous meetings

- A. Oren has forwarded the redacted minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 meeting to all members of the ICSP, the Judicial Commission and the chairs of the Subcommittees on Taxonomy.

- E.R.B. Moore did not yet post the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 meeting of the Executive Board on the ICSP website.

- E.R.B. Moore has made some progress with the posting of short CVs of deceased Life Members on the ICSP website, but the work is not yet completed. Ongoing.

- I.C. Sutcliffe, M. Göker and A. Oren have prepared a new draft revision of the ICSP statutes. Ongoing.

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- I.C. Sutcliffe did not yet send the draft revision of the ICSP statutes to R. Samson (IUMS) for comments. Ongoing.
- S.L.W. On has completed a near-final draft summary of the 25<sup>th</sup> October meeting of chairs and secretaries of Subcommittees on Taxonomy for publication in the IJSEM. Ongoing.
- M. Göker and A. Oren held a meeting with J. Kelly and J. Cook of the Microbiology Society on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and discussed the proposal to set up a database management system for managing the Validation Lists, Notification Lists, and other relevant lists. They are now waiting for the Microbiology Society representatives to send comments and proposals on how to proceed. See Minute 14.
- I.C. Sutcliffe has liaised with R. Hahnke to plan the program of the ICSP-sponsored session during the VAAM meeting in Göttingen in September. T. Woyke will not be able to deliver the van Niel Prize lecture during the meeting. Ongoing.
- No additional candidates were nominated by the members of the Executive Board for the next van Niel Prize. See Minute 7.
- I.C. Sutcliffe and A. Oren have contacted all full and co-opted ICSP members and invite candidate statements for functions in the new Executive Board. See Minute 8.
- E.R.B. Moore did not yet publish the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> January meeting of the Publications Committee on the ICSP website. Ongoing.
- I.C. Sutcliffe and A. Oren started a ballot on May 1<sup>st</sup> to elect a member of the Judicial Commission to replace R. Rossello-Mora (26<sup>th</sup> class). Candidates are C. Dunlap, R.R. de la Haba, P. Švec, and J.P.W. Young. I.C. Sutcliffe and A. Oren act as the tellers. The ballot will be closed on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- M. Göker did not yet liaise with P. Nielsen to coordinate payment of the honorarium to LPSN for 2023. Ongoing.
- I.C. Sutcliffe and A. Oren started the preparation of a report summarizing the activities of the ICSP in the past three years, to be endorsed by the Executive Board and to be forwarded to IUMS in August.
- M. Göker had no information whether P. Nielsen has received the money owed by the Microbiology Society as honorarium to LPSN.
- P. Nielsen was not present at the meeting, and no information was received about the progress with the preparation of the financial report on the 2020-2023 term to be submitted to IUMS.
- M. Göker and E.R.B. Moore did not yet discuss with D. Cardew possible changes to be made in the way the ICSP website is operated, which should be further coordinated with R. Samson (IUMS). Ongoing.

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## **Minute 6. Welcoming new ICSP members**

Three new full members have been appointed by IUMS member societies: A. Botteaux representing the Belgian Society for Microbiology, A. Táncsics representing the Hungarian Society for Microbiology, and S. Ventura, representing the Società Italiana de Microbiologia Generale e Biotecnologie Microbiche. M. del C. Montero-Calasanz, S.L.W. On and M. Pallen were appointed co-opted members: 18 full members endorsed all three nominees for co-option, one abstained, and 8 members did not cast any vote. I.C. Sutcliffe and A. Oren have welcomed the new full and co-opted members and sent them relevant information. E.R.B. Moore has already added A. Botteaux, A. Táncsics, M. del C. Montero-Calasanz, S.L.W. On and M. Pallen to the membership list on the ICSP website.

The ICSP now has 31 full members, 3 co-opted members, and 3 life members. A. Oren will distribute an updated list of ICSP members to all members of the ICSP, the Judicial Commission and the chairs of the Subcommittees on Taxonomy.

## **Minute 7. Candidates for the next van Niel Prize**

Since last month's meeting, no new candidates were proposed by members of the Executive Board. All members of the Executive Board are requested to send to I.C. Sutcliffe a ranked list of the three proposed candidates no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>. I.C. Sutcliffe will then send the ranked list to the University of Queensland.

