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## 2<sup>nd</sup> FCS International Salon 2024

### Salon Information

#### Salon Chairman's name and address:

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#### Sections:-

- a. Open Colour (PID Colour)
- b. Open Monochrome (PID Mono)
- c. Nature (ND)
- d. Photo Travel (PTD)

#### Salon Calendar:

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| a. Closing date                      | : | Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2024   |
| b. All judging completed by (Online) | : | Saturday 04 <sup>th</sup> May 2024   |
| c. Score Reports Sent By             | : | Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2024   |
| d. On-Line Gallery posted by         | : | Wednesday 03 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024 |
| e. Awards mailed by                  | : | Wednesday 03 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024 |
| f. Catalogs posted by ( Online)      | : | Wednesday 03 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024 |

#### Judges:

- **Romen Nero (Luxembourg):** EFIAP/d1 ,Hon EFIAP ,Hon FLPA
- **Mohammed Arfan Asif (Dubai, United Arab Emirates):** EFIAP/d3, MPSA, FPSA, FRPS
- **Venkatesh BS (India):** EFIAP/b, GMPSA, EFIP, GPU CR4, c\*\*MoL, Hon.CPE, Hon.FAPG
- **Vaibhav Jaguste (India):** EFIAP, FFIP, AICS, AIIPC, APSI, Hon PESGSPC, GPA  
PESGSPC, Hon SWAN, Hon CPC

**Section-wise judges names:**

1. **PID Color Open:** Romain Nero, Mohammed Asif, Venkatesh BS
2. **PID Mono Open:** Romain Nero, Mohammed Asif, Vaibhav Jaguste
3. **Nature Digital General:** Romain Nero, Mohammed Asif, Venkatesh BS
4. **Photo Travel Digital General:** Romain Nero, Mohammed Asif, Vaibhav Jaguste

**LIST OF AWARDS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> FCS INTERNATIONAL SALON 2024**

<b>FIAP Blue PIN for the Best Author overall Award Best Participating Club Award</b>				
<b>SR. NO</b>	<b>MONOCHROME (Open)</b>	<b>COLOUR (Open)</b>	<b>NATURE</b>	<b>PHOTO TRAVEL</b>
1	FIAP GOLD	FIAP GOLD	FIAP GOLD	FIAP GOLD
2	PSA GOLD	PSA GOLD	PSA GOLD	PSA GOLD
3	FIP GOLD	FIP GOLD	FIP GOLD	FIP GOLD
4	IIG MEDAL	IIG MEDAL	IIG MEDAL	IIG MEDAL
5	FCS GOLD	FCS GOLD	FCS GOLD	FCS GOLD
6	FIAP Ribbon	FIAP Ribbon	FIAP Ribbon	FIAP Ribbon
7	FIAP Ribbon	FIAP Ribbon	FIAP Ribbon	FIAP Ribbon
8	PSA Ribbon	PSA Ribbon	PSA Ribbon	PSA Ribbon
9	PSA Ribbon	PSA Ribbon	PSA Ribbon	PSA Ribbon
10	PSA Ribbon	PSA Ribbon	PSA Ribbon	PSA Ribbon
11	FIP Ribbon	FIP Ribbon	FIP Ribbon	FIP Ribbon
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13	FIP Ribbon	FIP Ribbon	FIP Ribbon	FIP Ribbon
14	FIP Ribbon	FIP Ribbon	FIP Ribbon	FIP Ribbon
15	FIP Ribbon	FIP Ribbon	FIP Ribbon	FIP Ribbon
16	IIG Ribbon	IIG Ribbon	IIG Ribbon	IIG Ribbon
17	IIG Ribbon	IIG Ribbon	IIG Ribbon	IIG Ribbon
18	FCS Ribbon	FCS Ribbon	FCS Ribbon	FCS Ribbon
19	FCS Ribbon	FCS Ribbon	FCS Ribbon	FCS Ribbon
20	FCS Ribbon	FCS Ribbon	FCS Ribbon	FCS Ribbon
21	CERTIFICATE OF MERIT	CERTIFICATE OF MERIT	CERTIFICATE OF MERIT	CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
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26	CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE	CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE	CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE	CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE

**NOTE :- 1) Certificate of Merit will be e- certificates.**

**2) Minimum Ten participants from a Club is required to be eligible for the club award.**

**Best Club will be calculated using acceptances only. In case of tie, awards will also be counted.**

**Entry Fees: (Maximum 4 entries per section)**

<b>Sections</b>	<b>For Indian Residents (INR.)</b>	<b>For Overseas Participants (in USD)</b>
Any one section	800/-	10
Any two sections	800/-	10
Any three sections	1,200/-	15
All four sections	1,200/-	15

Entry fees should be paid online only by **Payment gateway through our website**. Payment should be initiated by the participants on or before Sunday 14 April 2024, any payment initiated after that will not be accepted and such entries will be deemed disqualified.

