

## Notes on how to fill in AFIAP and EFIAP forms

**I DON'T MIND HELPING ANYONE BECAUSE I KNOW FIAP IS CONFUSING BUT BEFORE YOU CONTACT ME, PLEASE PRINT THIS DOCUMENT OUT AND KEEP IT BY YOU AND PLEASE OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS. IT IS VERY FRUSTRATING WHEN APPLICANTS CONSISTANTLY MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES BECAUSE THEY DO NOT READ THE INSTRUCTIONS.**

The FIAP system relies on sorting your acceptances by TITLE and PATRONAGE NUMBER. If either of these are IN ANY WAY WRONG they will not sort properly and FIAP will throw them out. For example, you may end up with extra titles that you do not deserve (i.e. "The Fragrant Orchid" will be regarded as a separate title/work from "Fragrant Orchid" or "A Fragrant Orchid" and they will appear in different places in your final alphabetical list on page C).

### THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S CARD UPDATE

From 1st January 2019 it will be the responsibility of the candidate to obtain a photographer's card. Application is made directly to FIAP and a fee is charged. Details are on the FIAP website. You have to obtain a card BEFORE you submit your AFIAP application. This card may be used for all subsequent applications, but if you wish to update it in any way, then this is done by you online and FIAP will charge a fee.

### THE AFIAP DISTINCTION

1. The distinction "Artist FIAP" (AFIAP) is the first artistic distinction that can be obtained. It is awarded to photographic artists whose artistic qualities, technique and production of work have been acknowledged through the participation in international salons under FIAP Patronage - i.e. they must have a FIAP Number - e.g. 2012/120 (copy the following link into Internet explorer for examples):

<https://www.myfiap.net/patronages>

The list will tell you the Salon, country, sections, closing date, judging date, contact details, and whether a catalogue or CD is produced.

#### 2. The candidate for this distinction must:

- Have taken part with success in international salons under FIAP Patronage for at least 1 year; i.e. his first FIAP -recognised acceptance must have occurred at least 1 year before submission for the distinction.
- Have taken part with success in at least 15 international salons under FIAP Patronage in at least 8 different countries; a Circuit has to be considered as a single salon.
- Have obtained at least 40 acceptances with at least 15 different works in international salons under FIAP Patronage.
- At least 4 different works must be in the form of PRINTS which have been accepted in print salons under FIAP Patronage.

#### 3. Candidates for AFIAP distinction must submit:

- A complete application using the AFIAP form enclosed - NOTE! this form must not be altered in any way or it will be rejected by FIAP.
- 5 photographic works of the candidate in form of a digital file sent to the FIAP Distinctions Officer by WeTransfer. All the submitted works must have obtained at least 3 FIAP-recognised acceptances in different salons.

#### 4. The following procedure must be followed:

Send the following to the FIAP distinctions Officer - Ed Cloutman.

- Email the complete document (pages A, B, and C) to me.
- Mail a paper copy of Page B duly signed (by the candidate).
- Send to me your 5 digital files of the works on page A by WeTransfer. These images must be at least 3600 pixels on the longest side but they may be larger.
- Send me the fee of £55 for the application made out as a cheque made payable to *The Welsh Photographic Federation*.

When the AFIAP distinction is awarded, you will receive a diploma and a badge with green enamel.

## THE EFIAP DISTINCTION

1. The distinction "Excellence FIAP" (EFIAP) is awarded to photographic artists who, apart from having excellent techniques, have a significant number of their work frequently accepted in many international salons under FIAP Patronage.

### 2. The candidate for this distinction must:

- a) Be holder of the AFIAP distinction. An application for this distinction can be made **1 year after the award of the AFIAP distinction, based on the date of the diploma.**
- b) Have taken part with success in at least **30** international salons under FIAP Patronage in at least **20** different countries; **a Circuit has to be considered as a single salon.**
- c) Have obtained at least **250** acceptances with at least **50** different works in international salons under FIAP Patronage.
- d) At least **12 different works** must be in the form of **PRINTS** which have been accepted in print salons under FIAP Patronage.

