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The International Federation of Photographic Art

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Rules for the DISTINCTIONS for CLUBS

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1. The International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP) has created the following distinctions to honour its Club Individual Members (ILFIAPs) for their participation with success in FIAP events:

CAFIAP	(Club Artist FIAP)
CEFIAP	(Club Excellence FIAP)

- Only ILFIAP clubs which have paid their annual subscriptions will be eligible.
- 1.2. Applications for these distinctions are examined by a commission consisting of members of the FIAP Directory Board and/or eminent personalities appointed by the FIAP Directory Board. The commission's decisions will be made by simple majority of votes, and no appeal will be entertained. However, the final decision of whether or not to award the distinction(s) will still rest with FIAP.
- 1.3. The award of these distinctions is considered in all countries as a favour and not a right.
- 1.4. The CAFIAP and CEFIAP distinctions are valid as long as the clubs remain affiliated as ILFIAP. If an ILFIAP is re-affiliated after a period of absence, the distinctions previously awarded will be reinstated.
- 1.5. An ILFIAP which is awarded the CAFIAP or CEFIAP distinction is allowed to mention it with FIAP's logo on its letter-head, website or other documents of the Club.
- 1.6. In cases where an ILFIAP commits a serious offence against FIAP, any of the abovementioned distinctions awarded to it can be cancelled by the FIAP Directory Board. No appeal will be entertained.
- 1.7. An ILFIAP which has been awarded both the CAFIAP and CEFIAP, would only mention the higher distinction (i.e. CEFIAP).

2. THE CLUB ACCEPTANCES

2.1. Club acceptances will be entered for each ILFIAP from the year of affiliation at the earliest from the year 2006.
These acceptances will be added to the acceptances accumulated by each ILFIAP's members. An ILFIAP needs a minimum of 5 of its members having acceptances to be eligible to apply for a CAFIAP or CEFIAP distinction.

2.2. The acceptances for an ILFIAP are calculated as follows:

FIAP World Cup for Clubs:

- Each ILFIAP will be given 5 basic points of acceptance for each participation of the club, independent of the number of acceptances of its members.
- All acceptances of the members in the FIAP World Cup for Clubs will be taken into account for the Club.

Salons with FIAP Patronage:

- All individual members' acceptances at salons with FIAP Patronage will be taken into account of the ILFIAP beginning from the year of its affiliation.

2.3. The acceptances are cumulative for all the members of the club.

3. THE DISTINCTION CAFIAP

3.1. The distinction "Club Artist FIAP" (CAFIAP), the first artistic distinction for an ILFIAP will be awarded to ILFIAPs meeting the following conditions.

3.2. **The ILFIAP candidate for this distinction must:**

- a. Accumulate at least 200 acceptances with a minimum of 40 acceptances in FIAP World Cups for Clubs (or other FIAP events for Clubs).
- b. Have its members participated with success in at least 10 international salons under FIAP Patronage in at least 5 different countries; a Circuit has to be considered as a single salon.
- c. Be up-to-date with their annual FIAP subscriptions.

3.3. **The candidate for a CAFIAP distinction must submit:**

- a. A complete application using the prescribed forms (which can be downloaded from the www.fiap.net website, see 6.1.).
- b) Not less than 5 and not more than 10 photographic works of 5 different authors of the club (black and white prints, colour prints, or a mixture). The submitted works must have obtained FIAP acceptances. They must be different to those submitted for individual FIAP distinctions.

3.4. **The following procedure must be followed:**

- a. The complete document, pages A, B, C, D, E et F of the application dossier CAFIAP/CEFIAP, must be sent by the ILFIAP club in printed form and with authorised signature to the FIAP Distinctions Service, and to the FIAP Collections Service and additionally, if possible, the complete file by electronic mail to the two Services.
- b. The works have to be sent to the FIAP Collections Service.
- c. Payment of the relevant fees must be made to FIAP's treasurer.

