

Our Members Honoured with Distinctions

We at YPS are proud of the fact that we have the maximum number of distinction holders in India. Names of our members who were conferred with the various distinctions by Federation of Indian Photography (FIP) during the year 2020 was published in the October 2020 issue of *Dr̥ṣṭi*. Further, we are proudly presenting here the list of our members who were conferred in the year 2020, with distinctions by different photographic bodies: Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique (FIAP), Photographic Society of America (PSA), Master of Light Photographic Association (MoL PA), and Global Photographic Union (GPU).

FIAP Distinctions

Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique (FIAP: International Federation of Photographic Art) is an international organization of national associations of photography, founded by Dr M Van de Wijer of Belgium in 1946, and has more than 85 national federations worldwide, as its members. FIP is the India representative member in FIAP. Headquartered in Luxembourg, FIAP promotes art photography through providing its patronages to the qualifying salons and organizing contests and world cups itself. It also offers a range of distinctions to deserving photo artists, starting with AFIAP, then EFIAP and MFIAP. It also offers EFIAP levels starting from EFIAP/Bronze to EFIAP/Diamond-3. In any one calendar year, an author can get only one FIAP distinction.

Here are the FIAP distinctions that our members were conferred upon during the year 2020.

Excellence FIAP Gold: EFIAP/g is awarded to an author who holds EFIAP/Silver and obtained a total of at least 500 acceptances in international salons with FIAP patronage, with 150 different works in 15 different countries, and has won awards for at least 6 new photographs in 6 different countries and different salons.

- Pramod Govind Shanbhag EFIAP/g, ARPS, EPSA, Hon MFIP (Nature)

Excellence FIAP Silver: EFIAP/s is awarded to an author who holds EFIAP/Bronze and obtained a total of at least 300 acceptances in international salons with FIAP patronage, with 100 different works

in 10 different countries, and has won awards for at least 5 new photographs in 5 different countries and different salons.

- Krishna Bhat EFIAP/s, EPSA, EFIP, cMoL, GPA, PESGSPC, Hon PESGSPC, Hon CPE, Hon GM.GNG, Hon APF
- Sathyanarayana C R FICS, EFIAP/s, ARPS, cMoL, ACPE, Hon MFIP (Nature), Hon FIP, Hon FPSG, Hon PASP, Hon FICS, Hon PESGSPC.

Excellence FIAP Bronze: EFIAP/b is awarded to an author who holds EFIAP and afterwards obtained at least 200 acceptances in salons with FIAP patronage, with 50 different works in 5 different countries, and has won awards for 5 new photographs in 5 different countries and different salons.

- Anitha Mysore EFIAP/b, EFIP/g, EFIP/g (Nature), EIUP, c**MoL, GPU-CR3, AAPS, ACPE, GPA, PESGSPC, G.APS, ES.CPE, Hon PESGSPC
- Digwas Bellemane EFIAP/b, EPSA, EIUP, EFIP, ACPE, GPA.PESGSPC, Hon MoL, Hon CPE, Hon WPG, Hon AvTISO, Hon PESGSPC, Hon FPPS, Hon GNG

Excellence FIAP: EFIAP is awarded to an author holding the AFIAP distinction and who has obtained at least 250 salon acceptances with at least 50 different works including at least 12 in prints, in at least 30 international salons with FIAP patronage and has won 2 awards in different countries.

