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HONOURS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH EXHIBITION SYSTEM

(PRINTS, SLIDES, PROJECTED IMAGES AND DIGITAL IMAGES)

GENERAL

Honours are granted according to the results obtained in exhibitions. Requirements below, detail which exhibitions are allowed, and the varying requirements in terms of numbers of acceptances, different titles, and in some cases awards, for each of the Honours.

There is **no time limit** to satisfying these Requirements on the acquisition of acceptances or awards.

Exhibitions: To be eligible for Honours, National Exhibitions must have approval from APS and Internationals Exhibitions must have approval from at least one of the following bodies:

- APS** – Australian Photographic Society
- FIAP** – The International Federation of Photographic Art
- RPS** – Royal Photographic Society
- PSA** – Photographic Society of America
- PSNZ** – Photographic Society of New Zealand
- UPI** – United Photographers International
- GPU** – Global Photographers Union

These Exhibitions are known as Approved Exhibitions. For Australian Nationals, where APS has given approval, this should be quoted. For **all** Internationals, the FIAP number or the PSA number (if not approved by FIAP) or if not approved by FIAP or PSA the other organisation's approval number must be quoted (e.g. RPS, PSNZ etc.). Both FIAP and PSA maintain historical listings of approvals on their websites. Where an exhibition has approval from one of the international exhibitions listed above, acceptances can be counted from only those **sections** of the exhibition that have approval/recognition.

An Exhibition that has an APS Approval number is eligible unless specifically excluded. The following are excluded: Acceptances in Trans Tasman, 4 Nations, Allied Camera Clubs, Australian Interstate Photographic competitions or a limited section of an APS National Exhibition are NOT eligible for APS Honours. NOTE: Acceptances from 2015 & 2016 4 Nations exhibitions are eligible. **If an exhibition shows Australia as the country but does not have an Australian Approval number, those acceptances and awards cannot be counted as Australian acceptances and awards.**

From 2000 onwards, acceptances and awards in sections of National Exhibitions which are not available to all entrants (e.g. novice or local) may not be counted.

Titles/Works: The pictures used in these submissions and identified by different titles must be significantly different. Titles also must not be similar i.e. Bird Flying, Birds Flying, Birds Flying 2, Birds Flying #1. If similar titles are inadvertently used they will be treated as the same image with just one title being accepted. Each image, captured by your camera, must be identified by only one distinctly different title, which must remain constant for its exhibition history. If that image is subsequently cropped or manipulated in any way it is still the same image and therefore has the same title. This includes a mono version of a colour image. So once an image has been accepted in a FIAP, PSA or APS

approved exhibition it may not be retitled. If it is found that this requirement has not been complied with, the Honour so obtained may be withdrawn.

Awards: Awards are defined as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Placings, Trophies, Medals, Diplomas, Ribbons, Judge's Choice, Honourable Mentions, Certificates of Merit, or Highly Commended.

Note: When completing an application **DO NOT** list more than 20 additional acceptances beyond the requirement for the Honour currently being sought, ie. list a maximum of 70 acceptances for LAPS; 120 acceptances for AAPS; or 220 acceptances for FAPS; 320 for MAPS/GMAPS and 620 for APSEM. All acceptances and awards listed form part of the application and may be used by a Verifying Officer as replacements in the event that some acceptances/awards cannot be verified.

LICENTIATESHIP (LAPS) - BLUE Badge

Requirements - This Honour is intended to permit the advanced club photographer of reasonable proficiency to obtain recognition for their efforts. The applicant must:

- (a) must be an APS Member, with a joining date prior to submitting the application for LAPS.
- (b) have obtained **50** Acceptances that meet the following condition:
 - (i) At least **5** Acceptances from APS approved Australian National or International Exhibitions.

No awards are required.

ASSOCIATESHIP (AAPS) - GREEN Badge

Requirements - This Honour is intended as a goal, offering a substantial challenge to the accomplished photographer. The standards required are deliberately kept high but not so high as to preclude active Australian and Overseas photographers from applying. The applicant must:

- (a) must be an APS Member, with a joining date prior to submitting the application for AAPS and
- (b) have obtained **100** Acceptances (which can include Acceptances gained for LAPS) that meet the following conditions:
 - (i) At least **10** Acceptances from APS approved Australian National or International Exhibitions.
 - (ii) At least **5** different titles, which have received at least one award (as defined above). No more than **2** Awards are claimable from any one country other than Australia, which is unlimited.

FELLOWSHIP (FAPS) - RED Badge

Requirements - This Honour is for high achievement by an exhibitor established as a successful Exhibitor in International Exhibitions. There would be little value in a Fellowship based on anything lower than the outstanding international exhibition record reasonably attainable by our top exhibition photographers. The applicant must:

- (a) have been an APS Member for at least one year immediately prior to applying for FAPS and
- (b) have obtained **200** Acceptances in International exhibitions (which can include Acceptances gained for LAPS or AAPS in International Exhibitions) that meet the following conditions:
 - (i) At least **20** Acceptances from APS approved Australian International Exhibitions.
 - (ii) At least **10** different titles, which have received at least one award (as defined above) from at least **5** different countries in International Exhibitions.

