



NEWSLETTER



Produced for the benefit of the Scottish members of the PSA

GDPR REGULATIONS

With the current regulations in force we are obliged to inform you that we only store your contact details to enable us to send information to you from time to time. If however you do not want to be contacted by the Scotland Membership Director please let me know and I will remove your details from the database.



BUYBACK RULES

You can download the full set of rules here <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?stars-and-ropa> - scroll to the bottom of the page to see the link. The Buy Back rules have been simplified considerably and it is now easier for members to take advantage of the acceptances they gained prior to joining PSA.

THE FESTIVE SEASON IS NEARLY WITH US AND I WONDER HOW IT WILL WORK OUT THIS YEAR

As always I hope you are all safe and well.

The photographic season continues to be affected by the Covid-19 virus but clubs are still managing to hold some remote meetings, competitions and talks. A vaccine is on the horizon. Will it be the cure-all, I'm not really sure. The decline in PRINT competitions is of concern as without the virus, print competitions were already declining. Some clubs are being inventive and still managing to hold print competitions.

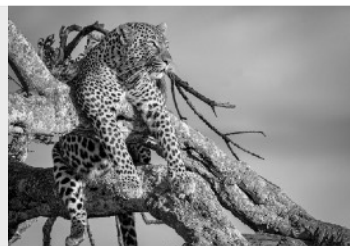
How and when are we going to be in a position to get back to some form of normality.... no one knows!

PSA BOARD MEETING - September 2020

The board meeting was organised over 3 days and held remotely. I must admit I wasn't looking forward to travelling to the States given the problems they have. The format was fairly simple. The PSA president, vice president and all the individual vice presidents give a summary of the reports they had previously submitted. Various motions were put to the board and voted on on the final day.

One of the main issues discussed was the the inclusion on PID, Mono images in Colour sections.

Previously some International Exhibitions have allowed both Colour and Mono in the same section. This practice will continue to be allowed in Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel. Recently, the PSA Board decided that exhibitions



MEMBERS WEBINARS

Log in to the PSA website, select Education Webinar Recordings and all the webinars can be viewed.

More webinars are being arranged and for more up to date information visit this link.

<https://psa-photo.org/index.php?webinar-info>

PSA LOGO

If you are using the PSA logo please make sure that it is the latest version - the version with the registered trademark symbol ® not the copyright © symbol. You can download the logo here <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?psa-logos>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PSA cannot function without a huge team of volunteers. Opportunities for volunteering are posted regularly on this page

<https://psa-photo.org/index.php?present-volunteer-opportunities>.

running from **January 2022** onwards must specify PID sections as being either Color or Mono sections only, and the practice of allowing mono images in color sections will end.

PSA members working towards Galaxy or Diamond levels, will have until **January 2022** to complete their mono sets in PIDC. For further clarification please contact Brian Magor, APSA, MPSA, EFIAP/b. exhibitvp@psa-photo.org

NEW DISCOUNTS

Did you know that as a member of PSA you are now entitled to a FREE PSA Edition SlickPic account, worth \$50?

Want to take up the offer?

Just visit the PSA Discount page, watch the video and CLICK on the link.

<https://psa-photo.org/index.php?membership-member-discounts>

Encourage others to join PSA to take advantage of this great offer CLICK on the "Join PSA NOW" button and start the process.

While you are there look take a look at the other discounts available to members:

KelbyOne - Save \$20 on an annual Pro membership.

SKYLUM - Luminar 4 & Aurora HDR - Save 20%

PSA BENEFITS AND SERVICES REVIEW

Some of the online courses have been rewritten and are now back online. Please continue to register for any of the courses and here is an update from Stephanie Sioras, PSA Education Administrator, of the current situation.

History of Photography is updated and accepting enrolments.
Image Evaluation has started accepting enrolments.

Photography Instruction and Portraits both continue to remain open.