**10% Discount will be offered for the club/group of 5 to 9 participants.**

**20% Discount will be offered for the club/ group of 10 and above participants.**

**Above discount will be offered to the participants taking part in all four sections only.**

**Conditions of Entry**

**IMAGE AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** This exhibition is open to anyone; however, an entry may be rejected when the Sponsor or the Exhibition Organizers, in their reasonable discretion, believes the entry does not conform to exhibition rules and these ES-COE. Membership in any photographic organization is not required. Entries will not be accepted from any entrant who is on the **PSA Penalties List for Ethics Violation**. Entry fees are not refundable in these circumstances.

**Image creation and ownership**

In all sections of the exhibition, images must originate as photographs made by the entrant. They may not incorporate identifiable images produced by anyone else (for example: clip art, replacement skies, or stock images). Images created in whole or in part by image creation software (frequently called 'AI' images) are not allowed. Editing or alteration of images is permitted within the limits specified in the relevant section definitions that are available here <https://psa-photo.org/page/division-definitions>

Any person submitting or attempting to submit a totally AI-generated image that does not begin with a light capture from the maker, from any Photographic Society of America exhibition, social media,

event, or publication, other than for editorial purposes, shall be prohibited from PSA for a period of from 3 years to life.

**PSA Star Ratings:** To receive proper Star ratings credit from PSA, entrants must provide their names and country exactly the same way in each exhibition. Aliases are not permitted. Please contact PSA in the event of name changes or relocating to another country. Using one's name differently in different exhibition exposes the entrant to the risk that many of their acceptances may not be recognized by PSA Star Ratings.

**Reproduction:** The entrant permits the sponsors to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for publication and/or display in media related to the exhibition. This may include low-resolution posting on a website. The Photographic Society of America (PSA) may request specific permission from entrants to reproduce entered images in its educational materials. The terms of that permission will be mutually agreed between the entrant and PSA except in the circumstances where the entered image is found to breach the PSA Ethics Policy. In those circumstances, the image may be reproduced by PSA, without the entrant's further permission, for educational purposes to illustrate serious exhibition rule violations. For those reproductions, the entrant's name will be withheld. Entries will not be accepted from entrants who indicate that their images may not be reproduced in materials related to the exhibition. The exhibition assumes no liability for any misuse of copyright

**Re-use of accepted images:** Any image that has been accepted in this exhibition, past or present, may not be entered again in the same Division Star Ratings Class in any future instances of this exhibition. It may, of course, be entered in any other PSA-recognised exhibitions but must always have the same title. Re-titling in another language is not allowed.

**Entry:** An Entry consists of, up to and including, four (4) images entered by a single entrant into the same Section. An entrant may only enter a specific Section once. Entrants may not enter identical or similar images into the same section or different sections of the same exhibition. Similar is defined as almost identical in subject, composition, props, lighting, or technique so that a reasonable person viewing the entries together would decide the entrant has duplicated the previous image except for minor changes.

**Titles:** Each image must have a unique title that relates to the content of the image. That unique title must be used for entry of that image or of an identical Image into any and all PSA-Recognized exhibitions. Titles must be 35 characters or fewer. No titles may be visible to the judges, and nothing in the image may identify the entrant. Titles may not include file extensions such as .jpg or .jpeg (or

any other camera capture filenames such as IMG 471). Titles may not consist of personal identifiers possibly augmented by a number; or include words such as “untitled” or “no title”. Titles may not consist solely of numbers unless those numbers are prominently contained within the image, such as a contestant number in a race.

### **Color and Monochrome:**

Color and Monochrome images from the same capture that share substantial pictorial content in common will be considered the same image and must be given the same title.

#### **A. GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

1. The entrant permits the sponsors to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for publication and/or display in media related to the exhibition. This may include low resolution posting on a website. Note: Entrants who indicate that their images may not be reproduced or used “will not be eligible for awards” or inclusion in audio-visuals of the exhibition “and could be subject to disqualification” by the exhibition sponsors. The exhibition assumes no liability of any misuse of copyright.

2. The Exhibition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the PSA/FIAP  
An entrant’s images will not be presented to the judges consecutively. An entrant’s four images will be distributed throughout four rounds of judging in that section. Distribution of images will be in the same round order as submitted by the entrant. At no stage will a judge be able to view all the entrant’s images together.

