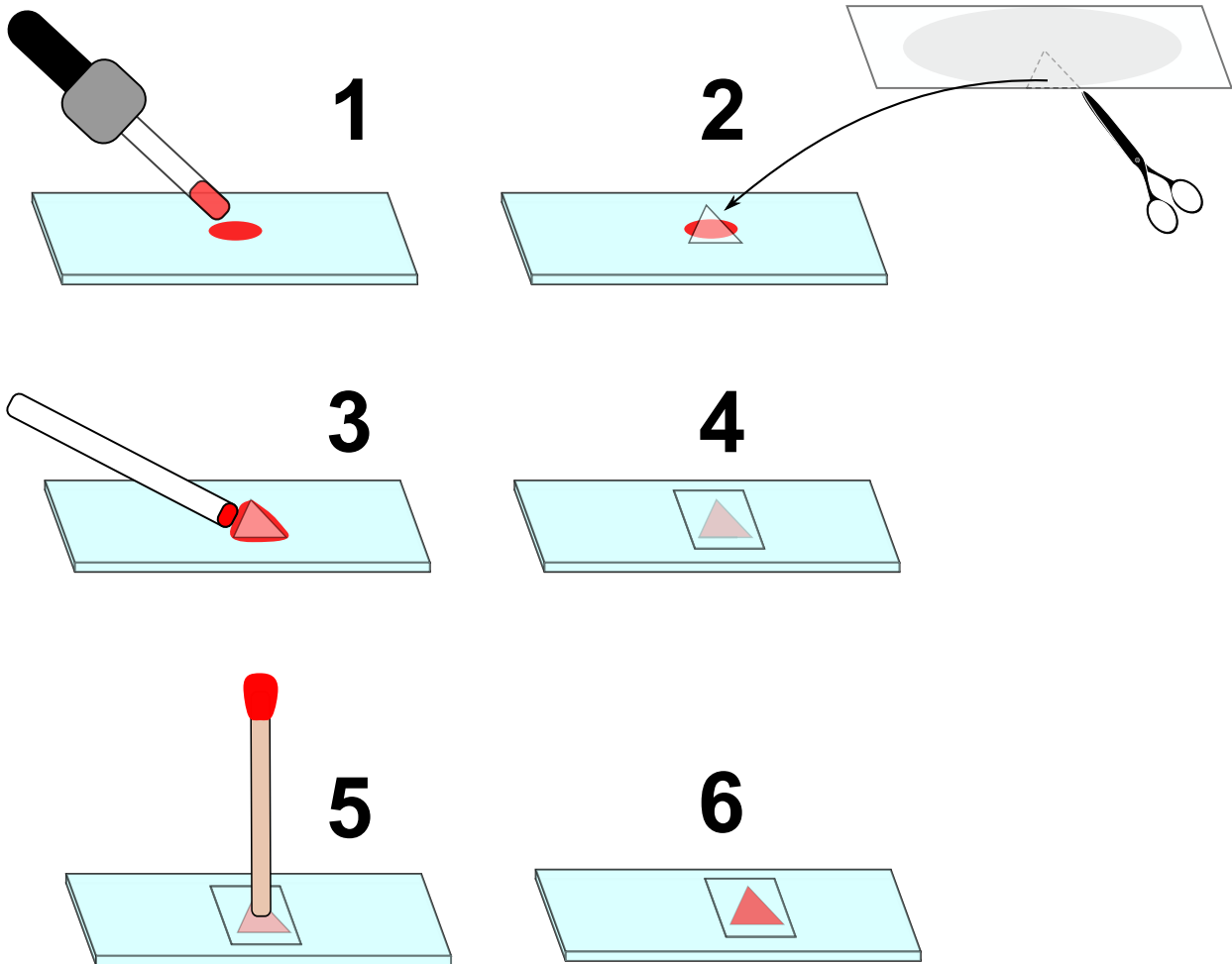


Microscopical preparation of a spore print obtained on a plastic slide



1 : Put a drop of reagent (congo red for instance) on a microscope slide;

2 : Cut a triangle in the plastic slide on which the spores are laid. Then put that triangle on the reagent drop, spores above;

3 : Soak up the in excess reagent with a blotting paper type material;

4 : Put a cover glass on the triangle ;

5 : Tap gently the cover glass with an eraser or a match. With the capillary action the reagent will spread between the triangle and the cover glass. Consequently the spores won't be scattered everywhere;

6 : The preparation is ready for the observation under the microscope.

Information sheet from Romain Penz .

Source: personal exchange with Marcel Gannaz (according to Jacques Boidin).