## **Minute 8. Executive Board elections update**

We now have a full slate of candidates for the next Executive Board: E.R.B. Moore for chair, C. Manaia for vice-chair, A. Oren for executive secretary, S.L.W. On for secretary of subcommittees on taxonomy, P. Nielsen for treasurer, and R. Hahnke, C. Manaia, M. Sakamoto, Y. Shouche, and S. Ventura (TBC) for member-at-large. A. Oren and I.C. Sutcliffe will prepare the ballot, and A. Oren will send the ballot to all voting members on 1<sup>st</sup> June, to remain open until 30<sup>th</sup> June. I.C. Sutcliffe and D.R. Arahal will act as tellers.

## **Minute 9. Update on Statutes revision**

I.C. Sutcliffe, M. Göker and A. Oren have prepared a new draft revision of the ICSP statutes. Further work to finesse the proposals is ongoing.

## **Minute 10. Participation of the ICSP in the BISMis conference in November**

BISMis will organize its next conference in Guangzhou, China, in 5-8 November 2023. Active participation of the ICSP in this meeting is important as it will increase our profile and increase awareness of our work. A. Oren will probably give a nomenclature workshop before or after the conference, similar to the workshops he has presented in Hangzhou (2015), Pune (2016) and Busan (2017). I.C. Sutcliffe will contact K. Jangid and W-J Li to discuss ICSP participation in the conference.

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## **Minute 11. Update on Subcommittees**

S.L.W. On reported that the Subcommittee on Methanogenic Archaea has sent the list of taxa under its jurisdiction, and this list was already uploaded on the LPSN website. Similar information from the Subcommittee on Phototrophic bacteria is still missing.

The minutes of the closed annual meeting of the Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of Rhizobia and Agrobacteria held on 11 October 2022 and followed by online discussion until 31 December 2022 have been published (Mousavi and Young, *Int. J. Syst. Evol. Microbiol.* 2023;73:005856; <https://doi.org/10.1099/ijsem.0.005856>).

## **Minute 12. Update from the Judicial Commission**

D.R. Arahal reported that a draft of Opinion no. 129 has been completed and will be voted on by the Judicial Commission in the coming weeks, once the replacement of R. Rossello-Mora is known.

There are currently four candidates to fill the open positions on the Judicial Commission, including the replacement of R. Rossello-Mora and P.-E. Fournier and the 28<sup>th</sup> class to be elected soon. Candidates are C. Dunlap, R.R. de la Haba, P. Švec, S. Ventura, and J.P.W. Young. The ballot to elect the replacement for R. Rossello-Mora (candidates: C. Dunlap, R.R. de la Haba, P. Švec, and J.P.W. Young) will be closed on 31<sup>st</sup> May. I.C. Sutcliffe and A. Oren will prepare a ballot for the election of the 28<sup>th</sup> Class of the Judicial Commission for voting to begin in mid-June. I.C. Sutcliffe and A. Oren will act as tellers.

## **Minute 13. Update from the Publications Committee**

The Publications Committee met on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Present were E.R.B. Moore (chair), H. Christensen, J. Kelly (Microbiology Society), M. Göker, A. Oren, I.C. Sutcliffe, M.E. Trujillo. Guests were H. Cook and N. Froude (the Microbiology Society).

## **Minute 14. Update from the IJSEM**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May, M. Göker and A. Oren met with J. Kelly and H. Cook of the Microbiology Society to discuss the possible establishment of a dedicated website for the management of validation lists, notification lists, and other lists published periodically by the list editors.

On 26<sup>th</sup> May, an online meeting will be held of all nomenclature reviewers to discuss the inclusion of M. Kostovski in the nomenclature review team and the way the members of the nomenclature will cooperate in the future.

## **Minute 15. Update from the Editor-in-Chief of the ICNP**

The 2022 Revision of the ICNP is now online (see Minute 3).

