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### AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT (APM) IN AUDIO VISUAL

At last, after a very lengthy online conversation, the PAGB are once again able to offer their APM in Audio Visual at CPAGB, DPAGB and MPAGB. The procedures have been completely restructured and an Advisory Leaflet is available now, marked *New* on the PAGB Website Home Page at-

The process has been completely revamped to enable many more participants and, although AV Production will still be by far the most important aspect of the Awards, there is now an additional requirement for competent original photography.

The APM in AV will be organised by the APM Sub Committee appointed by the PAGB and Adjudications will be overseen and hosted by the Chair of the S/C. In addition a Full Time Chair of Judges will be appointed to help select the Adjudicators, to oversee the organisation of the Adjudication Day and to join every panel as a voting participant.

#### ADJUDICATION METHOD

Adjudications in Audio Visual will be carried out by a panel of Five Adjudicators including the voting Chair of Adjudicators. The Adjudicators will be selected from the PAGB Approved List for their photographic and AV skills and their extensive experience.

In addition to the Chair, at least two and not more than three of the Adjudicators will be AV Specialists. The others will normally have at least a limited experience of AV.

The Non-Voting Chairman of the event will observe closely throughout the proceedings and will have the authority to review near misses on the day in conjunction with the Chair of Adjudicators, and with the full panel of Adjudicators if required. Each of the 5 Adjudicators will Vote, without any discussion, on the total sequences submitted by each entrant and their votes will be recorded electronically using 'silent' scoring equipment.

After an initial vote the Non-Voting Chairman of the event will invite one or two of the Adjudicators to comment briefly in public and invite the Chair of Adjudicators to summarise.

Then a second and Deciding Vote will be called. The result will not be announced until the end of the session which will allow the opportunity for any later Review "in camera" which might be required.

An AV production submitted for a PAGB Award should predominantly consist of a sequence of still photographic images, the majority of such photographs being the original work of the entrant, together with an accompanying synchronised sound track. The use of third party images, animated graphics, video clips or other visual material, whilst not excluded, should be limited to 10% of the photographs and the duration of the sequence and should be appropriate to the production. An AV sequence obviously includes many more pictures than are required for an APM in "Single Image" Photography and individual pictures cannot be expected to be of the same standard. However they must show photographic competence and, even better, at the higher levels.

The PAGB believe that the future of these APM in AV will depend on enthusiastic take up by Club members primarily interested in what is known as Photo Harmony.

**PHOTO HARMONY** should demonstrate skill in the production and visual progression of still photographs linked to sound. No script or commentary with a specific beginning, middle and ending are required but the images must flow well in a pleasing progression, not just in a random manner. The emphasis is on visual harmony in colour, tone or graphic design. The aim is not to display a collection of single photographs which may be excellent when considered individually but rather a sequence of pictures which blend well with each other and with the sound chosen. Good technique is essential and it is expected that the sound and the pictures start and finish together and that the original ending of the music is preserved rather than an arbitrary fade out. In a successful Photo Harmony presentation the Adjudicators will expect most of the pictures to be original photography of a not less than competent standard.

NO ADJUDICATION DATE HAS BEEN SET BUT WE WELCOME EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN APPLICATIONS - PLEASE CONTACT YOUR FEDERATION AWARDS OFFICER WHO SHOULD INFORM THE AWARDS SECRETARY, LEO RICH. IF WE GET ENOUGH INTEREST A DATE WILL BE SCHEDULED. OVER TO YOU.



## **AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT ADJUDICATORS 2015**

## 25/26 APR 2015 SCPF

Phillip Charnock MFIAP FRPS	LCPU
Anne Greiner MPAGB	SPF
Barry Mead MPAGB FRPS EFIAP/g	WCPF
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Roger Parry DPAGB EFIAP ARPS HonPAGB	MCPF
Leo Rich DPAGB EFIAP/g ARPS APAGB	SCPF
Libby Smith MPAGB EFIAP APAGB	SPF

We are delighted to have once again secured the services of such excellent judges for our APM Adjudications in 2015 and we congratulate the Southern Counties and Welsh Photographic Federations who will host them. Watch **e-news** for further information, including details of an extra "non audience" Adjudication in Scotland in December.



The PAGB will once again be generously provided with our own stand in 2015 - see P8.

Put the dates in your diary now and watch for further information in e-news.

#### **PAGB DEFINITION OF NATURE**

At its April meeting the PAGB Executive Committee agreed an expansion to the explanatory notes which accompany their Definition of Nature for PAGB Competitions. Please note that this definition and notes are for nature competitions run by the PAGB - currently only the GB Cup (Nature). Other competitions, exhibitions and organisations will use their own definitions. FIAP, PSA and the RPS are currently working to agree a common Nature Definition and the PAGB will, of course, consider adopting this when it is published if it is fit for our purposes.

