PSA ELECTRONIC DATA ACCEPTANCE SYSTEM (EDAS)

Overview

In the EDAS system, the exhibition downloads a single Excel workbook that is already pre-loaded from PSA records with much of the required information. The exhibition just adds the acceptance data to the workbook and returns it to PSA as instructed. The system then automatically and promptly checks that data for errors – such as missing data. If there are no errors in the acceptance data the information is promptly posted to EAMS and PSA’s website is updated to indicate the information has been received. If there are errors, the exhibition is automatically notified as to the precise nature and location of the errors so the exhibition can correct the errors and resubmit the workbook.

Accessing the EDAS System

Exhibition organizers log in to their ERS Home Page just as when they applied for recognition. After logging in via the ERS Portal, exhibitions will notice a new button on their Home Page: Post Exhibition Information (EDAS). Clicking on that button will lead to a new page – after selecting the year of the exhibition - that contains instructions and all the information required to access the new system. There are essentially 4 stages:

1. Updating, if necessary, Judges and Judging Chairs⁴ for any last minute changes.
2. Downloading the new EDAS workbook.
3. Adding acceptance data to the workbook.
4. Posting the completed EDAS workbook.

The system then checks the workbook and automatically notifies the exhibition of any errors. If there are errors, Steps 3 and 4 will need to be repeated.

Problems

Please contact psaedas@outlook.com if any problems are encountered or if you have any questions.

Some exhibitions are used to their service provider automatically producing the initial version of their EDAS sheets. At this stage of development, this is not possible with the new system. If they choose to do so, service providers can still automatically download the acceptance data to the exhibition in the old format,

⁴ Be sure to adhere to the new requirements for Judging Chairs. For exhibitions that close in 2022, only 1 judging chair is allowed for each judging.
but the exhibition will then need to copy and paste that data into the new worksheet to complete Step 3 above (one copy and paste for each Judging/Section!). It is expected that the current process can be restored in a future version of the EDAS system.

Old Format
The old format is discontinued. However, it will still be accepted for exhibitions that closed in 2021. HOWEVER, THE OLD FORMAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR EXHIBITIONS CLOSING IN 2022!