

Guest Editors' Foreword: Proceedings of the 19th Biennial Symposium of the International Colour Vision Society. Held July 2007 Belém, Brazil

The 19th Symposium of the International Colour Vision Society (ICVS) was held in Belém, Brazil in July 2007. This was the first time that the Society has met in Latin America. The Amazonian region was a unique location for this inauguration due both to its situation close to a vast, largely unexplored region of nature, and resources—an inspiring challenge for scientific study—and to the quality of the vision research developing in the region.

ICVS, formerly the International Research Group for Colour Vision Deficiencies, is made up of vision scientists and clinicians with broad interests in colour vision. The topics of the Symposium reflected the range of these interests, with sessions devoted to cone receptors, colour vision in New World primates, through molecular genetics of colour vision, to colour and reality, as well as acquired colour deficiencies and clinical testing techniques. These topics are covered in the peer-reviewed papers in this issue. The Society's Symposia thus provide an outstanding opportunity to make contact and develop common interests across disciplinary boundaries.

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The next meeting of ICVS will be held in Braga, Portugal in 2009. We hope to be able to welcome a wide international spectrum of attendees; the meeting website will be available from the autumn of 2008, and can be accessed through the Society's web page (www.icvs.info). We also invite your membership of ICVS. Membership details may be obtained from Dr. Neil Parry (neil.parry@manchester.ac.uk).

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