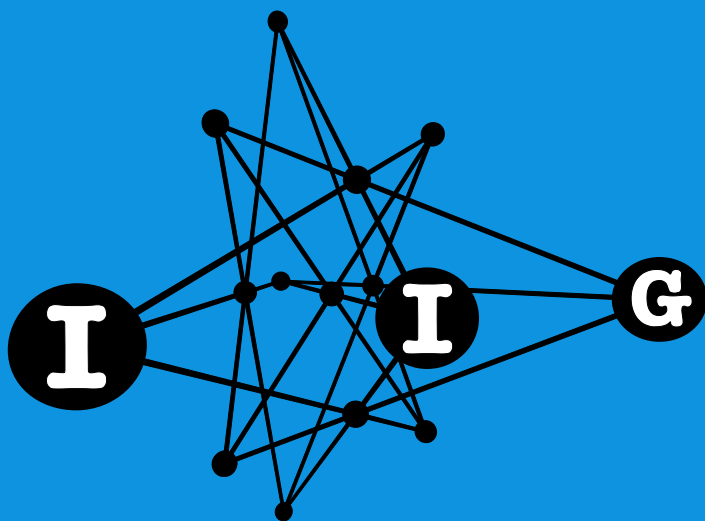
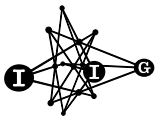


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Preface



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Together with Francis Buekenhout and Jean-Pierre Tignol we have edited the *Collected Works* of Jacques Tits, whose four volumes were published in 2013 by the European Mathematical Society in the series Heritage of European Mathematics. Not all of Tits' papers were included in the *Collected Works* for reasons explained there in the Notes by the editors.

During the preparation of the *Collected Works* we assembled an almost complete collection of Tits' writings. In view of the huge impact of Tits' work we felt it desirable to make the remaining works available to the mathematical community. We thus decided to put the material that was not included in the *Collected Works* in the present special volume of *Innovations in Incidence Geometry*.

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