### **DATA PROTECTION**

By entering this exhibition, you are explicitly consenting to the personal details you have supplied, including physical addresses, email addresses, being held, processed and used by the exhibition organizers for purposes associated with this exhibition. You also explicitly consent to such information being sent to organizations that have accorded official recognition, patronage or accreditation to this exhibition. You acknowledge, agree and accept that by entering this exhibition, your participation status which includes your first and last name, name of the country used during registration at the exhibition, number of sections entered and number of photos entered in those sections will be made public in a published status list and that the results of your entry shall be made public in exhibition gallery, exhibition catalog. You also agree and accept the policy regarding non-compliance to the rules of PSA.

#### **B. Image Specifications:**

**Pixels dimension:** Maximum horizontal size 1920 pixels, Maximum vertical size 1080 pixels.

**Resolution:** 300 dpi

**Image format:** JPG/ JPEG

**Image size:** Should not be more than 2 MB

**Image title:** Each image must have a unique title that relates to the content of the image. That unique title must be used for entry of that image or of an identical Image into any and all PSA-Recognized exhibitions. Titles must be 35 characters or fewer. No titles may be visible to the judges, and nothing in the image may identify the entrant. Titles may not include file extensions such as .jpg or .jpeg (or any other camera capture filenames such as IMG 471). Titles may not consist of personal identifiers possibly augmented by a number; or include words such as “untitled” or “no title”. Titles may not consist solely of numbers unless those numbers are prominently contained within the image, such as a contestant number in a race.

### **C. Breaches of Rules**

**1 FIAP:** The mention that by the sole act of submitting his/her images or files to a salon under FIAP Patronage, the entrant accepts without exception and with no objection the following terms: - that the submitted images can be investigated by FIAP to establish if these obey to FIAP regulations and definitions even if the entrant is not a member of FIAP, - that FIAP will use any means at its disposal for this undertaking, - that any refusal to cooperate with FIAP or any refusal to submit the original files as captured by the camera, or failure to provide sufficient evidence, will be sanctioned by FIAP, - that in case of sanctions following the non-compliance with FIAP regulations, the name of the entrant will be released in any form useful to inform the breaches of the rules. It is recommended to leave the EXIF data in the submitted files intact in order to ease eventual investigations. If, at any time, it is determined in the reasonable discretion of the exhibition organizer or the judges before, during, or after the judging of an exhibition that an entrant has submitted entries where one or more images may fail to comply with these Conditions of Entry, including the stated definitions, the exhibition organizers reserve the right to delete the entry from the exhibition and void any or all acceptances or awards in connection with the exhibition. Fees may be forfeited or refunded in these circumstances. The entrant acknowledges that the decision of the exhibition organizers or the judges is final.

### **D. Notices to entrants:**

## 1 FIAP NOTICE

*All participants of an online event under FIAP Patronage tick a box next to which the following text is stated:*

“I hereby expressly agree to FIAP document 018/2017 « Conditions and regulations for FIAP Patronage » and FIAP document 017/2017 « Sanctions for breaching FIAP regulations and the red list ». I am particularly aware of chapter II « Regulations for International photographic events under FIAP patronage » of FIAP document 018/2017, dealing under Section II.2 and II.3 with the FIAP participation rules, the sanctions for breaching FIAP regulations and the red list.

*FIAP documents 018/2017 and 017/2017 must be linked to this paragraph so that participants can consult it*

### **E. Judging Method:**

- 1) Three judges will do the judging for every category. Judging will be remote judging (Online)
- 2) Judges will use color-calibrated monitors using a combination of software and hardware. Computer monitors will be capable of displaying images at 100% of the image resolution and that images will be displayed at exactly 100% of their resolution (that is, that the images will not be enlarged -at no point zoomed in- beyond their native resolution). Judges use higher resolution monitors, since most judging software cannot display the image to fill the screen. For higher resolution monitors, downsizing the system resolution may be necessary to accommodate a proper viewing distance.
- 3) **Target range:** Will not be more than 30%.

### **F. Miscellaneous:**

1. All final work must be on electronic file.
2. Judges decision is final. Acceptances in each section will qualify for star ratings of PSA.
3. All Jury members will not participate in this salon.
4. All images should be free from any watermark to be eligible for judging.
5. All entrants will have to register at the Salon site and upload their images online. Entries through E-MAIL will not be accepted. Entrants must use a single email for registration. Any attempt to register using more than one email address will disqualify the entrant. Registration problems should be notified to the Webmaster and Salon Secretary.
6. The metadata of the images must be retained in ND (Nature Digital) AND PTD (Photo Travel Digital).