#### PAGB Nature Definition

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Issue 2, Apr 2014

Nature photography depicts living, untamed animals and uncultivated plants in a natural habitat, geology and the wide diversity of natural phenomena. Photographs of animals which are domesticated and photographs of cultivated or hybrid plants are ineligible. Minimal evidence of humans is acceptable for nature subjects, such as barn owls or storks adapting to an environment modified by humans, or natural forces, like hurricanes or tidal waves, reclaiming it. Any manipulation or modification is limited to minor retouching and must not alter the truth of the original scene.

#### Notes associated with this definition

entry to PAGB Competitions.

PAGB Competitions are not Wildlife Competitions, unless otherwise specified, and Nature photographers frequently take pictures of animals under "controlled conditions" in order to record species or behaviour that would be very difficult or impossible to record in the wild. This might even include microscopic subjects which have to be anaesthetised. Such photographs are eligible for

Animals in reserves, wildlife parks and zoos, are permitted provided there is minimal evidence of humans. So too are "falconer's" birds although, of course, only minor retouching is permitted which would not, for example, include removing jesses in post processing. Also permitted are pictures of "wild" flowers growing in parkland or "wild" gardens provided these have not been modified by such cultivation. It is obvious that creatures showing poorer condition because of their captivity are likely to be marked less favourably by nature judges.

## NEW JUDGES ADDED TO THE PAGB LIST

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Only the best UK judges are elected to our list and these are the people we use for competitions run by the PAGB. It helps if they already have experience of judging big competitions and exhibitions. The process is outlined on Page 110 of the PAGB Handbook. Anyone can nominate a judge, in writing, but must supply three referees (not references) who the Judges' Committee will contact individually. Tip: When contacted recently, a referee said "I have never seen this person judge". This is not considered to be an effective reference. In the past it was specified that the prospective judge should not be aware of the nomination but this has now been relaxed so that you may ask where, what and when the nominee has judged.

## **PAGB PATRONAGE FOR EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS**

The PAGB extends its Patronage to Exhibitions of a Regional, National, and now, an International character. The award may also be given to Federations' own Exhibitions. In addition, it may also be given to specific events which are of an occasional, yet major, nature, for example a 50th or 75th Anniversary of a Federation.

Those seeking patronage for an event should consider the conditions carefully. Please bear in mind that Patronage is a privilege and will not be granted automatically. It is the firm intention of the PAGB to ensure that only events deserving of Patronage receive the award and that the entrants can be confident that the competition will be organised to appropriate current exhibition standards. We are happy to recommend these competitions to you.

On acceptance the organisers will be permitted to show on all entry forms, advertisement, etc, that Patronage has been granted. The Alliance will then allow the applicant to purchase appropriate Medals for award at the event or exhibition.

Information, conditions, an updated list of events application forms are downloadable at http://www.thepagb.org.uk/patronage.htm

#### 2014 EVENTS AWARDED PATRONAGE PAGB PATRONAGE LIST NO 126 - UPDATED 2 APRIL 2014

01/2014 The PAGB Inter-Federation Print & PDI Competition & Exhibitition 2014 www.thepagb.org.uk	
02/2014 The PAGB Inter-Club PDI Championship 2014	www.thepagb.org.uk
04/2014 The PAGB Inter-Club Print Club Championship 2014	www.thepagb.org.uk
05/2014 Solihull Open Exhibition of British Photography	www.solihullphotographicsociety.com
06/2014 WCPF Projected Inter-Club Competition 2014	www.wcpf.org.uk
07/2014 EAF Audio Visual Competition Dick Williams 34 H	Heather Way, Romford, Essex, RM1 4TA
08/2014 MidPhot 2014	www.mcpf.co.uk
09/2014 The IAC Peter Coles International AV Competition	www.nwawavg.org.uk
10/2014 SPA Biennial Exhibition 2014	www.surreypa.org.uk
11/2014 WCPF Members Exhibition 2014	www.wcpf.org.uk
12/2014 Cotswold Salon	www.cotswold-monochrome.co.uk
13/2014 2014 Open Internet Exhibition	www.photo2014.net
14/2014 The 2014 East Antrim Open Exhibition	www.eapu.eu
15/2014 N.I.P.A. Audio-Visual Festival Ross Mulholland, 23 Ballymo	te Road, Glenavy, Crumlin, Co. Antrim BT29 4NR
16/2014 67th National Open Exhibition www.south	nport-ps.co.uk/Exhibition/OpenForEntry
17/2014 The Robin Hood Open Exhibition	www.robinhoodexhibition.co.uk
18/2014 Rushden Open Photographic Exhibition	www.rushdenopen.co.uk
19/2014 Open Exhibition of British Photography 2014	www.beyondgroup.org.uk
20/2014 Interprint 2014	www.interprint-photo.org
21/2014 Basingstoke National Open Exhibition www.basing	stokecameraclub.co.uk/exhib/index.htm
22/2014 KCPA Annual Exhibition Alan Lomakin, 25 Coleridge	e Close, Larkfield, Aylesford, ME20 6UA
23/2014 N.I.P.A. Print & Projected Exhib. Alastair Jack, 12 Glencroft Road, Newtonabbey, BT36 5GD	
24/2014 SRGB The Second Print Celebration	www.srgbphotogroup.co.uk
25/2014 SCPF Annual Print and PDI Championships Glyn Edm	nunds, 42 Beach Road, Hayling Island PO11 0JG
26/2014 Great Barr PS BPE Panel of 3 Exhibition 2014	www.greatbarrphotographicsociety.com
27/2014 Chilterns Hundred Members Exhibition Peter Pros	ser, 47 Devereux Drive, Watford, WD17 3DD
28/2014 The Great Northern Festival	www.gnfestival.org.uk



