

**INTERNATIONAL BIODETERIORATION RESEARCH GROUP**

**Wet-State Preservation Group: Annual Report 2018**

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The Wet-State Preservation Group held two meetings during 2018; The spring meeting in April 2018 was hosted at Hotel Callirhoe, Athens, Greece and the Autumn Meeting in October was held at the Vila Lanna, Prague, Czech Republic.

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.

During the autumn meeting it was decided that the areas of interest for the group are:

- Polymers
- Paints
- Mineral Slurries
- Adhesives
- Homecare Products

At both meetings, discussions also focused on describing and clarifying the requirements for Tier 2 methods for biocidal product registration. The development of curative methods were discussed as a future function for the group.

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