MASTER (MAPS) – ORANGE Badge

Requirements- This Honour is for the consistently successful international exhibitor who has built an extensive record of success in International Exhibitions. It is intended for the top photographers who continue to exhibit at the highest level after having established their standing as an international exhibitor by gaining FAPS. The applicant must:

- a) have been an APS Member for at least one year immediately prior to applying for MAPS and
- b) hold FAPS and
- c) have obtained at least 300 new acceptances from International Exhibitions (with titles that have not previously been used for LAPS, AAPS, or FAPS however, acceptances received prior to 1/1/2017 do not require new titles) that meet the following conditions:
 - (i) At least **20** Acceptances to be gained from APS approved Australian International Exhibitions.
 - (ii) At least 15 **different titles** which have received at least one award (as defined above) from at least 7 different countries in international exhibitions. The same **awarded** title cannot be **claimed** more than once.

GRAND MASTER (GMAPS) – PLATINUM Badge

Requirements- This Honour is for the most outstanding international exhibitor who continues to successfully exhibit in International Exhibitions. The Grand Master is an exhibitor who has reached the highest standing among exhibitors the world over and has the most extensive record of success. The applicant must:

- a) have been an APS Member for at least one year immediately prior to applying for GMAPS and
- b) hold MAPS and
- c) have obtained at least 300 new acceptances from International Exhibitions, with titles that have not previously been used for LAPS, AAPS, FAPS or MAPS, that meet the following conditions:
 - (i) At least **20** Acceptances to be gained from APS approved Australian International Exhibitions.
 - (ii) At least 20 **different titles** which have received at least one award (as defined above) from at least 9 different countries in international exhibitions. The same **awarded** title cannot be **claimed** more than once.

APS EXHIBITOR'S MEDAL (APSEM)

Requirements- The APS Exhibitor's Medal (APSEM) is an Honour intended to provide a challenge for the very highest level of APS Exhibitor. This Honour is based on an outstanding record of exhibition achievement in at least 10 countries.

The applicant must:

- a) have been an APS Member for at least one year immediately prior to applying for APSEM and
- b) hold GMAPS and
- c) have obtained at least 600 acceptances from APS approved International Exhibitions (with titles that have not previously been used for LAPS, AAPS, FAPS, MAPS or GMAPS) that meet the following conditions:
 - (i) At least **100** different titles.
 - (ii) At least **40** acceptances from Australian International exhibitions approved by APS and
 - (iii) At least 30 **different titles** which have received at least one award (as defined above) from at least 10 different countries in international exhibitions. The same **awarded** title cannot be **claimed** more than once.

APS EXHIBITOR'S MEDAL/bronze (APSEM/b)

The applicant must:

- a) have been an APS Member for at least one year immediately prior to applying for APSEM/bronze and
- b) hold APSEM and
- c) have obtained at least 100 acceptances from APS approved International Exhibitions (with titles that have not previously been used for LAPS, AAPS, FAPS, MAPS, GMAPS or APSEM) that meet the following conditions:
 - (i) At least 100 different titles.
 - (ii) At least **40** acceptances from Australian International exhibitions approved by APS.
 - (iii) At least **40 different titles** which have received at least one award (as defined above) from at least 10 different countries in international exhibitions. The same **awarded** title cannot be **claimed** more than once.

APS EXHIBITOR'S MEDAL/silver (APSEM/s)

The applicant must:

- a) have been an APS Member for at least one year immediately prior to applying for APSEM/silver and
- b) hold APSEM/bronze and
- c) have obtained at least 100 acceptances from APS approved International Exhibitions (with titles that have not previously been used for LAPS, AAPS, FAPS, MAPS, GMAPS, APSEM or APSEM/bronze) that meet the following conditions:
 - (i) At least 100 different titles.
 - (ii) At least **40** acceptances from Australian International exhibitions approved by APS.
 - (iii) At least **50 different titles** which have received at least one award (as defined above) from at least 10 different countries in international exhibitions. The same **awarded** title cannot be **claimed** more than once.

APS EXHIBITOR'S MEDAL/gold (APSEM/g)

The applicant must:

- a) have been an APS Member for at least one year immediately prior to applying for APSEM/gold and
- b) hold APSEM/silver and
- c) have obtained at least 100 acceptances from APS approved International Exhibitions (with titles that have not previously been used for LAPS, AAPS, FAPS, MAPS, GMAPS, APSEM, APSEM/bronze or APSEM/silver) that meet the following conditions:
 - (i) At least 100 different titles.
 - (ii) At least **40** acceptances from Australian International exhibitions approved by APS.
 - (iii) At least **60 different titles** which have received at least one award (as defined above) from at least 10 different countries in international exhibitions. The same **awarded** title cannot be **claimed** more than once.

Judging Credits to take effect 1st Jan 2020

- 2 judging credits can be earned, per section that a member judges.
- National judging credits can only be used in LAPS & AAPS applications.
- International judging credits can be used at any honours level.
- Maximum of 5% of the acceptance requirement of an honours application can be judging credits.
- Judging credits can only be used once so where an applicant has claimed judging credits then a Retired Judging credits list be supplied with each future honours application. Unused judging credits can be used in subsequent honours applications.
- Judging Credits cannot be used to replace the requirement of Australian acceptances in the various Honours levels.
- The member must supply a copy of the relevant page in the catalogue, or other evidence, that shows which sections were judged.

Judging credits to be listed at the bottom of a member's honours application form separate from other results.