Creating Competitive Images and Creating a PSA Portfolio are still under renovation.

Still Life and Light Painting the Still Life are both technically open but we are looking for a new instructor(s) so people would be placed on a waiting list.



Have you had success in International Salons?

It would be interesting for members to hear of your experiences and to see some of your successful images.

Personal Websites

If you have a website why not share it with other members. Give us the link so we can include it in the next Newsletter.

PSA Study Groups

PSA has study groups in most of their divisions for those with varying photographic interests - for a complete list of study groups and links to each, go to: <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?study-groups> or choose the link from the Divisions navigation tab to Study Groups.

VIDEO TO PROMOTE PSA

A video called "You and Your Photography" has been produced and you can view it at <https://player.vimeo.com/video/268851531>

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY -

The new Nature Photography Judges Guide has been receiving some good responses from exhibitions and individuals.

Link to the new guide <https://psa-photo.org/useruploads/files/nature/nature-photography-judges-guide-2020-06-26.pdf>

Next year Norbert Heil, APSA, MPSA, EFIAP/b, will be reviewing exhibition results with a group and giving guidance back to exhibitions and judges on their results. This will be similar to the Travel guidance given by the Travel group set up last year.

Nature division needs volunteers for the new task. In 2021 all salons/circuits will be reviewed if they have one or more nature sections. The review will look at all awarded images to see if they follow the rules. The panel will not rejudge the images, the idea of the review will be to give chairmen and judges help and encourage them to take a closer look to the rules of nature.

Details will be discussed by the panel.

Interested members with good knowledge of the rules and nature definitions are very welcome to join our panel. If members are interested, please contact Norbert Heil APSA, MPSA, EFIAP/b under following mail address: pid_esd@germanphotocup.de

APPLYING FOR PSA DISTINCTIONS

Anyone thinking of applying for PSA STARS or ROPA distinctions should visit the PSA website for information.

<https://psa-photo.org/index.php?overview-of-stars-and-ropa-2>

If you need a record of what PSA hold on the EDAS please feel free to contact me and, if you give me the necessary information, I can give you a copy for preparing your application.



Galleries on the PSA Website

Any PSA individual member (not a club) can create a photo gallery on the PSA website by doing the following:

- a) Log in.
- b) Click on the "Members Only" button.
- c) Select the "PSA Gallery Upload" link.
- d) Select the link for the appropriate type of gallery

DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS

Discounts can be accessed through this page <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?membership-member-discounts>. You have to log in to the PSA website to see these discounts.

If you come across any discount opportunities or have any questions about discounts for PSA members please contact the Discount Program Co-ordinator, Sam discount-coordinator@psa-photo.org

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EXHIBITION RECOGNITION SYSTEM - ERS

The online Exhibition Recognition application system is reported to be functioning well. There was some delay in catching up on the backlog but Arnab Chakraborty and his team are confident that that the backlog will soon be cleared.

PSA PHOTO FESTIVAL 2021 Rapid City, South Dakota

It's official, the date is set and hope you are all looking forward to the 82nd Annual PSA Photo Festival October 6th to October 9th 2021. Lots of programs and events being arranged for what should be a great experience for everyone attending.

OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PSA MENTOR OR CONSULTANT

The following Mentors are needed:

1. Panoramic photography
2. 360 Panorama photography

The following Consultants are needed.

1. Storage and Retrieval of Digital Files
2. How to Track Exhibition Acceptances
3. How to Host a PSA-Recognition Exhibition
4. How to Create Photo Greeting Cards
5. How to Publish a Photography Book Selling Photos
6. How to Store and Retrieve Digital Files

Please contact:

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IF YOU NEED TO PRINT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

Log in to the PSA website <https://psa-photo.org> Click on the "Members Only" button

Click on the "Membership Tools" link

Click on the "Manage my Membership" link

Click on the "Print my PSA Membership Card" link

Click on the "Print Membership Card as PDF" link