



18th French Digital Tour 2023

International French Digital Tour Circuit

12th Salon International of Legé (44)
 19th International Salon of La Gacilly (56)
 17th International Salon of St Aignan de Cramenil (14)
 26th International Salon of Bagnols Marcoule (30)

One circuit, 4 Independent salons, 4 sections

Open Color (PSA PID color), Open Monochrome (PSA PID Monochrome), Nature (PSA ND), Travel (PSA TD)

More than 500 awards ...300€ for the best author of circuit

				
FIAP : 2023/316-317-318-319	PSA : 2023 -379	GPU : L230073	FPF : 2023/ 10-11-12-13	ISF :31-32-33-34 /2023

1 – General information

a- ORGANIZATION / CONTACTS

International French Digital Tour Circuit

Exhibition Website URL: <https://frenchdigitaltour.fr/>

Contact circuit : contact@frenchdigitaltour.com

Exhibition Chairman : Gérard Barbier
 4 Bis La Genaudière
 44650 Legé
 France

The Circuit consists of 4 salons and entry is open to all worldwide photographers. It will be conducted under the approved rules of FIAP- PSA -GPU - ISF- FPF - All acceptances will count for FIAP, PSA, FPF, GPU and ISF distinctions and for inclusion in PSA Star Rating and “Who’s Who”.

b- SECTIONS

- Open Color (PSA PID color)
- Open Monochrome (PSA PID Monochrome)
- Nature (PSA ND)
- Travel (PSA TD)

c- ENTRY -ENTRY FEES

Each entrant may submit a maximum of 4 images per section, 16 total maximums.

Individual entry

All individual entries can be done through our website: [FrenchDigitalTour](#)

Entry fee for one author for 4 salons:

1 section: € 25 2 sections: € 30 3 sections: € 35 4 sections: € 40

Entry by Clubs

A club entry consists of a minimum of 5 participants. **Club entries should be uploaded consecutively by one person.** There is no need for postal addresses of the other participants. However, their email addresses are required. Club discounts will be calculated automatically. All catalogs and awards will be sent to the first and only address given. All club entries and payments can be done through our website: [FrenchDigitalTour](#)

Entry fee for clubs: € 30 per person, regardless of the number of pictures submitted. Entries for which no or incomplete payment has been received will not be judged.

d- CALENDAR

- **Closing date:** October 23, 2023
- **Judgment Legé:** 03 to 05 November 2023
- **Judgment La Gacilly:** 11 to 13 November 2023
- **Judgment Saint Aignan de Cramesnil:** 17 to 19 November 2023
- **Judgment Bagnols:** 24 to 26 November 2023
- **Circuit Notification sent on:** December 04, 2023
- **Awards mailed on:** February 10, 2024
- **On line catalog posted on:** February 10, 2024

e- JUGES

The following judges judge all sections.

12° Salon International de Legé

Garik Avannesian – MFIAP – Tchèque

Jacky Panhuyzen – MFIAP – Belgium

Christophe Paqueriau- France

Alternate : Brigitte Rondel – EFIAP/b – GPU cr2- EFPF - France

17° Salon International de Saint Aignan de Cramesnil

Guy Gilson – EFIAP - Belgique

Sébastien Lefustec – AFPF - France

Christian Jézéquel – AFPF - France

Alternate : Laurent Scelles – France

19° Salon International de La Gacilly

Jean Marie Maréchal – EIAP/g-ER/ISF Belgium

Anne Marie Etienne – EFIAP/s – ER/ISF- EFPF – France

Gilles Bordes Pagès- AFIAP – France

Alternate : Anne Sargeant -EFIAP-PPSA- Hon CPE- France

26° Salon International de Bagnols Marcoule

Norbert Heil -APSA-MPSA-EFIAP/b - Germany

Jacky Hutting – MFIAP -EFIAP/s – ESFIAP – HonFLPA - Belgium

Angelo Di Tommaso – MFIAP – EFIAP/p-EFPF_ France4

Alternate : Gérard Verdier – France

f- AWARDS

More than 500 awards and 300€ for the best author of the Tour.

Members of Photo Clubs / Judges:

a. Members of partner clubs:

Members of the four partner clubs may participate in the Circuit, but cannot win prizes in the salon organized by their own club.

b. Judges:

Members of the juries are not allowed to participate in the Circuit.

c. Club Members:

Members of the same club as the judges cannot win prizes in a salon adjudicated by the judge in question.

g- CATALOG

Electronic Catalog available and downloadable from the website.

2 – EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS

This exhibition is open to anyone; however, an entry may be rejected when the Sponsor or the Exhibition Organizers, in their reasonable discretion, believes the entry does not conform to exhibition rules and these Conditions of Entry. Membership in any photographic organization is not required.

Sanctions: Entries will not be accepted from any entrant who is currently sanctioned by PSA.

