



International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes

EB-ICSP Meeting 26th November 2024 – Redacted Minutes

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Minute 1. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 09.10 CET.

Minute 2. Record of attendance

The following members of the Executive Board (EB) participated: E.R.B. Moore (Chair), A. Oren (Executive Secretary), P. Nielsen (Treasurer), R.L. Hahnke (Member-at-Large), M. Sakamoto (Member-at-Large), D.R. Arahal (Chair, JC), H. Christensen (Vice-Chair JC), and M. Göker (Secretary JC). Apologies were received from C.M. Manaia (Vice-Chair) and S.L.W. On (Secretary of Subcommittees).

Minute 3. Minutes of the 29th October 2024 meeting of the Executive Board

The draft minutes of the 29th October 2024 meeting were approved with a few corrections. A. Oren will distribute a redacted version of the minutes to the members of the International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes (ICSP), the Judicial Commission (JC), 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 minutes of the 26th September meeting to all members of the ICSP, the Judicial Commission and the chairs of the Subcommittees on Taxonomy.

- E.R.B. Moore has posted the minutes of the 26th September 2024 meeting on the ICSP website.

- E.R.B. Moore has posted a link to the ICSP Statutes more prominently on the homepage of the ICSP website. He will add more links to the Statutes on other relevant pages as well. Ongoing.

- E.R.B. Moore responded to the complaint received from W.B. Whitman about the handling of the ballot for the Best of Both Worlds proposals. The complaint was found to be unwarranted by the EB and the decision was unanimous to take no action.

- A. Oren has convened the authors of the proposal for amendment of the ICSP statutes to finalize the ballot form to be presented to the voting members of the ICSP. This meeting was scheduled for 26th November, 11.15 CET.

- E.R.B. Moore has acknowledged receipt of a letter of invitation received from M. Chuvochina on behalf of Bergey's Manual Trust. See Minute 11.

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- D.R. Arahal has circulated the relevant abstracts presented at the XX Taxon meeting in Salamanca among the EB members.
- E.R.B. Moore did not yet update the members of the EB on the options presented to solve the problem of the Oyuntsetseg and Kim 2024 paper DOI 10.1099/ijsem.0.006511) that was updated after publication (see the erratum - DOI 10.1099/ijsem.0.006541), as presented by A. Monica. See Minute 15.
- E.R.B. Moore has checked and edited the draft minutes of the 22nd October plenary meeting in Florence, as prepared by A. Oren.
- A. Oren has circulated the draft minutes of the 22nd October plenary meeting in Florence among all participants and the members of the EB to be checked for accuracy. A. Oren reported that these minutes were submitted on 15th November for publication in the IJSEM.

Minute 5. The ballot for voting on the proposals for revising the ICSP Statutes

The format of the ballot for voting on the proposals for revising the ICSP statutes and the options to be presented will be further discussed in a separate meeting of the authors of the proposals. This meeting was scheduled for 26th November, 11.15 CET. M. Sakamoto and H. Christensen have kindly volunteered to serve as the tellers for this ballot.

Minute 6. - Redacted

Minute 7. - Redacted

Minute 8. Ongoing issues regarding type strains of Brazilian origin

The question whether names of species whose type strains were isolated in Brazil can be validly published was raised in view of a request received by the IJSEM list editors to validate the name *Buttiauxella chrysanthemi* (Furlan *et al.*, *Arch Microbiol* 2018;200:1365-1369). The question must also be asked whether the name *Citrobacter meridianamericanus*, published in IJSEM 2023;73:005720 can be considered validly published. E.R.B Moore has contacted M. da Silva in Brazil to obtain further information about the current regulations of the Brazilian authorities concerning restrictions on the availability of type strains. He will convene a meeting in the near future with her and with representatives from the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment, who are responsible for regulations governing ABS for Brazil, and with people from the Brazilian Society of Microbiology.

Minute 9. Planning an ICSP Plenary Meeting in conjunction with the FEMS MICRO 2025 Conference, Milan, Italy

The EB further discussed the invitation received from A. Ventosa, president of FEMS, to hold the next ICSP Plenary Meeting in conjunction with the FEMS MICRO 2025 in Milan, Italy, in July 2025. Such a meeting can be held as a hybrid meeting, similar to the Plenary Meeting held in Florence, in conjunction with the IUMS-2024 Congress, in October. S. Ventura had offered to help coordinate preparations of a meeting, with help of colleagues in Milan. There was consensus that the offer is attractive. The option to organize an ICSP-sponsored scientific session during the conference was also discussed. E.R.B. Moore will contact A. Ventosa to further discuss the proposals.

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Minute 10. Issues related to ICSP support of van Niel Prize recipients

E.R.B. Moore had discussed financial issues regarding the van Niel Prize with P.R. Young of the University of Queensland during the IUMS conference in Florence. A special discussion should be devoted to the topic in the first quarter of 2025 to standardize the procedures and to define the financial responsibilities of the ICSP.

Minute 11. Invitation from the Bergey's Manual Trust to help organize and participate in a meeting to resolve issues arising from the use of the SeqCode and the ICNP

E.R.B. Moore has acknowledged receipt of the letter from M. Chuvochina, secretary of Bergey's Manual Trust, inviting the Executive Boards of the ICSP, SeqCode, and BISMIS to help organize and participate in a meeting to be held in Qingdao, Shandong Province, China, in conjunction with the BISMIS conference, 17-20 October 2025, to resolve potential conflicts that could affect the nomenclature of prokaryotes due to the dual use of the SeqCode and the ICNP. In principle, the ICSP is prepared to participate in such a meeting. However, we also should explore other frameworks for such discussions. The issue is not urgent and further ideas would be considered. E.R.B. Moore will reply to M. Chuvochina.