- Dinesh Allamaprabhu FAPS, EFIAP, BPSA, PPSA, GPU-CR2, HIUP, c*MoL, EFIP, Hon CPE, GPA, PESGSPC, Hon PESGSPC
- Gangadhar A G FRPS, Hon MFIP (Nature), EFIAP, EFIP, Hon FBCA
- Laxmi Prasanna P A EFIAP, EFIP, cMoL
- Nandan Hegde EFIAP, EFIP, QPSA, cMoL
- Padmanabha K G EFIAP, EFIP
- Raghavendra Joshi MPSA, EFIAP, EFIP
- Raghavendra Naik EFIAP
- Raghavendra Prasad H S EFIAP, EFIP, cMoL
- Rajashekar H K EFIAP, EFIP, AIIPC, Hon CPE, GAPS, GPA.PESGSPC, Hon PESGSPC
- Ramakanth R S EFIAP, ARPS

Artist FIAP: AFIAP is the entry level distinction of FIAP awarded to those photography artists who have at least 40 acceptances from 15 different works including at least 4 in prints, in at least

15 international salons having FIAP patronage and held in at least 8 different countries.

- Chethan Rao Mane AFIAP, AFIP
- Damodar Suvarna AFIAP
- Gajanana Pandit EFIP, AFIAP
- Dr Giridharan Vijay AFIAP, AFIP
- Jinesh Prasad EFIP, AFIAP, Hon CPE
- K S Manju Mohan AFIAP, AFIP, GPU-CR2, AAPS
- Karthik M D EFIP, AFIAP
- Lokanath M AFIAP
- Mithun Prakash Prabhu EFIP, AFIAP, QPSA
- Naveen Kumar EFIP, AFIAP
- Dr Neelima M Reddy AFIAP, AFIP
- Rajasimha Sathyanarayana AFIAP, cMoL, AFIP
- Ranganath C AFIAP, cMoL, AFIP
- Sanjay Joshi EFIP, AFIAP
- Srinath Narayan AFIAP, AFIP
- Subash Bahadur AFIAP, cMoL, AFIP
- Sudheendra K P EFIP, AFIAP, cMoL
- Udaya Thejaswi Urs EFIP/g (Nature), EFIP, AFIAP
- Vijay Mailar EFIP, AFIAP, cMoL
- Vinod Kumar Kulkarni EFIP, AFIAP
- Yogesh Mokashi AFIAP, AFIP

PSA Distinctions

The Photographic Society of America (PSA) founded in 1934, is a world-wide organization promoting the photographic art by offering its members online learning, webinars, study groups, competitions, mentors, and consultants. PSA has 5000 individuals and 460 photography clubs from 80 countries as its members. It functions as 6 different divisions and gives patronages to international salons under these divisions. Distinctions offered by PSA to its members start with QPSA and go up to GMPSA/Platinum. Acceptances are verified through the 'star path' that PSA offers under each of its divisions.

Master PSA: The distinction MPSA is offered to an author who has obtained a total of at least 1500 acceptances in the international salons recognized by PSA.

- Raghavendra Joshi MPSA, EFIAP, EFIP

Excellence PSA: EPSA is offered to an author who has obtained a total of at least 700 acceptances in the international salons recognized by PSA.

- Digwas Bellemane EFIAP/b, EPSA, EIUP, EFIP, ACPE, GPA.PESGSPC, Hon MoL, Hon CPE, Hon WPG, Hon AvTIVISO, Hon PESGSPC, Hon FPPS, Hon GNG
- Krishna Bhat EFIAP/s, EPSA, EFIP, cMoL, GPA, PESGSPC, Hon PESGSPC, Hon CPE, Hon GM.GNG, Hon APF

Proficiency PSA: PPSA distinction is offered to an author who has obtained a total of at least 288 acceptances in the international salons recognized by PSA.

- Vinaya Mathews FFIP, EFIAP, PPSA, GAPU

Qualified PSA: QPSA is the entry level distinction of PSA, offered to an author who has obtained at least 54 acceptances in the international salons recognized by PSA.

- Hemachandra Jain QPSA
- Mithun Prakash Prabhu EFIP, AFIAP, QPSA
- Nandan Hegde EFIAP, EFIP, QPSA, cMoL
- Venkatesh B S GPU-CR2, cMoL, QPSA, EAPG, Hon FTR

Master of Light PA Distinctions

Master of Light Photographic Association (MoL PA) is an international organization established in 2016 and based in Vancouver, Canada. It promotes classical photography that involves skill, knowledge, perseverance, and dedication to achieve high degree of aesthetics. It recognizes the international salons meeting its requirements and stipulates that the MoL medals and diplomas be given to the best picture meeting the MoL standard. It offers two streams of distinctions: Competitive and Artistic (criteria for these distinctions have been updated recently and differ from those mentioned below).

