

# **INTERNATIONAL BIODETERIORATION RESEARCH GROUP**

## **Textiles Project Group: Annual Report 2015**

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The Textiles Project Group met twice in the 2015 period, first in Kendal, UK in April and then in Prague, Czech Republic in October

Given the current activities within OECD to both harmonise testing methods for basic activity and promote claim-specific tests for product registration, especially under the BPR, IBRG will continue to concentrate on looking at the in-use simulation of antimicrobial effects. Therefore the activities of IBRG for the next few years will continue to be focussed on the development of test protocols to allow the function of treated porous materials under simulated real-life scenarios to be explored. Initial ring tests on a simulation of the effects of treated textiles on the survival of bacteria delivered by contaminated, small splashes of liquids is in progress.

A method to model the control of odour has been developed and was subjected to a small ring test. This work will continue and the method has been refined further and other models are under investigation.

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