The six-month discussion period on the proposals to emend Rules 8, 15, 22, 30(3)(b), 30(4), 34a, and Appendix 7 of the ICNP (Oren et al., *Int. J. Syst. Evol. Microbiol.* 2022;72:005630) will end on

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15<sup>th</sup> June. A. Oren will collate the comments posted on the Slack channel and discuss with editorial board whether reply is needed (see Article 13 (b) (4) of the statutes of the ICSP). If not, the ICSP will be requested to vote on the proposal. I.C. Sutcliffe and A. Oren will prepare the ballot and act as tellers.

## **Minute 16. Update from the Treasurer**

P. Nielsen, the treasurer, was not present at the meeting, and there were no updates. I. Sutcliffe will liaise with P. Nielsen regarding ongoing action points.

## **Minute 17. Update from the working group on type strain accessibility**

There was nothing to report.

## **Minute 18. Update on the Singleton Deposit Initiative**

M. Göker has sent a third reminder to a number of culture collections, and received a few responses. He started to coordinate the process of exchanging strains between collections.

## **Minute 19. Update from the working group on Education & Outreach**

There was nothing to report.

## **Minute 20. Other business**

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting: June 29<sup>th</sup> 9 am UK time.

Adjourned at 10.20

Minutes prepared by A. Oren – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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## **Action points:**

- A. Oren, to forward the minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 meeting to all members of the ICSP, the Judicial Commission and the chairs of the Subcommittees on Taxonomy.
- E.R.B. Moore, to post the minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and the 27<sup>th</sup> April meetings of the Executive Board on the ICSP website.
- E.R.B. Moore, to complete the posting of short CVs of deceased Life Members on the ICSP website.

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- I.C. Sutcliffe, M. Göker and A. Oren, to finalize the preparation of a draft revision of the ICSP statutes.
- I.C. Sutcliffe, to send the draft to revision of the ICSP statutes to R. Samson (IUMS) for comments.
- S.L.W. On, to finalize the summary of the 25<sup>th</sup> October meeting of chairs and secretaries of Subcommittees on Taxonomy for publication in the IJSEM.
- I.C. Sutcliffe, to liaise with R. Hahnke and A. Lipski to finalize the program of the ICSP-sponsored session during the VAAM meeting in Göttingen in September.
- E.R.B. Moore, to publish the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> January meeting of the Publications Committee on the ICSP website.
- M. Göker, to liaise with P. Nielsen to coordinate payment of the honorarium to LPSN for 2023.
- P. Nielsen, to check whether the money owed by the Microbiology Society as honorarium to LPSN was received.
- P. Nielsen, to draft the financial report on the 2020-2023 term to submit to IUMS.
- M. Göker and E.R.B. Moore, to discuss (preferentially in early July) with D. Cardew possible changes to be made in the way the ICSP website is operated, which should be further coordinated with R. Samson (IUMS).
- E.R.B. Moore, to add S. Ventura to the list of full members on the ICSP website.
- A. Oren, to distribute an updated list of ICSP members to all members of the ICSP, the Judicial Commission and the chairs of the Subcommittees on Taxonomy.
- All members of the Executive Board, to send to I.C. Sutcliffe a ranked list of the three proposed candidates for the next van Niel Prize no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- I.C. Sutcliffe, to send a ranked list of the three candidates for the next van Niel Prize to the University of Queensland.
- A. Oren and I.C. Sutcliffe, to prepare the ballot for election of the new Executive Board.
- A. Oren, to send the ballot for election of the new Executive Board to all voting members on 1<sup>st</sup> June.
- I.C. Sutcliffe, to contact BISMis president and secretary K. Jangid and W-J Li to discuss ICSP participation in the BISMis conference in Guangzhou in November.

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- I.C. Sutcliffe and A. Oren, to prepare a ballot for the election of the 28th Class of the Judicial Commission for voting to begin in mid-June.
- A. Oren and E.R.B. Moore, to finalise the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> May meeting of the Publications Committee for publication on the ICSP website.
- A. Oren, to collate the comments posted on the Slack channel on the proposals to amend Rules 8, 15, 22, 30(3)(b), 30(4), 34a, and Appendix 7 of the ICNP (Oren et al., *Int. J. Syst. Evol. Microbiol.* 2022;72:005630) after 15<sup>th</sup> June, and discuss with the ICNP editorial board whether a reply is required.