

INTERNATIONAL BIODETERIORATION RESEARCH GROUP

Wet-State Preservation Group: Annual Report 2017

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After the Autumn Meeting 2016, the Polymer Dispersion Group was expanded to formally become the Wet-State Preservation Group.

The Wet-State Preservation Group held two meetings during 2017; The spring meeting in April 2017 was hosted at BAM in Berlin, Germany and the Autumn Meeting in November was held at the Nara Kasugano International Forum, Japan.

The primary aim of the Wet-State Preservation Group continues to be focused on the development of claim-specific standard methods which can be used for product registration within the scope of regulatory bodies with particular focus on EU Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) within Product Type 6. The methods are designed as efficacy tests for evaluating the performance of active substances used in wet-state preservation.

Primary group activities were directed towards growth of suitable yeasts in a dispersed powder polymer and the development of a Ring Test to support BPR requirements which will be explored by multiple laboratories in 2018.

During the Spring meeting two new application areas, mineral slurries and adhesives were presented to the group for possible future investigation by the group.

The wet-state preservation activities of the Paint Group was incorporated into the Wet-State Preservation Group to harmonise direction.

At both meetings, discussions also focused on describing and clarifying the requirements for Tier 2 methods for biocidal product registration.

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