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Why it takes time after the Closing Date to enter an Exhibition’s Records into the PSA Exhibition Acceptances Management System (EAMS).

EAMS is used for Who’s Who and Image of the Year; and by Star Rating Directors (SRDs) when processing member applications for stars and galaxies.

1. Exhibitions have 21 days after the Closing Date to complete the judging.

2. Exhibitions then have another 30 days to report acceptances to PSA.

Why: Time must be allowed for entrants to forward necessary corrections, such as spelling mistakes, after they receive their scorecards. The EAMS data must be accurate.

The task may be complex: for example, a six-judging circuit with six sections must produce 36 spreadsheets. Many exhibitions initially produce reports containing many errors which must be corrected and re-submitted, some requiring several iterations.

3. Some Exhibitions are late in submitting data in spite of repeated requests. Some have taken up to six months; a few never arrive.

4. There are five reviewers that review EDAS spreadsheets for accuracy and incomplete data. However, there may be language communication problems.

There are many systemic problems with the current approach.

5. Although much of the checking is automatic, there are also manual processes involved in checking and submission, and this can lead to mistakes.

6. Time must be allowed for the webmaster to update the information on the PSA Exhibition webpages.

A new system is under development that will speed up the workflow and automate most of the manual processes. PSA expects it to be operational in the next few months. However, there will still be some built-in delays (see 1 and 2 above).