

INTERNATIONAL BIODETERIORATION RESEARCH GROUP

Paints Project Group: Annual Report 2003

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The Paints Project Group met twice in the 2003 period. Thirty five participants attended a meeting in May hosted by BASF in Nottingham, UK, and in September, 31 participants attended a joint meeting with the IBBS in Manchester, UK. The joint meeting with IBBS was a chance to welcome new members and observers not familiar with IBRG, however, it also restricted the time available for discussions in the group, thus, to some extent, influencing the amount of progress on some items at the Autumn Meeting.

The In-can Preservation Sub-Group has not been able to move forward with the publication of the draft method this year. An agreement was made at the Spring Meeting to collect information from members regarding deviations in in-house methods compared to the IBRG Draft 9 Method and to look into the ability of the listed test organisms to infect “modern” paint formulations. No work was done on “The Use of Fungi and Yeast in Challenge Inocula for Tinting Pastes”.

On the item “Maintenance of Test Strains”, TNO has begun to fingerprint recent bacterial isolates from paint manufacturers.

In the Algicidal Coatings Sub-Group, differences in and availability of test substrates were discussed: Master Clad and Master Board. The former quality is no longer commercially available. At the Autumn Meeting test parameters for another test round were agreed.

A presentation of the work in CEN WG10 regarding test methods for BPD Efficacy Claims engaged the participants at the Spring Meeting and encouraged members to participate in future CEN WG10 meetings.

A publication of the Rating System for Surface Growth is still pending. It was decided to make the photos produced for the study available to members via the IBRG web site.

At the Spring Meeting it was also decided to make a guidance document for all relevant test methods.