

# IAC Unscentored



The International Antimicrobial Council is dedicated to promoting the safe and effective use of antimicrobials and odor-control technologies in industries where microbial contamination is of concern. The IAC educates antimicrobial producers, treated product manufacturers, brand owners and consumers. IAC conducts research on the market demand for the odor control feature while keeping abreast of regulatory issues that affect the industry. The IAC laboratory has refined and continues to develop antimicrobial test procedures for standardized test methods that provide more uniform test results between laboratories. [www.amcouncil.org](http://www.amcouncil.org)

## Webinars

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## Industry Events

### Come See Us!

AATCC in Greenville, SC **March 6-8**  
Home Fashions Market in NYC **March 19-22**  
Techtextil NA in Atlanta **May 22-24**

## Highlights from 2017

### The IAC, International in Name & Scope

2017 was a busy year for the International Antimicrobial Council (IAC). The IAC added Certified Laboratories in China, Hong Kong, India and Central America. Major international retailers and name brand companies now require that their testing be performed by IAC Certified Laboratories and that the reports they receive are IAC Verified.

The IAC has been working with some of its members to develop an odor detection method for textiles. While microbiological testing is an important part of determining how effective an antimicrobial will be in controlling odor in a fabric, being able to quantify the odor release from treated and untreated textiles provides important performance data specific to the product claims being made by brands or retailers. A model Odor Test Method for Textiles was presented by Dr. Robert Monticello during his presentation to the 11th Chinese Development Conference for the Antimicrobial Industry. Dr. Monticello is Chair of the IAC Science Advisory Board and was invited to make the presentation by the Chinese Industrial Association for Antimicrobial Materials and Producers. Dr. Monticello detailed the findings of their work to date and made recommendations for the adoption of the new odor detection method once it is finalized.

The IAC added several webinars in 2017 and enjoyed working with members and partners like the Industrial Fabrics Association International and Noble Biosciences to provide up to date information on testing procedures, regulatory policies, the causes behind textile odors and what test methods are most appropriate for the various antimicrobial actives.

There is a lot more coming in 2018. The IAC is looking forward to a great year and providing a strong educational platform for its members and the industry. Thank you for your support in 2017 and for your continued confidence as we begin 2018.

