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The International Federation of Photographic Art

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THE FIAP DISTINCTIONS

IMPORTANT: This document supersedes every previous document. For the distinctions in Audiovisual, see document 2010/307 E.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1. In order to honour eminent personalities known in the field of photography, the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP) has created the following distinctions:

- *for photographic artists known for their artistic work:*

Artist FIAP	AFIAP
Excellence FIAP	EFIAP
Master FIAP	MFIAP
Excellence FIAP Bronze	EFIAP/b
Excellence FIAP Silver	EFIAP/s
Excellence FIAP Gold	EFIAP/g
Excellence FIAP Platinum	EFIAP/p
Excellence FIAP Diamond 1	EFIAP/d1
Excellence FIAP Diamond 2	EFIAP/d2
Excellence FIAP Diamond 3	EFIAP/d3
Excellence FIAP Diamond 4	EFIAP/d4
Excellence FIAP Diamond 5	EFIAP/d5

- *for those who, by their work or their achievements, have contributed to the progress of FIAP or of photography in general:*

Excellence FIAP for Services Rendered	ESFIAP
Honorary Excellence FIAP	HonEFIAP

- 1.2. Only national federations affiliated with FIAP and having paid their annual membership fee can propose their members as candidates for any of the distinctions; they are responsible for the control of all documents transmitted to FIAP. An official of the national federation must sign all applications. All applications should be made on forms prescribed by FIAP. The forms should be completed in one of the official FIAP languages.
- 1.3. In countries, which have no national federation affiliated with FIAP, individual authors can introduce their candidacy through another national federation or through an Individual Member (IRFIAP or ILFIAP).
- 1.4. No discrimination is made between the candidates, amateur or professional photographers alike. No age limit is imposed. No difference is made between prints and projected images.

- 1.5. The final decision whether or not a FIAP distinction is awarded stays with FIAP. Applications for distinctions are examined by a commission consisting of members of the FIAP Board of Directors or of eminent personalities designated by the FIAP Board of Directors. Decisions are taken by simple majority and are not subject to appeal. In the case of the HonEFIAP distinction, the decision must be taken unanimously. In order to ensure the complete independence of the commission, the names of its members are not published.
- 1.6. Awarding a FIAP distinction is considered in all countries as a favour and not as a right.
- 1.7. All FIAP distinctions are awarded for life. Holders of a distinction are allowed to append after their names the initials corresponding to the distinction(s) they hold. However in the event where a holder of FIAP distinction(s) commits a serious offence against FIAP or against a national federation affiliated with FIAP, the distinction(s) can be withdrawn by the FIAP Board of Directors. No appeal is allowed.
- 1.8. For either of the two different categories of distinctions (for "photographic artistry" and for "services rendered"), the persons to whom these distinctions are awarded will only mention the highest distinction. However EFIAP Levels and MFIAP may be used concurrently

2. THE AFIAP DISTINCTION

2.1. The candidate for this distinction must:

- a) Have taken part with success in different international salons under FIAP Patronage for at least **1 year**; i.e. his first FIAP-recognised acceptance must have occurred at least **1 year** ago.
- b) Have taken part with success in different international salons under FIAP Patronage in at least **15** different countries. In this respect a Circuit is to be considered as a single salon.
- c) Have obtained at least **90** acceptances with at least **30** different works in international salons under FIAP Patronage.

2.2. Candidates for AFIAP distinction must submit:

- a) A complete application using the most recent forms prescribed by FIAP (which can be downloaded from FIAP's website).
- b) 5 photographic works of the candidate in form of a digital file. All the submitted works must have obtained 3 FIAP - recognised acceptances in different salons. In this respect a Circuit is considered to be a single salon.

2.3. The following procedure must be followed:

- a) Send the completed document (pages A, B and C) and also the digital files of the works by "WeTransfer" to the FIAP Distinctions Service (fiapdistinctions@gmail.com).
- b) Send a paper copy of page A (signed by the responsible of the federation) and page B (signed by the candidate) to the FIAP Distinctions Service by postal mail.
- c) The fee has to be paid to the FIAP Treasurer.