Minute 12. Confirmation of M. Kostovski as IJSEM list editor

M. Kostovski, who serves as a nomenclature reviewer for the IJSEM, has inquired about the possibility to join the team of IJSEM list editors. List editors A. Oren and M. Göker have met with M. Kostovski, and discussed the possibility that he may participate in the preparation of Candidatus lists. The EB unanimously agreed with the appointment of M. Kostovski as a list editor. A. Oren will notify M.E. Trujillo of the decision, in accordance with Article 14(c) of the ICSP statutes.

Minute 13. Update from the Judicial Commission

D.R. Arahal reported that a request from K. Kuroda and M.K. Nobu from AIST research institute in Japan to validly publish the name of a new taxon that requires special facilities based on a single culture collection deposition was approved by the Chair of the ICSP, the Chair of the Judicial Commission and the Editor-in-Chief of the IJSEM, in accordance with the *Note* to Rule 30(b) of the ICNP.

Minute 14. Update from the Editor-in-Chief of the ICNP

A. Oren reported that the editorial board of the ICNP will meet on 3rd December to prepare the publication of a draft version of the 2025 revision of the ICNP to start the six-month discussion period. Comments and suggestions on the circulated draft were received from D.R. Arahal, H. Christensen, M. Göker and M.-S. Li.

Minute 15. Update from the IJSEM

A. Oren reported on new typesetting problems. These have been discussed with the staff of the Microbiology Society and the typesetters.

Concerning the 'updating' of the Oyuntsetseg and Kim 2024 paper (10.1099/ijsem.0.006511 and 10.1099/ijsem.0.006541), M. Göker has discussed the problem with A. Monica of the

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Microbiology Society. The EB-ICSP does not currently consider changes to an article's metadata by the publisher to violate the intent to create a permanent record. This interpretation may be explicitly stated in the 2025 revision of the ICNP. M. Göker will update A. Monica that no action needs to be taken on the Oyuntseteg and Kim paper, but that the publisher should avoid any changes to an article that affect parts other than what can reasonably be considered part of the metadata.

Minute 16. Update from the Publications Committee

As the Best of Both Worlds proposal will soon be approved by the ICSP, a meeting should be scheduled with the IJSEM Editor-in-Chief to discuss necessary changes in the IJSEM policy. A special meeting may be necessary at a later stage.

Minute 17. Update from Subcommittees on Taxonomy

Minutes of two closed meetings were recently published by the Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of Methanogenic Archaea (Dodsworth and Prakash, 10.1099/ijsem.0.006569) and the Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of Mollicutes (Gasparich *et al.*, 10.1099/ijsem.0.006576).

A. Oren reported on a letter received from T.W.F. Aaron who proposed the establishment of an ICSP Subcommittee on Taxonomy of *Candidatus* Taxa and an ICSP Ad Hoc Committee on *Candidatus* Names. A. Oren recommended T.W.F. Aaron to contact S.L.W. On in accordance with the ICSP statutes.

Minute 18. Update from the Treasurer

P. Nielsen reported on current problems to login into the NatWest bank account, causing a delay in the payment of travel expense refunds.

Minute 19. Update from Working Group on Education & Outreach

Because of time constraints, no issues related to the ICSP website and social media were discussed.

Minute 20. Update from the Working Group on Type strain accessibility

E.R.B. Moore reported on recent problems to obtain type strains from the CGMCC collection. He will report on the DSI Framework at COP16, Colombia, at the next EB meeting

Minute 21. Update on the Singleton Initiative

There were no new updates.

Minute 22. Update on Ad Hoc Committee on Mitigating Changes in Prokaryotes

M. Göker reported that a regular meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled for 3rd December.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.00 CET.

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Minutes prepared by A. Oren, 29th November 2024.

The next meeting of the EB was scheduled for 7th January 2025, 09.00 CET.

Action points:

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- E.R.B. Moore, to post the redacted minutes of the 29th October meeting of the Executive Board on the ICSP website.
- E.R.B. Moore, to post a link to the ICSP Statutes more prominently on the relevant pages of the ICSP website.
- A. Oren, to send reminders to the ICSP voting members who have not yet returned the ballot for endorsement of JC Opinion 131.
- E.R.B. Moore to convene a meeting with M. da Silva in Brazil and other interested parties to obtain further information about the current regulations of the Brazilian authorities concerning restrictions on the availability of type strains.
- E.R.B. Moore, to discuss with A. Ventosa options for an ICSP Plenary Meeting and an ICSP-sponsored scientific session in conjunction with the FEMS MICRO 2025 in Milan, Italy, in July 2025.
- E.R.B. Moore, to reply to M. Chuvochina concerning the invitation to help organize and participate in a meeting to be held in conjunction with the BISMIS conference in Qingdao, China, in October 2025, to resolve potential conflicts that could affect the nomenclature of prokaryotes due to the dual use of the SeqCode and the ICNP.
- A. Oren, to notify M.E. Trujillo that the EB has approved the nomination of M. Kostovski as a list editor of the IJSEM.
- M. Göker, to update A. Monica that no action needs to be taken on the Oyuntseteg and Kim paper, but that the Microbiology Society, being the publisher of the IJSEM, should avoid any changes to an article that affect parts other than what can reasonably be considered part of the metadata.