PSA Star Ratings:

To receive proper Star ratings credit from PSA, entrants must provide their names and country exactly the same in each exhibition. Aliases are not permitted. Please contact PSA in the event of name changes or relocating to another country.

Image Creation:

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

Certification:

By virtue of submitting an image, the entrant certifies the work as his or her own (. Images may not incorporate elements produced by anyone else (for example: clip art, images or art by others downloaded from the Internet). Aliases are not allowed. 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.

Note: Entrants who indicate that their images may not be reproduced or used “will not be eligible for awards” or inclusion in audio-visuals of the exhibition “and could be subject to disqualification” by the exhibition sponsors. The exhibition assumes no liability of any misuse of copyright.

Alteration and Computer Generation:

Subject to Divisional restrictions (particularly Nature, Photo Travel, and Photojournalism) images may be altered, either electronically or otherwise, by the maker. Adjustments to enhance images or creatively modify images are allowed providing the underlying photograph is retained in a way that is obvious to the viewer. Images may not be constructed entirely with a computer, and must be the sole work of the author.

Important information regarding pictures generated by artificial intelligence (AI):

Pictures created by artificial intelligence are not allowed in salons run under FIAP patronage. Therefore salon organisers are asked to include the following text into the regulations of their events :

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!

Re-use of accepted images:

Once an image has been accepted in this exhibition it may not be entered again in any future instances of this exhibition. It may, of course, be entered in any other PSA/FIAP recognised exhibitions but **must always have the same title.**

Entry:

An Entry consists of, up to and including, four (4) images entered by a single entrant into the same Section. An entrant may only enter a specific Section once.

Titles:

Each image must have a unique title **that is a description of the image**. That unique title must be used for entry of that image or of an identical Image into any and all PSA-Recognized exhibitions. Titles must be 35 characters or fewer. No titles may be visible to the judges, and nothing in the image may identify the maker. Titles may not include file extensions such as .jpg or .jpeg (or any other camera capture filenames such as IMG 471). Titles may not consist of personal identifiers possibly augmented by a number; or include words such as “untitled” or “no title”. Titles may not consist solely of numbers unless those numbers are prominently contained within the image, such as a contestant number in a race.

Color and Monochrome:

Color and Monochrome images from the same capture that share substantial pictorial content in common will be considered the same image and must be given the same title.

Format and Dimensions of images

The images will be uploaded on the website under the jpg format quality 8-12, color space sRGB and maximum 2.0 MB.

Special characters such as \/:? * " # () ! must not be used in the titles.

The dimension of the submitted images must be maximum of 1920 pixels on the horizontal side and/or 1080 pixels on the vertical side. Undersized images will be projected with the smaller dimensions.

The Exhibition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the PSA and FIAP

An entrant's images will not be presented to the judges consecutively. An entrant's four images will be distributed throughout four rounds of judging in that section. Distribution of images will be in the same round order as submitted by the entrant.

An image may be entered in only one section.

Judging

Each salon is judged by an independent Jury the judgment will take place by section, without that the judges have the possibility to influence (electronic rating of 06 to 20, type PSA). Images will appear in a random way and mixed by a software "Point Base" (developed by French Digital Tour) which ensures that the 4 images of the authors are not presented in consecutive order. The decision of the Jury is final and without appeal. A photo will not be able to receive only one price per section. In the event of a major impediment, the judgment will be made online.

The digital projector HD used for judging has a maximum resolution of 1920x1080 pixels.

Data Protection

By entering this exhibition, you are explicitly consenting to the personal details you have supplied, including email addresses, being held, processed and used by the exhibition organizers for purposes associated with this exhibition. You also explicitly consent to such information being sent to organizations that have accorded official recognition, patronage or accreditation to this exhibition. You acknowledge and accept that entering this exhibition means that the status and results of your entry may be made public.

3 - SUBJECT MATTER & DEFINITIONS

Statement on Subject Matter applicable to all sections

The fundamental rule that must be observed at all times and **applies to all sections** offered in exhibitions with FIAP patronage or PSA recognition is that **the welfare of living creatures is more important than any photograph**. This means that practices such as baiting of subjects with a living creature and removal of birds from nests, for the purpose of obtaining a photograph, are highly unethical, and such photographs are not allowed in any exhibition with FIAP patronage or PSA recognition. Under no circumstances may a living creature be placed in a situation where it will be killed, injured or stressed for the purpose of obtaining a photograph. This rule applies regardless of whether or not the creature being killed, injured or stressed is visible in the captured image.

There are also concerns about the use of aerial photography, drones, helicopters, low flying aircraft. These should not cause any interference with other individuals or animals which causes a disturbance in their normal activity or disrupt the way any individuals or animals interact with their environment.

Entry in this exhibition is conditional on accepting these policies. The content of images must comply with these General Conditions and with the Division and Section definitions listed in these conditions. Images that - in the sole opinion of the judges or the Exhibition Organizers - do not comply, will be disqualified so the entrant may be aware of the problem when considering entry into other exhibitions with FIAP patronage/PSA recognition.