Competitive star Master of Light: c*MoL distinction is awarded to an author who has at least 50 acceptances in the international salons held with the patronage of FIAP or PSA or MoL, with

at least 10 salons with the patronage of MoL PA and held in different countries. In addition, at least one picture must have won a MoL diploma or medal in a salon.

- K M Narayanaswamy FFIP, ARPS, EFIAP, PPSA, APSA, c*MoL, GAPU, GPA.PESGSPC, Hon PESGSPC

Competitive Master of Light: cMoL distinction is awarded to an author who has at least 20 different photographs accepted in international salons under the patronage of FIAP or PSA or MoL PA, with at least 5 salons with the patronage of MoL PA and held in different countries.

- Nilendu Banerjee AFIP, cMoL, GPU-CR2, RISF2, G.APS, Hon APF, AAPG, EH-ISF
- Rajasimha Sathyanarayana AFIAP, cMoL, AFIP
- Ranganath C AFIAP, cMoL, AFIP
- Sudheendra K P EFIP, AFIAP, cMoL
- Vijay Mailar EFIP, AFIAP, cMoL

GPU Distinctions

Global Photographic Union (GPU) is an international organization promoting photo artists to exhibit their works in international salons. Currently the GPU management board is represented by 8 internationally renowned photographers from 7 countries. GPU has members from 4 continents. It offers 3 types of distinctions: Crown (CR1 to CR5), VIP (VIP1 to VIP5) and Titles (Aphrodite, Hermes, Zeus, GPU Grand Master).

GPU Crown distinctions are based on the points earned by photographers through international salon acceptances, mentions and awards. Each accepted image gets 1 point, Honorable Mention or Certificate of Merit gets 2 points, Medal or Trophy gets 4 points. These points double if the salon has GPU patronage.

GPU Crown 3: GPU-CR3 is offered to a photographer who earns at least 2500 points.

- Anitha Mysore EFIAP/b, EFIP/g, EFIP/g (Nature), EIUP, c**MoL, GPU-CR3, AAPS, ACPE, GPA, PESGSPC, G.APS, ES.CPE, Hon PESGSPC

GPU Crown 2: GPU-CR2 is offered to a photographer who earns at least 600 points.

- K S Manju Mohan AFIAP, AFIP, GPU-CR2, AAPS
- Nilendu Banerjee AFIP, cMoL, GPU-CR2, RISF2, G.APS, Hon APF, AAPG, EH-ISF
- Venkatesh B S GPU-CR2, cMoL, QPSA, EAPG, Hon FTR

IUP Distinctions

International Union of Photographers (IUP) is a global photographic society registered in Hongkong and having its representative office in Guangzhou, People's Republic of China. It offers distinctions for its members, based on their acceptances and awards earned in the international salons having the patronage of IUP. Gold, Silver and Bronze medal gets 15, 10 and 8 points each. Other award gets 5 points and acceptance gets 1 point. Qualifying authors are featured on the IUP Honor List. Points accumulated thus lead to Honorable (HIUP), Elite (EIUP), Master (MIUP) and Great Achievement (GAIUP) distinctions. Master IUP: MIUP distinction is awarded to an author who earns at least 500 points in IUP Honour List or has 30 awards and 30 representative works.

- Mohammed Arfan Asif MPSA, EFIAP/p, ARPS, MICS, FICS, MIUP, c*MoL, Hon YPS

YPS congratulates all these distinction awardees and wishes them many more accolades.



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(The list of members who achieved distinctions in 2020 is compiled based on all members' survey responses and their other distinctions are taken from the YPS website)



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