

# COLORBOOST INTERNATIONAL SALON 2025

FIAP 2025/362 | FIP/2025/089

## CALENDAR

- Closing Date: 4th June 2025
- Judging: 18th - 28th June 2025
- Result: 30th June 2025
- Exhibition Date: 25th September 2025
- Catalogue Date: 30th September 2025
- Award Date: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## SECTIONS

- Open Colour
- Open Monochrome
- Nature
- World in Focus

## JUDGES:

- **Umberto D'eramo** EFIAP/g, MPSA, AICS, GPU CR4VIP4, HIUP, EHPS/g, ECPE, RISF1 – ITALY
- **Florentino Molero Gutierrez** GMPSA/b, EFIAP/s, GMP CR5-VIP5, EFIP, L.APS/g, MCEF/b, MFAF, FAPU, GAPU – SPAIN
- **Suman Saha** EFIAP/d3, ESFIP, EFIP/p, FFIP, FAPU, A.APS, ALMG, Hon. PLAAPA, Hon. FPMP - INDIA

## AWARDS

- 4 FIAP Gold
- 4 FIP Gold
- 4 Club Gold
- 4 Club Silver
- 4 Club Bronze
- 8 FIAP HMs
- 20 FIP RIBBONS
- BEST AUTHOR

- BEST INDIAN ENTRANT AWARD
- BEST CLUB AWARD (15 or more members paid participation needed in all sections. It will be calculated using acceptances only. In case of tie awards also will be counted)

## CATALOG

PDF Downloadable from Website

## ENTRY FEES

Foreign Entrants: \$14 USD for all sections.

Indian Entrants: Rs.900/- for all sections.

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## CHAIRMAN

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## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

### SALON RULES & REGULATION

1. The salon is open to photo friends spread all over the world. It will be organized under the approved rules of FIP, FIAP.

All acceptances will count for FIP, FIAP. If two or more similar images are entered by the same author, the first one getting the acceptance score will be considered for acceptance or award, the other images will not be considered.

### NO ALTERATION FOR NATURE and WORLD IN FOCUS IMAGES

2. "The exhibition is open to anyone; however, an entry may be rejected when the sponsoring organization, or its agent, in its reasonable discretion, believes the entry does not conform to exhibition rules and conditions."

3. There are no restrictions as to subject matter except as outlined in the rules and definitions of specific sections.

4. "With 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 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 and 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."

5. In order to have legal authority on those who do not respect the rules of FIAP, all participants in our event must tick a box next to which the following text is stated:

I hereby expressly agree to the FIAP document 018/2017 « Conditions and regulations for FIAP Patronage » and FIAP document 033/2021 « 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." The text FIAP document FIAP DOC 018/2017 must be linked to the attached document. Participants who do not tick the box must be excluded from the contest. If needed, FIAP can request a report showing that specific participants under investigation, have de facto ticked that box.

6. "Entries must originate as photographs (image-captures 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 own (aliases are not permitted).

7. 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.

8. Report Cards will be sent by E-Mail.

9. "Entries are limited to not more than 4 images (digital files) per section, i.e 16 total images for 4 sections.

A mixed entry of slides and digital images in the same section are not allowed

10. The jury reserves the right to withhold some awards if the quality of submitted photos is not satisfactory.

11. Each author can receive only one award / honorable mention in each section.

12. An entrant's four images will be distributed throughout four rounds of judging in that section".

13. The organizer will take all possible care while handling the awards and catalogues, however we assume no liability for damages and losses during shipping.

14. 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.

15. The decision of the Panel of selectors is final and binding, no further appeal will be entertained.

16. ENTRIES WILL NOT BE JUDGE WITHOUT ENTRY FEE and Entry will be disqualified for judging, the Author must accept the conditions of the salon.

**PICTURES CREATED BY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THIS SALON!** It is reminded that all parts of the image have to be photographed by the author who is holding the copyright of all works submitted. Offenders will be sanctioned for life.

#### **DEFINITION OF MONOCHROME:**

A Black and white work fitting from the very dark grey (black) to the very clear grey (white) is a monochrome Work with the 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.

#### **DEFINITION OF COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Entries must originate as photographs (image captures of objects via light sensitivity) made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally. Pictures on any subject including creative or

experimental images can be submitted. Use of Computer generated graphics is totally restricted except in Creative thematic section. All element of the image must have been shot by the author. No part of the image should have been taken from Net or other person's image. Use of some filters available on net is permissible. Same images either colour or mono in two different section of the same Salon will result in disqualification for both the images.