## **G. SUBJECT MATTER & DEFINITIONS:**

**Attention is drawn to the below PSA Statement on Subject Matter, which applies to all sections**

### **PSA Statement:**

Statement on Subject Matter - applicable to all sections

The fundamental rule that must be observed at all times and applies to all sections offered in exhibitions with PSA recognition is that the welfare of living creatures is more important than any photograph. This means that practices such as baiting of subjects with a living creature and removal of birds from nests, for the purpose of obtaining a photograph, are highly unethical, and such photographs are not allowed in any exhibition with PSA recognition. Under no circumstances may a living creature be placed in a situation where it will be killed, injured or stressed for the purpose of obtaining a photograph. Images that show live creatures being fed to captive animals, birds or reptiles are not permitted under any circumstances.

There are also concerns about the use of aerial photography, drones, helicopters, low flying aircraft. These should not cause any interference with other individuals or animals which causes a disturbance in their normal activity or disrupt the way any individuals or animals interact with their environment. Entrants in PSA-recognized exhibitions should comply with all relevant laws and regulations, associated with aerial photography, in the country in which the image was taken.

Entry into PSA-recognized exhibitions is conditional on accepting these policies. The content of images must comply with the General Conditions and with the Division and Section definitions listed in these conditions.

Images that - in the sole opinion of the judges- do not comply, will be disqualified so the entrant may be aware of the problem when considering entry into other exhibitions with PSA recognition.

### **FIAP & PSA Definitions**

**OPEN (General):** Entries must originate as photographs (image-capture of objects via light sensitivity) made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally. By virtue of submitting an entry, the entrant certifies the work as his/her own and permits the sponsors to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for publication and/or display in media related to the exhibition. This may include low resolution posting on a website. The exhibition assumes no liability for any misuse of copyright. Images may be altered, either electronically or otherwise, by the maker. Creative is defined as "altered reality".

### **Monochrome Definitions**

## **FIAP definition of Monochrome**

A black and white work fitting from very dark grey (black) to very clear grey (white) is a monochrome work with various shades of grey. A black and white work toned entirely in a single colour will remain a monochrome work able to stand in the black and white category; such a work can be reproduced in black and white in the catalogue of a salon under FIAP Patronage. On the other hand, a black and white work modified by a partial toning or by the addition of one colour becomes a colour work (polychrome) to stand in the colour category; such a work requires colour reproduction in the catalogue of a salon under FIAP Patronage

## **PSA Monochrome Definition:**

An image is considered to be Monochrome only if it gives the impression of having no color (i.e. contains only shades of grey which can include pure black and pure white) OR it gives the impression of being a greyscale image that has been toned in one color across the entire image. (For example by Sepia, red, gold, etc.) A greyscale or multi-colored image modified or giving the impression of having been modified by partial toning, multi-toning or by the inclusion of spot coloring does not meet the definition of monochrome and shall be classified as a Color Work.

**Greyscale Monochrome** images may be entered for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel but toned images are not permitted for these sections

**Monochrome images may not be entered in color sections of PPD or PID.**

## **Editing Guidelines for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel**

These sections require images to be truthful records, so there are limits on the amount of manipulation allowed.

PSA statement of subject matter applies to all sections.

## **Editing Guidelines**

Processing or editing must be limited to making the image look as close to the original scene as possible, except that conversion to grayscale monochrome is allowed.

## **Allowed editing techniques:**

- Cropping, straightening and perspective correction.
- Removal or correction of elements added by the camera or lens, such as dust spots, noise, chromatic aberration and lens distortion.
- Global and selective adjustments such as brightness, hue, saturation and contrast to restore the appearance of the original scene.
- Complete conversion of color images to grayscale monochrome.
- Blending of multiple images of the same subject and combining them in camera or with software

(exposure blending or focus stacking);

- Image stitching – combining multiple images with overlapping fields of view that are taken consecutively (panoramas);

### **Editing techniques that are not allowed:**

- Removing, adding to, moving or changing any part of an image, except for cropping and straightening.
- Adding a vignette during processing.
- Blurring parts of the image during processing to hide elements in the original scene.
- Darkening parts of the image during processing to hide elements in the original scene.
- All conversions other than to complete grayscale monochrome.
- Conversion of parts of an image to monochrome, or partial toning, desaturation or over-saturation of color.