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Two Clubs from each of the 15 Federations, together with the top 8 placed clubs from the 2013 Championships will compete to find the Champion Club for 2014.	
Admission is by prepaid ticket only from 9.30am; these can be purchased by completing the form below and sending it with the correct remittance and a SAE, see below.	
Wheel-chairs can be accommodated, but such requirements must be notified on the ticket application form.	
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The order form can be downloaded from -

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## ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN - ONE BIG STEP FOR THE PAGB

Mike Chambers, who sadly passed last summer, was the very first recipient of an Award for Photographic Merit at Darwen in April 1994. Mike achieved the DPAGB in 1996 and the MPAGB in Drymen, Scotland, in 2001. The first 20 are shown below. Almost everyone on this list went on to gain the DPAGB whilst Anne Greiner and Don Byatt have achieved the MPAGB.

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The Adjudicators, under the Chairmanship of Ian Platt, were Dave Marsh L&CPU, Don Morrison NCPF, Roger Noons MCPF. Leigh Preston MCPF, John West L&CPU and Rod Wheelans SPF. Only Leigh and Rod, who have both since achieved the MPAGB, are still active as PAGB judges.

We intend to produce an Awards for Photographic Merit "Special Issue" - watch out for it soon.



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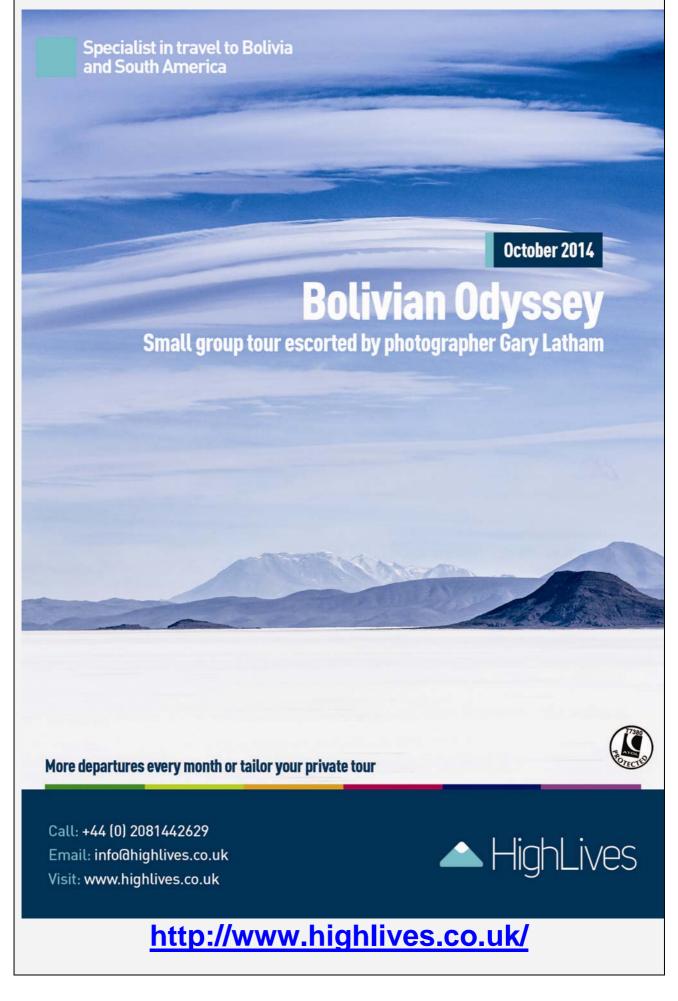
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