### **DEFINITION OF NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Nature Photography is restricted to the use of the photographic process to depict all branches of natural history, except anthropology\* and archaeology\*, in such a fashion that a well-informed person will be able to identify the subject material and certify its honest presentation. (Suggested\*: An example will be helpful to the New Jury). The story telling value of a photograph must be weighed more than the pictorial quality while maintaining high technical quality.

1. Human elements must not be present, except where those human elements are integral parts of the nature story such as nature subjects, like barn owls or storks, adapted to an environment modified by humans, or where those human elements are in situations depicting natural forces, like hurricanes or tidal waves.
2. Scientific bands, scientific tags or radio collars on wild animals are permissible.
3. Photographs of human created hybrid plants, cultivated plants, feral animals, domestic animals, or mounted specimens are ineligible.
4. Techniques that add, relocate, replace or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping, are not permitted. Conversion to infrared, either by digital technique or by original technique is not allowed. Stitching of two or more images is not permitted.
5. Complete conversion to greyscale Monochrome is allowed but without partial or complete toning.
6. It is perfectly legal to remove dust, flares or digital noise. Minor global colour / tone correction is OK as long as it is not selective and the final image looks natural but not dramatic. Dodge and Burn tool is for you only but use it judiciously. Selective darkening of background is prohibited. Techniques like panning, slow shutter speed or in-exposure zooming are part of your creativity. Use of filters like Polarizers and NDs are ok.
7. Drone Photography in the National Parks of India is illegal except with prior written permission from the concerned authorities.
8. Welfare of the subject is extremely important. Use of live bait is totally prohibited. Relocated nest is a big NO NO and jury members should not award Nest images. Images entered in Nature section meeting the Nature Photography Definition above can have landscapes, geologic formations, weather phenomena, and extant organisms as the primary subject matter. This includes images taken with subjects in controlled conditions, such as zoos, game farms, botanical gardens, aquariums and any enclosure where the subjects are totally dependent on man for food. Wildlife where exhibitions or competitions have a Wildlife Section or are giving a Wildlife Medal the following applies: Images entered in Wildlife Sections meeting the Nature Photography Definition above are further defined as one or more extant zoological or botanical organisms free and unrestrained in a natural or adopted habitat. Landscapes, geologic formations, photographs of zoo or game farm animals or of any extant zoological or botanical species taken under controlled conditions are not eligible in Wildlife sections. Wildlife is not limited to mammals, birds and insects. Marine subjects and botanical subjects (including fungi and algae) taken in the wild are suitable wildlife subjects, as are carcasses of extant species.

### **DEFINITION OF WORLD IN FOCUS:**

World in Focus image must express the characteristic features or culture of a land as they are found naturally. There are no geographic limitations. Images from events or activities arranged specifically for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for photography are not appropriate. Close up pictures of people or objects must include features that provide information about the

environment. Techniques that add, relocate, replace or remove any element of the original Image, except by cropping, are not permitted. The only allowable adjustment are removable of dust or digital noise, restoration of the appearance of the original scene, and complete conversion to grayscale monochrome. Other derivations, including infrared are not permitted. All allowed adjustments must appear natural.

1. A travel image depicts features of a culture, place or people as found naturally, anywhere in the world.
2. Images of individuals or group must show their environment or location.
3. The image should not be a SET UP image and it should not be a directed image.
4. It should not be from a PHOTO WORKSHOP where a troupe dances for the workshop organizer or HORSES are made to run in dust or water or an individual shows his acrobatics on payment of a fee.
5. Many monasteries have religious festivals with dances etc and it is perfectly legal to submit such images though you may have paid an entry fee. Same is true for ballet and other stage shows.
6. Images shot at fairs where the subject is obviously posing for you, with or without payment, is only good for pictorial section. On the other hand a candid image is good for PT section.
7. Techniques that add, relocate, replace or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping, are not permitted. Conversion to infrared, either by digital technique or by original technique is not allowed. Stitching of two or more image is not permitted.
8. Complete conversion to grey scale Monochrome is allowed but without partial or complete toning.
9. It is perfectly legal to remove dust, flares or digital noise. Minor global colour / tone correction is OK as long as it is not selective and the final image looks natural but not dramatic. Dodge and Burn tool is for you only but use it judiciously. Correction of perspective is perfectly legal. Techniques like panning, slow shutter speed or in exposure zooming are part of your creativity. Filters like Polarizers and NDs are ok but star effect or rainbow filters are illegal.
10. Drone photography is OK as long it is legally permissible in that part of the world. In India use of DJI Mavic Mini model of Drone is perfectly legal, except in areas where Drone Photography is prohibited by the authorities like National Parks etc.
11. Finally, be sensitive to the community or people whom you are shooting. Care for your subjects and care for your fellow photographers as well. If someone doesn't wish to be photographed, please respect the person's feelings and greet her or him with a sweet smile before parting way