

# **GLASGOW COLOUR STUDIES GROUP**

## **Notes from the First Meeting, 25th April 2007**

The meeting was attended by about twenty people, and took place in Room 1, Department of English Language, University of Glasgow. Carole Biggam and David Simmons guided the proceedings.

### **Aims of the Group:**

- To provide a forum for the multidisciplinary study and discussion of colour.
- The format of the meetings should be open and flexible, sometimes consisting of a single lecture, sometimes several short talks, and sometimes, as required, discussions on particular topics.
- With the help of Jean Anderson, an online discussion group would also be set up.

### **Membership:**

- At the time of the meeting, 27 people had expressed interest in becoming members of the Group [five days later, the total is 37]. Anyone wishing to be kept informed of the Group's activities should contact Carole Biggam at [c.p.biggam@btinternet.com](mailto:c.p.biggam@btinternet.com) to be added to the mailing list.
- The Group is open to anyone with an interest in colour, but it is intended to be an academic and research forum. It is stressed, however, that members will have to make allowances for researchers in other disciplines who will not necessarily understand their terminology and methodology.

### **Conferences:**

- The first Glasgow colour conference, PICS04 ('Progress in Colour Studies, 2004'), organized by Carole Biggam and Christian Kay was briefly described. It had attracted speakers from as far afield as Mexico, the U.S.A., Canada and Australia, not to mention several European countries. The book of abstracts produced for the delegates, and the recently-published two-volume proceedings were available for members to inspect. Details of the proceedings follow:  
*Progress in Colour Studies Volume I: Language and Culture*, edited by C. P. Biggam and C. J. Kay, Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 2006.  
*Progress in Colour Studies Volume II: Psychological Aspects*, edited by N. J. Pitchford and C. P. Biggam, Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 2006.
- It is now proposed to host a second colour conference in the University of Glasgow, for which the organizing committee consists of Carole Biggam,

Carole Hough, Christian Kay and David Simmons, of the Departments of English Language, and Psychology.

- Dates of PICS08 will be from mid-day on Monday, 14th July 2008 to the end of Thursday, 17th July, plus an optional excursion on Friday, 18th July, if there is sufficient demand.
- Venue of PICS08 will be WILT (the Western Infirmary Lecture Theatre complex), situated between the Infirmary and the University.
- A mailing list is currently being compiled by Carole Biggam in preparation for sending out early information and the first call for papers. Members of the Group are welcome to suggest names for this list to Carole. All members of the Group will automatically be included.

### **Group Meetings:**

- It was decided that, for the time being at least, meetings should be held at 5.00 p.m. in the University of Glasgow.
- The current plan is to meet at least once a term.

### **Next Meeting:**

- **Wednesday, 13th June, at 5.00 p.m, in the Seminar Room (first floor), STELLA Lab., University of Glasgow, 6 University Gardens.**
- The meeting will consist of three presentations from three different disciplines, with time for discussion after each one. It is expected that two of the presentations will be from the fields of psychology and linguistics, while the third will be from a scientific discipline.