

situation no. 41: happy new year 2000

by Gail Hastings

The form from which the measurement for the stripe painting were derived, reads:

BUREAU OF REPETITIONS IN ART

Due to an increasing demand to investigate the *temporal spacings* of repetitions in art, the Bureau has finally devised the following survey and requires your assistance to complete it.

Your instructions are to receive eight 'happy new year' greetings cards (designed specifically for this project) posted to you on separate days. Upon receiving each card, please mark the date and time on the adjacent form.

The data thus collected will then be analysed by our mathematicians, who will make public the results in the form of a wall painting.

We thank you, in advance, for your participation, and ensure that the covert nature of this investigation is for the benefit of accurate observation.

PARTICIPANT TYPE: N ; CURATOR OF CONTEMPORARY ART

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Following is the part filled out by a curator of contemporary art (in the case of 'situation no. 41', it was completed by Victoria Lynn, curator of 'Passing Time' at the Art Gallery of NSW):

colour of card	scheduled date for posting card	scheduled time for posting card	CALCULATION A time b/n posting this and the next card	date received (completed by participant)	time received (completed by participant)	CALCULATION B time b/n posting and reception	resulting gap b/n this colour and the next (BASED ON CAL. A)	resulting height of colour (stripe) (BASED ON CAL. B)
Green	Sunday, 16/01/2000	10:51 am	34 hrs. 9 min.	____/____/20__	____ :__ am/pm	____ hrs. ____ min.	____ mm	____ mm
Black	Monday, 17/01/2000	9:00 pm	9 hrs. - min.	____/____/20__	____ :__ am/pm	____ hrs. ____ min.	____ mm	____ mm
Blue	Tuesday, 18/01/2000	6:00 am	28 hrs. 51 min.	____/____/20__	____ :__ am/pm	____ hrs. ____ min.	____ mm	____ mm
Yellow	Wednesday, 19/01/2000	10:51 am	34 hrs. 9 min.	____/____/20__	____ :__ am/pm	____ hrs. ____ min.	____ mm	____ mm
Light Green	Thursday, 20/01/2000	9:00 pm	9 hrs. - min.	____/____/20__	____ :__ am/pm	____ hrs. ____ min.	____ mm	____ mm
Red	Friday, 21/01/2000	6:00 am	28 hrs. 51 min.	____/____/20__	____ :__ am/pm	____ hrs. ____ min.	____ mm	____ mm
Orange	Saturday, 22/01/2000	10:51 am	34 hrs. 9 min.	____/____/20__	____ :__ am/pm	____ hrs. ____ min.	____ mm	____ mm
Purple	Sunday, 23/01/2000	9:00 pm	____ hrs. ____ min.	____/____/20__	____ :__ am/pm	____ hrs. ____ min.	____ mm	____ mm