

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 were published in the October 2020 issue of Dr̄ṣṭi. 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, to 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 Platinum: EFIAP/g is awarded to an author who holds EFIAP/ Gold and obtained a total of at least 700 acceptances in international salons with FIAP patronage, with 250 different works in 20 different countries, and has won awards for at least 7 new photographs in 6 different countries and different salons.

- Dr Pramod Govind Shanbhag
- **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.

- Ms Anita Mysore
- Mr Digwas G Hegde Bellemane

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 in at least 30 international salons with FIAP patronage and has won 2 awards in different countries.

- Mr Chethan Rao Mane
- Dr Giridharan Vijay
- Mr Jinesh Prasad
- Mr K S Manju Mohan
- Ms Neelima M Reddy
- Mr Rajasimha Sathyanarayana
- Mr Ranganath C
- Mr Sanjay Joshi
- Mr Sudheendra K P
- Mr Udaya Thejaswi Urs
- Mr Vijay Mailar
- Mr Yogesh Mokashi

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

- Dr Ajit Huilgol
- Ms Anagha Mohan
- Mr Ananth Kamat
- Mr Arivannal C V
- Mr Basavaraj M
- Ms Darshan Ganapathy
- Mr Devarajasetty S Kikkeri
- Mr J G Guruprasad Sringeri
- Mr Karthik S Kargallu
- Mr Kishan Harwalkar
- Mr Mahesh Kumar Viswanadha
- Mr Nilendu Banerjee
- Mr Sanjay Kashinath Danait

- Mr Shajin V Nambiar
- Mr Shashank H R
- Mr Subramanya C K
- Mr Umashankar BN
- Mr Venkatesh B S
- Mr Vinod Kumar V K
- Mr Vinyasa Ubaradka

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.

- Ms Anitha Mysore
- Mr K M Narayanaswamy

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.

- Mr Venkatesh B S

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.

- Mr Ashok Viswanathan
- Mr Mithun Prakash Prabhu
- Mr Nilendu Banerjee
- Mr Vijay Mailar

Master of Light Photographic Association 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 tripple star Master of Light:

c***MoL distinction is awarded to an author who has at least 200 acceptances in the international salons held with the patronage of FIAP or PSA or MoL, with at least 30 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.

- Ms Anitha Mysore

Competitive double star Master of Light:

c**MoL distinction is awarded to an author who has at least 100 acceptances in the international salons held with the patronage of FIAP or PSA or MoL, with at least 20 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.

- Mr Venkatesh B S

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.

- Mr Venkatesh B S
- Mr Vijay Mailar

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.

- Mr A G Gangadhar
- Dr Ajit Huilgol
- Mr Ananth Kamat
- Mr Gajanana Pandit
- Dr Giridharan Vijay
- Mr Harish N N
- Mr Kishan Harwalkar
- Mr Lokesh K C
- Mr Mithun Prakash Prabhu
- Mr Sandeep Dattaraju
- Mr Subash Bahadur
- Mr Subramanya C K
- Mr Venkatesh B S

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 4: GPU-CR4 is offered to a photographer who earns at least 6000 points.

- Ms Anitha Mysore

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

- Mr Venkatesh B S

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

- Dr Ajith Huilgol
- Mr Harish N N
- Mr K M Narayanaswamy
- Mr Nilendu Banerjee



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(The list of members who achieved distinctions in 2021 is compiled based on all members' survey responses.)