# **PAA News and Updates**

## Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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### FIAP Exhibition/Salon Patronage

FIAP grants Patronage (similar to PSA recognition) to an International Photography Exhibition (Salon) that meets the FIAP standards and will be conducted according to those standards. The Conditions and Regulations for FIAP Patronage for International Exhibitions/Salons are in the FIAP Official Book, page 58: http://online. flipbuilder.com/tklq/znbv/mobile/index. html and are available online on the FIAP Patronage Platform www.myfiap.net, FIAP Official Documents: https://www.myfiap. net/fiap-official-documents. FIAP medals and ribbons are awarded in FIAP Patronage Exhibitions, and acceptances and awards count towards FIAP Distinctions.

FIAP Patronage is awarded only to Exhibitions with an obvious international character that is accessible to participants from all over the world without restrictions. Exhibitions (Salons) with purely a commercial purpose and exhibitions with a strongly restricted subject or other discriminatory factor are not approved for FIAP Patronage.

Organizations in the USA sponsoring an International Exhibition of Photography that are considering applying for FIAP Patronage must be a PAA member, that is, a PSA-member club or council, or a PSA Chapter; and the Exhibition (Salon) General Chair must be an individual member of PSA.

All applications for FIAP patronage sponsored by USA organizations and being held in the USA, must be submitted via the online FIAP Patronage Platform: www. myfiap.net. A photo of the online FIAP Patronage Service Homepage is below.



In order to submit a FIAP Patronage application online using the FIAP Patronage Platform, the Exhibition (Salon) organizer must create a profile on the platform and learn how to use the platform. In order to understand this process, FIAP has produced six short video tutorials: Profile Creation, Set Your Password, Login & Check Profile, Submit a FIAP Contest Application, Amend your Submission, and Finalize Application Payment which can be seen at: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxDr7KKNzG\_ o20Gbkl7KPcPmWf489d33M.

The USA FIAP Liaison Officer is notified when new applications for Patronage in the USA are uploaded to the FIAP Platform. The Liaison Officer checks that the Salon sponsoring organization and the Salon General Chair are members of PAA. The Liaison Officer contacts the General Chair if the organization or the General Chair needs to join PAA. Once this is accomplished, the Liaison Officer reviews the Salon's Conditions of Entry and the other information submitted and makes comments and recommendations to the Salon General Chair. When the updates have been finished, the Liaison Officer clicks the "Approved" button and that approval goes to the FIAP Director of Patronage Service and his staff for review. FIAP then decides whether to approve the application. FIAP Patronage is granted following payment of the invoice sent by the FIAP Treasurer. When Patronage is granted the Salon General Chair and the Liaison Officer are informed.

## FIAP Patronage Exhibitions/ Salons Listings

Active Exhibitions/Salons which have been granted FIAP Patronage are listed at: https://www.myfiap.net/patronages. A historic listing of FIAP Patronage Exhibitions/Salons is available at: http://patronages.fiap.net/salons.html. A photo of the FIAP Patronage Exhibition/ Salon Historic List homepage is below.



#### Auspices

A photography contest that does not meet the requirements for Patronage may be eligible for FIAP Auspices. Acceptances and awards at Auspices events do not count towards FIAP Distinctions. Applications for FIAP Auspices must be made via the country FIAP Officer.

### **Plaquettes**

FIAP may make long-service Plaquette Awards to the organizers of FIAP Patronage events.