## VI conference of the Italian Colour Group

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This special issue reports a selection of topics from the VI conference of the Italian Colour Group (Gruppo del Colore – http://www.gruppodelcolore.it) held in Lecce in 2010, extended and submitted to JAIC.

The Italian Colour Group is a reference point for many realities in science, culture and professionals in the field of colour, that operate in Italy, merged over the time in our association, that lives his annual Colour Conference as the principal moment for debating and exchanging ideas. Gruppo del Colore was established in 2004 and held his first annual conference in Pescara in 2005. This multidisciplinary group has been founded enlarging the pre-existing Group of Colorimetry and Reflectoscopy (SIOF) founded in 1995 by Claudio Oleari. This multidisciplinary enlargement to all the possible applications of colour has been deeply inspired by the AIC and by the Colour Group (Great Britain). Now Gruppo del Colore is a much bigger group, compared to 2005, with a mailing list of nearly 500 persons and a submission of more than 150 papers for this year annual conference (the 8<sup>th</sup>) that will be held in September in Bologna.

We personally consider this special issue very important since it is a sort of official presentation of the Italian Colour Group to the much wider audience of the Journal of AIC and we also consider it the starting moment of a hopefully fruitful collaboration between these two realities.

Hope you will find it interesting.

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