- 2.4. When the AFIAP distinction is awarded, the candidate will receive a diploma and a badge with **green** enamel.

3. THE EFIAP & EFIAP LEVELS DISTINCTIONS

3.1. The candidate for the distinctions EFIAP , EFIAP/b, EFIAP/s, EFIAP/g and EFIAP/p must:

- a) Be the holder of the previous distinction for at least one year, based on the date of the diploma.
- b) Have taken part with success in different international salons under FIAP Patronage in at least **30** different countries. In this respect a Circuit is considered to be a single salon.
- c) Have obtained at least **250** new acceptances with at least **100** different new works in international salons under FIAP Patronage

3.2. The candidate for the distinctions EFIAP:d1, EFIAP/d2, EFIAP/d3, **EFIAP/d4 and EFIAP/d5** must :

- a) Be the holder of the EFIAP/p distinction for at least one year, based on the date of the diploma.
- b) Have taken part with success in different international salons under FIAP Patronage in at least **15** different countries. In this respect a Circuit is considered to be a single salon.
- c) Have obtained at least **90** new awards with at least **30** different new works in international salons under FIAP Patronage

3.3. Candidates for the distinctions EFIAP and EFIAP-levels must submit:

- a) A completed application using the most recent forms prescribed by FIAP (which can be downloaded from FIAP's website).
- b) 5 photographic works of the candidate in form of a digital file. These works must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for the previous distinctions . The submitted works must have obtained an award in different countries and a Circuit is considered to be a single salon.

3.4. The following procedure must be followed:

- a) Send the completed document (pages A, B and C) and also the digital files of the works by "WeTransfer" to the FIAP Distinctions Service (fiapdistinctions@gmail.com).
- b) Send a paper copy of page A (signed by the responsible of the federation) and page B (signed by the candidate) to the FIAP Distinctions Service by postal mail.
- c) The fee has to be paid to the FIAP Treasurer.

3.5. In each year only one distinction can be applied for and each level - EFIAP – EFIAP/bronze , silver, gold , platinum, diamond 1, diamond 2, diamond “, diamond 4 and diamond 5 – must be achieved in this sequential order.

3.6. Distinctions EFIAP-levels and MFIAP are cumulative. An author, who holds these two distinctions, can use the initials of both distinctions after his/her name.

3.7. When the EFIAP distinction is awarded, the candidate will receive a diploma and a badge with **red** enamel. For the EFIAP level the candidate will receive a diploma and a badge with **red** enamel combined with a distinctive addition for each level: bronze colour for EFIAP/b, silver colour for EFIAP/s, gold colour for EFIAP/g and black-platinum colour for EFIAP/p. For the EFIAP Diamond levels the addition is black with one, two, three, four or five Swarovski stones.

4. THE MFIAP DISTINCTION

4.1. The candidate for this distinction must:

Be holder of the EFIAP distinction for at least 3 years , based on the date of the diploma.

4.2. The candidate for this distinction must submit:

- a) A completed application using the most recent forms prescribed by FIAP (which can be downloaded from FIAP's website).
- b) A digital portfolio of 20 images sent by WeTransfer to FIAP. Each image must have the following properties: - format JPEG, compression 10, and at least 3600 pixels on the longest dimension.
- c) A complete curriculum vitae using forms prescribed by FIAP. The text should be written in one of the official FIAP languages
- d) An introductory text that describes the subject and the creative concept of the photographic artist. The text must be written in one of the official FIAP languages.
- e) This collection must be coherent from its conception to its realisation and presentation

4.3. The following procedure must be followed:

- a) Send the completed document (pages A, B and C) and also the digital files of the portfolio by "WeTransfer" to the FIAP Distinctions Service (fiapdistinctions@gmail.com).
- b) Send the page A (signed by the responsible of the federation) and page B (signed by the candidate) to the FIAP Distinctions Service by postal mail.
- c) The fee has to be paid to the FIAP Treasurer.

4.4.. A list of acceptances and prizes obtained in international salons under FIAP Patronage is not necessary and these will not be taken into consideration when examining the application.