Further details on the PSA's drone policy may be found at <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?psa-policies#drone>

The Circuit has one division: Projected Images. There are four sections:

a. OPEN COLOR (color digital) PSA PID Color

All techniques are allowed; this applies to this section only. Creative photos are admitted.

Attention is drawn to the PSA Statement on Subject Matter which applies to all sections

b. OPEN MONOCHROME (monochrome digital) PSA PID Monochrome

FIAP 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 color 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 color becomes a color work (polychrome) to stand in the color category; such a work requires color reproduction in the catalogue of a salon under FIAP Patronage

PSA Monochrome Definition

An image is considered to be Monochrome only if it gives the impression of having no color (i.e., contains only shades of grey which can include pure black and pure white) OR it gives the impression of being a greyscale image that has been toned in one color across the entire image. (For example, by Sepia, red, gold, etc.) A greyscale or multi-colored image modified or giving the impression of having been modified by partial toning, multi-toning or by the inclusion of spot coloring does not meet the definition of monochrome and shall be classified as a Color Work.

Greyscale Monochrome images may be entered for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel but **toned images are not permitted for these divisions**. Exhibitions must indicate whether Monochrome images may or may not be entered in PID Color sections and must include one of the following:

Monochrome images may not be entered in PID Color sections or Monochrome images may be entered in PID Color sections but will only be eligible towards PID Color Star Ratings if accepted.

Attention is drawn to the PSA Statement on Subject Matter which applies to all sections

c. NATURE (color / monochrome digital) PSA ND

PSA/FIAP Nature Definition

Nature photography records all branches of natural history except anthropology and archaeology. This includes all aspects of the physical world, both animate and inanimate, that have not been made or modified by humans.

Nature images must convey the truth of the scene that was recorded. A well-informed person should be able to identify the subject of the image and be satisfied that it has been presented honestly and that no unethical practices have been used to control the subject or capture the image. Images that directly or indirectly show any human activity that threatens the life or welfare of a living organism are not allowed.

The most important part of a Nature image is the nature story it tells. High technical standards are expected and the image must look natural.

Objects created by humans, and evidence of human activity, are allowed in Nature images only when they are a necessary part of the Nature story.

Photographs of human-created hybrid plants, cultivated plants, feral animals, domesticated animals, human-created hybrid animals and mounted or preserved zoological specimens are not allowed. Images taken with subjects under controlled conditions, such as zoos, are allowed.

Controlling live subjects by chilling, anesthetic or any other method of restricting natural movement is not allowed.

No modification that changes the truth of a Nature image is allowed. Images may be cropped but no other technique that removes, adds or moves any part of the image is allowed. Techniques that remove elements added by the camera, such as dust spots, digital noise and lens flare are allowed.

Complete conversion of color images to greyscale monochrome is allowed. Partial conversion, toning and infrared captures or derivations are not allowed.

Multiple images of the same subject that are combined in camera or with software by focus stacking, exposure blending or stitching (images taken consecutively and combined by overlapping) are allowed

Attention is drawn to the PSA Statement on Subject Matter which applies to all sections

Vignettes and Borders

Vignettes are not allowed in Nature Images. Any border added must be a single border of white or grey, no greater than 3 -5 pixels in width.

d. TRAVEL PSA TD

A Photo Travel image is a portrayal of the real world we live in, as it is found naturally. There are no geographic limitations.

Content guidance:

If the image is predominantly or exclusively a land-, sea- or cityscape, these “scapes” must include characteristic, distinctive and recognizable physical features, although it is not necessary that the image identify the exact location;

Images that predominantly or exclusively depict people and their activities must illustrate a distinctive culture of a country, region, or continent;

Images that predominately or exclusively depict animal populations are allowed, if the animals are in their native environment and are characteristic of that country, region, or continent;

Portraits or other close-ups of people or objects, in addition to meeting the above paragraphs as applicable, must include elements depicting some of the surrounding environment to make it obvious that the image was not taken in a studio setting;

Images from events or activities arranged for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for photography, are NOT allowed.

Time exposures are allowed, if they do not dominate the image as a special effect (star trails, for example, are a dominating effect).

Highly distorted images such as those produced by fish eye lenses are NOT allowed. Attention is drawn to the PSA Statement on Subject Matter which applies to all sections

4 – General Rules

a. Breaches of Rules FIAP:

The mention that by 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 the following terms: - 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, - 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. If, at any time, it is determined in the reasonable discretion of the exhibition organizer or the judges before, during, or after the judging of an exhibition that an entrant has submitted entries where one or more images may fail to comply with these Conditions of Entry, including the stated definitions, the exhibition organizers reserve the right to delete the entry from the exhibition and void any or all acceptances or awards in connection with the exhibition. