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Following a mini-symposium held at the Spring 2006 meeting in Potsdam, Germany, the Textiles Group was formed formally in Copenhagen in October 2006. The first two meetings focussed on a partial review of methods in use and some comparisons made by both IMSL, De Montfort University in the UK, the Japan Textile Evaluation Technology Council and QualityLabs in Germany. Given the current activities in OECD to both harmonise testing methods for basic activity and promote claim-specific tests for product registration, it was agreed that IBRG should concentrate on looking at the in-use simulation of antimicrobial effects. Following the meeting in Ghent, a test outline / basic design was described to look at the impact of treatments on textiles on the survival of bacteria delivered to them from small, contaminated splashes. This concept will form the basis of the first collaborative ring test which will be performed in 2008.

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