



**INTERNATIONAL BIODETERIORATION RESEARCH GROUP**

**Dry State Preservation Group: Annual Report 2020/ 2021**

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The IBRG meeting in Manchester, in Spring 2020 was cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic, and no meeting was held in Autumn 2020. However, the Dry State Preservation Group met on-line twice in the 2021 period. The first meeting was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2021 where 18 delegates were welcomed and Gillian Iredale was elected the Chairperson of the group and Kevin Roden agreed to become the Technical Secretary. The second meeting took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 where 20 delegates were welcomed.

The main activities within the group are the revision of ISO 846 Part C, the further development of a method for measuring the resistance of surfaces to fungal and algal growth and the development of a method to measure the efficacy of biocidal washes for surfaces contaminated with fungal / algal growth. Further work on the resistance of porous materials to fungal colonisation and growth is planned.

In November 2021 the IBRG published: **IBRG DSP20-001/1.0 (November 2021): "A Method for Determining the Resistance of Paints and Coatings and other Non-Porous Material to Fungal Growth"**.

**Chairperson:**  
**Gillian Iredale**

**Technical Secretary:**  
**Kevin Roden**