3.5. When the CAFIAP distinction is awarded, the club will receive a diploma.

4. THE CEFIAP DISTINCTION

4.1. The distinction "Club Excellence FIAP" (CEFIAP), the highest artistic distinction for an ILFIAP, is awarded to Clubs meeting the following conditions :

4.2. **The ILFIAP candidate for this distinction must:**

- a. Accumulate at least 1000 acceptances with a minimum of 200 acceptances in FIAP World Cups for Clubs (or other FIAP events for Clubs).
- b. Have its members participated with success in at least 30 international salons under FIAP Patronage in at least 15 different countries; a Circuit would be considered as a single salon.
- c. Be a holder of the CAFIAP distinction for at least 3 years (based on the date of the CAFIAP diploma) and have been in order with the payment of its annual subscriptions.

4.3. **The candidate for a CEFIAP distinction must submit:**

- a. A complete application using the prescribed forms (which can be downloaded from the www.fiap.net website, see 6.1.).
- b. Not less than 5 and not more than 10 photographic works of 5 different candidates (black and white prints, colour prints or a mixture). The submitted works must have obtained FIAP acceptances. They must be different to those submitted for other FIAP distinctions.

4.4. **The following procedure must be followed:**

- a. The complete document, pages A, B, C, D, E et F of the application dossier CAFIAP/CEFIAP, is to be sent by the ILFIAP in printed form with authorised signature to the FIAP Distinctions Service and to the FIAP Collections Service and additionally, if possible, in the complete file by electronic mail to the two Services.
- b. The works have to be sent to the FIAP Collections Service.
- c. Payment of the relevant fees must be made to FIAP's treasurer.

4.5. When the CEFIAP distinction is awarded, the club will receive a diploma.

5. IMPORTANT REMARKS

5.1. **Acceptances in the digital salons** are taken into account for the FIAP distinctions. However, concerning the works to be submitted, FIAP accepts only photographs of good quality (that means prints with at least 2,400 pixels for the greatest dimension).

5.2. The acceptance of a **series of prints** is taken into account as 1 acceptance.

5.3. The accepted works of ILFIAP clubs in the **FIAP World Cup for Clubs** give right to an acceptance for the author for his individual distinctions (AFIAP, EFIAP...).

5.4. If an author is affiliated to **several clubs**, he can utilize his acceptances only for one club of his choice.

5.5. The same work that one enters to several salons under FIAP Patronage, FIAP Biennials or World Cup for Clubs must always have the **same title**.

- 5.6. **On each photographic work sent to FIAP the following data should be written on the back of the print:**
- name, address and country of the candidate
 - title of the work and year of taking the picture
 - possibly the indication of the place
 - the indication "FIAP Distinction" and the signature of the author
- 5.7. The **unmounted prints** should measure 30 cm x 40 cm; smaller prints must be mounted on a very thin support of 30 cm x 40 cm. The total weight (photo with light support) may not exceed 90 gm.
- 5.8. Whether or not the distinction is awarded, the works **become the property of FIAP**. They will become part of the Artistic Patrimony of FIAP and may be used to put together collections.
- 5.9. Applications for the CAFIAP and CEFIAP distinctions are handled **free of charge**.

6. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- 6.1. The **application forms** for the distinctions are available on FIAP's website (www.fiap.net > distinctions) in Excel format. This is to facilitate downloading and completion by the author using "Copy/Paste". It will also allow FIAP to extract data from the forms without errors when the files are sent by electronic mail.
The application forms can also be requested from the Secretary General of FIAP.
When completing the forms, the federations or the ILFIAPs may replace the second language by a local language of the country.
The completed document (printed form) must be signed and sent to the FIAP Distinctions Service and to the FIAP Collections Service and additionally, if possible, the complete file by electronic mail.
- 6.2. Works are to be sent in flat and resistant **packing**.
The weight of a package should not exceed 2 kilograms and the sum of the outer dimensions should not be more than 90 cm. Packages should be sent by post as ordinary mail or by courier service.
Packages must obligatorily carry the mention
"Photographic works for exhibition, no commercial value".
FIAP may refuse to accept any packages, if they involve additional expenses for FIAP.

See also INFO 2009/573 E "FIAP DISTINCTIONS – PRACTICAL INFORMATION".

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