## **PSA/FIAP Nature Definition**

### Content Guidelines

- Nature photography records all branches of natural history except anthropology and archaeology. This includes all aspects of the physical world, both animate and inanimate, that have not been made or modified by humans.
- Nature images must convey the truth of the scene that was photographed. A well-informed person should be able to identify the subject of the image and be satisfied that it has been presented honestly and that no unethical practices have been used to control the subject or capture the image. Images that directly or indirectly show any human activity that threatens the life or welfare of a living organism are not allowed.
- The most important part of a Nature image is the nature story it tells. High technical standards are expected and the image must look natural.
- Objects created by humans, and evidence of human activity, are allowed in Nature images only when they are a necessary part of the Nature story.
- Photographs of human-created hybrid plants, cultivated plants, feral animals, domesticated animals, human-created hybrid animals and mounted or preserved zoological specimens are not allowed.
- Images taken with subjects under controlled conditions, such as zoos, are allowed.
- Controlling live subjects by chilling, anesthetic or any other method of restricting natural movement for the purpose of a photograph is not allowed.

### **Photo Travel**

**A Photo Travel image is a portrayal of the real world we live in, as it is found naturally. There are no geographic limitations.**

Content guidance:

1. If the image is predominantly or exclusively a land-, sea- or cityscape, these “scapes” must include characteristic, distinctive and recognizable physical features, although it is not necessary that the image identify the exact location;
2. Images that predominantly or exclusively depict people and their activities must illustrate a distinctive culture of a country, region, or continent;
3. Images that predominately or exclusively depict animal populations are allowed, if the animals are in their native environment and are characteristic of that country, region, or continent;
4. Portraits or other close-ups of people or objects, in addition to meeting the above paragraphs as applicable, must include elements depicting some of the surrounding environment to make it obvious that the image was not taken in a studio setting;
5. Images from events or activities arranged for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for

photography, are NOT allowed.

6. Time exposures are allowed, if they do not dominate the image as a special effect (star trails, for example, are a dominating effect).

7. Highly distorted images such as those produced by fish eye lenses are NOT allowed.

**All entrants must agree to the statement “I hereby expressly agree to the FIAP document 018/2017 E « Conditions for application and regulations for organization of international photographic events» and especially to its chapter II «Regulations for International photographic events under FIAP patronage» dealing under Section II.2 with the FIAP participation rules and the red list“ and tick the box at website.**

### **Non-compliance**

See the PSA Ethics Policy at <https://psa-photo.org/page/ethical-practices>.

See the PSA statement on Subject Matter at <https://psa-photo.org/page/division-definitions>

If, in the discretion of the exhibition organizer or the judges, an entrant has submitted that may fail to comply with these Conditions of Entry, they are allowed to request unedited or raw files of the submitted image.

For composite images all files are required.

Exhibition organizers may verify that:

- a) the images are the original work of the entrant
- b) the images comply with the rules and definitions as set out in these ES-COE

Such entries may be referred to PSA for further investigation of possible ethics violations.

PSA retains the right to investigate all complaints, impose penalties if deemed necessary, void the acceptances of any image found to violate the PSA rules, include the entrant’s name on the list of sanctions provided to Exhibitions, and share such investigations with FIAP. Entrants automatically agree to these terms by the act of entering the Exhibition and agree to cooperate with any investigation.

If another party is processing and/or submitting images on the entrant’s behalf, the entrant will still be held responsible for adhering to the entry rules and will be subject to penalties for any violations to these Conditions of Entry or to PSA’s Statement of Ethics.

**NOTICE:** When entrants fills in the Entry Form to submit an entry they will see the following feature to affirm they have read these Conditions of Entry

“I hereby confirm that I have read and understood and agree to the Conditions of Entry of this exhibition. I have read and understood the PSA document to be found at <https://psa->

[photo.org/resource/resmgr/pdf/exhibitions/\\_exhibition-entrants-agreemen.pdf](http://photo.org/resource/resmgr/pdf/exhibitions/_exhibition-entrants-agreemen.pdf) . I am aware that PSA may apply penalties for non-compliance to these Conditions of Entry”

Failure to agree will mean that the application will not proceed.

**T**he sponsors of this International Exhibition of Photography have been awarded Recognition by PSA, the world's largest patron of international photographic exhibitions. PSA, although it has provided recognition, is neither a sponsor nor directly involved in the operation of this exhibition.



Valid acceptances received by PSA Members in recognized sections of this exhibition are eligible for PSA Star Ratings, listing in the world-wide PSA Who's Who of Photography and credited towards the PSA Distinctions of QPSA, PPSA, EPSA, MPSA, MPSA2, GMPSA, GMPSA/B, GMPSA/S, GMPSA/G, and GMPSA/P.

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