## IX conference of the Italian Colour Group

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This special issue reports a selection of topics from the IX conference of the Italian Colour Group (Gruppo del Colore – http://www.gruppodelcolore.it) held in Florence in 2013, 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). Moreover the British colour group has collaborated in the organization of this conference in Florence.

Now Gruppo del Colore is a much bigger group, compared to 2005, with a mailing list of nearly 500 persons and Florence conference had the submission of more than 150 papers.

We are glad to introduce this special issue to report some of the most interesting papers of the conference, reporting in this way the progression of the Italian Colour Group to the much wider audience of the Journal of AIC. Hope you will find it interesting.

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