### 3. Candidates for EFIAP distinction must submit:

- a) A complete application using the EFIAP form enclosed - **NOTE! this form must not be altered in any way or it will be rejected by FIAP.**
- b) **5 photographic works** of the candidate in form of a digital file sent to the FIAP Distinctions Officer by WeTransfer. These works must be different and not resemble those from those submitted for his/her AFIAP distinction. All the submitted works must have obtained **3** FIAP-recognised acceptances in different salons and at least 2 must have obtained an award. These 2 awards must be from different countries and a Circuit is considered a single salon.

### 4. The following procedure must be followed:

- a) Send the following to the FIAP distinctions Officer - Ed Cloutman.
  1. Email the complete document (pages A, B, and C) to me.
  2. Mail a paper copy of Page B duly signed (by the candidate).
  3. Send to me your 5 digital files of the works on page A by WeTransfer. These images must be at least **3600** pixels on the longest side but they may be larger.
  4. Send me the fee of £55 for the application made out as a cheque made payable to *The Welsh Photographic Federation*.

When the EFIAP distinction is awarded, the candidate will receive a diploma and a badge with **red** enamel.

**NOTE!** When you have reached the requirements for your EFIAP, ensure you have some spares (i.e. a few prints over and a few salons and acceptances spare, **BUT** do not keep entering salons or you will be wasting your money. To continue with EFIAP Levels you will have to begin again from scratch, and acceptances will only count if they are **AFTER** the date on your EFIAP certificate. From then on, all Levels acceptances are considered a general pool.

## EFIAP LEVELS

In order to honour photographic artists who, after having received the EFIAP distinction, continue to actively participate in international salons under FIAP Patronage and, by so doing, help to promote photography with their new artistic production, FIAP has instituted seven additional EFIAP levels.

### The candidate for "EFIAP Levels" Distinctions must:

- a) Have been the holder of the EFIAP Distinction (or previous EFIAP Levels Distinction) for at least one year from the date of the diploma for that previous distinction
- b) and since the date on the applicant's diploma for the EFIAP Distinction have obtained in total at least in international salons under FIAP Patronage:

For the **EFIAP/b** 200 acceptances, with 50 different works in 5 different countries

For the **EFIAP/s** 300 acceptances, with 100 different works in 10 different countries

For the **EFIAP/g** 500 acceptances, with 150 different works in 15 different countries

For the **EFIAP/p** 700 acceptances, with 250 different works in 20 different countries

After the date of being award the EFIAP/p distinction or since 1st January 2015, whichever is the later, have obtained:

For the **EFIAP/d1** 50 awards with 15 different works in 5 different countries

For the **EFIAP/d2** 100 awards with 30 different works in 7 different countries

For the **EFIAP/d3** 200 awards with 50 different works in 10 different countries

**The candidate for an "EFIAP Level" distinction must submit the following to the FIAP Distinctions Officer:**

- a) A completed application using form prescribed by FIAP
- b) A number of photographs, which have received awards after the date of the EFIAP distinction diploma, as indicated hereunder:

EFIAP Bronze: 4 photographs awarded in 4 different countries and different salons

EFIAP Silver: 5 photographs awarded in 5 different countries and different salons

EFIAP Gold: 6 photographs awarded in 6 different countries and different salons

EFIAP Platinum: 7 photographs awarded in 7 different countries and different salons

EFIAP Diamond 1: 5 photographs awarded in 5 different countries and different salons

EFIAP Diamond 2: 6 photographs awarded in 6 different countries and different salons

EFIAP Diamond 3: 7 photographs awarded in 7 different countries and different salons

These photographs must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for other distinctions. In this respect a Circuit is considered to be a single salon.

In each year only one EFIAP level can be applied for and each level - Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond 1, Diamond 2 or Diamond 3 - must be achieved in this sequential order.

Distinctions "EFIAP Levels" and MFIAP are cumulative i.e. all the acceptances are in a common pool which you can dip into as you please. A photographer who holds these two distinctions, can use the initials of both distinctions after his/her name.

**The following procedure must be followed:**

- a) Email the completed document (pages A, B and C) to your FIAP Liaison Officer.
- b) Send the digital files of the works by "WeTransfer" to your FIAP Liaison Officer.
- c) Post a paper copy of page B (signed by the candidate) and a cheque made payable to the WPF for £55 to your FIAP Liaison Officer.

When the EFIAP level is awarded, 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 another badge will be created.

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