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AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT (APM)

AV Adjudication 7th March 2009. Many have predicted that, with the introduction of digital photography and simple computer software programmes, AV would gain in popularity. Leo Rich, our APM Secretary, hopes that they put money on their belief as it has turned out to be true! For the first time since the PAGB AV Awards were introduced We are oversubscribed for the next adjudication! We will review the need for additional AV adjudications at the next PAGB Executive meeting.

Adjudication November 2009

This will be the first time that both the Credit and Distinction Awards will be available to PDI submissions and this event in Scotland is filling up rapidly. Whilst it is certainly not our intention to exclude Slide workers from the APM there are currently fewer entries than are required to run any of the Slide categories. If the current level of Print and Digital PDI submissions continues we may be forced to carry forward the few Slide entries we have to a future Adjudication.

FIRE EXITS

I recently received e-mail from an apparently well-qualified person about his visit to a local camera club. I have paraphrased his comments.

“There were no proper fire exit doors, no emergency lighting, and no signed fire escape routes. On both sides of the rooms there were a set of double doors opening immediately to the outside, sadly they were both locked. Keys were not in the lock, and there were no crash-out bars.”

You are strongly advised to urgently and regularly review the arrangements and exits at your club. Please tell your members how to get out safely in the event of a fire – it could save their lives!

PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS Lots of questions arise about our right to photograph people, especially children, in public places and there have been many examples of interference by the police and by other “officials”. Probably the most authoritative writing on the subject is an article by Linda Macpherson LL.B, Dip.L.P. LL.M, who is a lecturer in law at Heriot Watt University, with particular experience in Information Technology Law, Intellectual Property Law and Media Law. You can download this at <http://www.sirimo.co.uk/ukpr.php> and also look at some very interesting Q&A. You can add comment and ask questions which Linda answers when she can. There has also been a recent reply from the Prime Minister's Office at www.number10.gov.uk/Page17959 but this is not very helpful. The PAGB cannot, of course, accept any responsibility for this advice but it makes interesting reading!

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