4.5. The portfolios will be examined first by a panel of advisers. The final decision is by the FIAP Board of Directors.

The MFIAP distinction is awarded by simple majority of the members of the FIAP Board of Directors. If the MFIAP distinction is not awarded, the candidate will receive a written explanation for the rejection.

4.6. If the portfolio of the author is accepted, it becomes the property of FIAP. The collection of works of holders of the MFIAP distinction can be used by FIAP for exhibitions or other events for the benefit of FIAP. The digital images of the accepted MFIAP candidate will be published on the FIAP Web Site. It must be possible to open this file with Adobe Photoshop software.

4.7. When the MFIAP distinction is awarded, the candidate will receive a diploma and a badge with **yellow** enamel.

6. THE ESFIAP DISTINCTION

6.1. The distinction "Excellence for Services Rendered" (ESFIAP) is awarded to those persons who have given exceptional service over a long period for the benefit of FIAP.

6.2. Holders of the photographic distinctions may also be nominated for the ESFIAP distinction if they fulfil the criteria.

6.3. Applications for the ESFIAP distinction must comprise a completed dossier with a curriculum vitae and a detailed description of the services rendered by the candidate. The application should be made with the form prescribed by FIAP. The text must be written in one of the official FIAP languages. The application must be sent to the FIAP Distinction Service by electronic mail (fiapdistinctions@gmail.com).

- 6.4. Applications for the ESFIAP distinction are handled free of charge.
- 6.5. The applications for ESFIAP are examined by the FIAP Board of Directors at one of its ordinary meetings.
- 6.6. When the ESFIAP distinction is awarded, the candidate will receive a diploma and a badge with **black** enamel.

7. THE HonEFIAP DISTINCTION

- 7.1. The "Honorary Excellence FIAP" (HonEFIAP) distinction is the highest honour the International Federation of Photographic Art can award to the holder of the ESFIAP distinction. The number of living holders of this distinction is limited to a number set by the FIAP Board of Directors.
- 7.2. The HonEFIAP distinction is awarded by the FIAP Board of Directors. A unanimous vote of the members of this Board is required.
- 7.3. Any extraordinary contribution of an international nature to the development of photography or of photographic art will be taken into account as will be any exceptional service that has contributed to the progress of FIAP.
- 7.4. The application for a HonEFIAP distinction should comprise a complete curriculum vitae and a full description of the services that justify the candidacy. A form prescribed by FIAP should be used. The application, written in one of the official FIAP languages, should be sent to the FIAP Distinction Service by electronic mail (fiapdistinctions@gmail.com).
- 7.5. Applications for the HonEFIAP distinction are handled free of charge.
- 7.6. The applications for HonEFIAP are examined by the FIAP Board of Directors at one of its ordinary meetings.
- 7.7. When the HonEFIAP distinction is awarded, the candidate will receive a diploma and a badge with **white** enamel.

8. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

8.1. The FIAP Photographer's Life Card

Any candidate for a photographic distinction of FIAP must be holder of a FIAP Photographer's Card.

The requests for distinctions must mention in page "A" of the form for distinctions the number of the Photographer's Card. **A copy or scan of the recent card is added on the application.**

8.2. The Personal Profile (FP)

Any candidate for a photographic distinction of FIAP must have their Personal Profile on our platform (MyFIAP.net).

The requests for distinctions must mention in page "A" of the form for distinctions the number of the Personal Profile.

