

## Taxonomy of prokaryotic viruses: 2017 update from the ICTV Bacterial and Archaeal Viruses Subcommittee

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### Abstract

The prokaryotic virus community is represented at the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) by the Bacterial and Archaeal Viruses Subcommittee. Since our last report [5], the committee composition has changed, and a large number of taxonomic proposals (TaxoProps) were submitted to the ICTV Executive Committee (EC) for approval.

**1. Changes in subcommittee membership.** During the past year we have lost two members. Dr. Hans-Wolfgang Ackermann, a life member of the ICTV, the father of caudovirus taxonomy [1] and an electron microscopist extraordinaire [2–4], lamentably died and will be gravely missed. In addition, Dr. Jens H. Kuhn, who, in spite of protestations about not being a genuine phage biologist, proved invaluable

**Table 1** List of current subcommittee members who have new responsibilities (\*), along with new members of the subcommittee

| Name                    | Country                    | Position                                       |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Evelien Adriaenssens*   | United Kingdom             | Chair, <i>Caudovirales</i> phage study group   |
| Dann Turner             | United Kingdom             | Chair, <i>Acinetobacter</i> phage study group  |
| Jakub Barylski*         | Poland                     | Chair, <i>Bacillus</i> phage study group       |
| Jochen Klumpp*          | Switzerland                | Chair, <i>Listeria</i> phage study group       |
| Malgorzata Lobočka      | Poland                     | Chair, <i>Staphylococcus</i> phage study group |
| Poliane Alfenas-Zerbini | Brazil                     | Member   |
| Ramy Aziz               | Egypt                      | Member   |
| Andrea Moreno Switt     | Chile                      | Member   |
| Yigang Tong             | People's Republic of China | Member   |
| Leonardo van Zyl        | South Africa               | Member   |
| Jumpei Uchiyama         | Japan                      | Member   |
| Nicola K. Petty         | Australia                  | Member   |

to our discussions and preparation of TaxoProps and manuscripts, resigned from the Subcommittee. Both Hans and Jens are acknowledged for their significant contributions







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