



INVITATION

1st International Symposium

Fusion: Color, Science and Art Conservation

- **May 8th, 2026**
- **Hybrid format: Online & On-site**
- **Faculty of Arts and Design, Oituz Street no. 4
West University of Timișoara**

The Faculty of Arts and Design, through CR-CERC – Regional Centre for Research and Expertise in Conservation and Restoration, is pleased to invite you to the **first edition of the International Symposium “Fusion: Color, Science and Art Conservation”**, organized within the exhibition Fusion: Color, Science, Art (May 5–22, 2026).

The symposium aims to explore the intersections between color, scientific research, and contemporary artistic practice, highlighting interdisciplinary, experimental, and innovative approaches. The event seeks to create a dynamic space for dialogue, encouraging collaboration between artists, theorists, scientists, and conservation professionals.

What to expect:

- A one-day event featuring presentations in heritage science, visual arts, and art conservation
- Interactive discussions and Q&A sessions

Participation format:

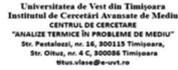
- 20 minute oral presentation
- 5-minute Q&A session
- On-site or online participation available

Suggested topics:

- Non-invasive and minimally invasive physico-chemical investigations of pigments and dyes in cultural heritage
- New technologies and software applications for pigment identification and mapping
- Case studies on degradation and restoration of polychrome cultural objects
- Visual and material research on color through transdisciplinary approaches
- Sustainability in pigment use and ecological alternatives
- Chromatic reinterpretation in contemporary art between tradition and technological innovation

Submission Guidelines

- Abstract (300–500 words) including:
 - Full name
 - Institutional affiliation
 - Title of the paper
 - 5 keywords
 - Short biography (max. 150 words)



Abstract submission deadline: 9 aprilie 2026, luisa.palade@e-uvt.ro

Notification of acceptance: 13 aprilie 2026

Proposals should be sent to: luisa.palade@e-uvt.ro, 16 aprilie 2026

Publication

Selected papers may be included in a collective volume/symposium catalogue (digital or printed format).

Organizer: Faculty of Arts and Design – West University of Timișoara

Co-organiser: Romanian Academy – "Coriolan Drăgulescu" Institute of Chemistry

Partners: ICAM - Institute for Advanced Environmental Research | YOCOCU - Youth in Conservation of Cultural Heritage | National Art Museum Timișoara, National Museum of the Union of Alba Iulia