8.3. The amount of the acceptances/awards of one title (work) is limit to 5 acceptances/awards.

8.4. A image (title) can only be used for one distinction. For the next distinction the applicant must use new images.

- 8.5. The same work submitted to more than one salon under FIAP Patronage or to FIAP Biennials must always bear the **same title**.
- 8.6. Works “without title” will not be accepted by the Distinctions Service as counting towards applications for distinctions.
- 8.7. The acceptance of a **series of prints** or projected images is taken into account as 1 acceptance.
- 8.8. For the AFIAP and EFIAP distinctions, maximum 10% of the required acceptances in international salons under FIAP Patronage can be acquired by **youth salons or FIAP Biennials**; the other 90% of required acceptances in international salons under FIAP Patronage have to be gained in normal salons open to anyone.
- 8.9. Within reasonable limits national federations have the right to add national requirements for FIAP distinctions.
If the required number of acceptances is reached, the application for the distinction has to be forwarded to FIAP, without any supplementary judging of the works
- 8.10.. **Application fee:**
For every application for an AFIAP, EFIAP, EFIAP levels, MFIAP an application fee must be paid to the FIAP Treasurer. The amount is determined by the FIAP Board of Directors. The fee is to cover the cost of examining the application and, if the application is granted, the dispatch of the diploma, the badge and **new FIAP Photographer's Card**. Applications will only be processed after the FIAP Treasurer has received the application fee.
- 8.11. When a distinction application is rejected, the applicant must wait for at least one year before submitting a new application. If the application of a MFIAP candidate is rejected, the MFIAP applicant must wait for at least 3 years before submitting a new application. The candidate must send an updated dossier and, if necessary, other photographic works. In all cases of rejection, the applicant must again pay the application fee. A person may only make a maximum of 3 applications for MFIAP.
- 8.12. All photographic works presented by the candidate for AFIAP, EFIAP and EFIAP Levels Distinctions should be accompanied by a **list giving the acceptances**, medals and diplomas obtained in salons under FIAP Patronage (page C of the dossier). The national federations have to verify all the acceptances. **Only acceptances/awards that appear in the FIAP Salon files are valid. The FIAP Distinctions Service can ask proof of the acceptances and awards, if necessary.**
- 8.13. Whether or not the distinction is awarded, the digital files of the works **become the property of FIAP**. They will become part of the artistic patrimony of FIAP. FIAP reserves the right to use or reproduce in his favour without compensation to the author. By the way of example and without limitation, FIAP can put the works in collections, publications or photographic events on condition that the name and surname of the author is mentioned.
- 8.14. The photographic works must be sent as digital files by “WeTransfer” with the following properties:- format JPEG, compression10, and at least 3600 pixels on the longest dimension.
- 8.15. **Name of the files:**
UN Code of the Federation (or ILFIAP number) + underscore + First name + underscore + Name + underscore + Title of the work + .jpg
Example: 056_Bart_Peeters_Sunrise.jpg
- 8.16 **By the sole act of submitting his/her application for a FIAP Distinction, the candidate accepts without exception and with no objection that the FIAP decision is final and not subject to appeal.**

9. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- 9.1. The **application forms** for distinctions are available on FIAP's website in Excel format, which facilitates downloading and completion by the applicants by "Copy/Paste". It will also enable FIAP to extract the data from these forms without errors when the files are sent by electronic mail.
The application forms for distinctions can be downloaded on FIAP's website.
- 9.2. The national federations are required to group the various applications and to present them to FIAP **only once a year**. The applications must reach FIAP at least three months before the national federation wishes to receive the diplomas and badges.
- 9.3. **Transition period :**
Applicants for EFIAP/s , EFIAP/g and EFIAP/p in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024 can use the new rules (Doc 31/2021) or can use the rule number 4 from the previous rules (Doc011/2016).
Once the applicant start with the new rules , he stays we these rules for the next levels.

10. SOME DEFINITIONS

International salon under FIAP Patronage:

Any photographic salon organized in accordance with the rules laid down in the regulations "FIAP Patronage" and having been awarded the patronage by the FIAP Patronage Service (mention the Patronage number on the forms)

Photographic work:

Black and white or colour works in the form of prints, projected images, or series of prints or projected images

Series of prints or projected images:

A series of prints or projected images to be viewed in a predetermined order and without any sound, or a series of prints or projected images about one subject forming a whole.

Acceptance:

Any photographic work that has been selected by the jury of the salon for inclusion in the exhibition or projected image presentation or catalogue

Award:

Any special recognition given to a photographic work by the jury of the salon in the form of a prize, a medal, an honourable mention or a diploma.

See also "FIAP DISTINCTIONS – PRACTICAL INFORMATION"

This regulation comes into force on 1st January 2022.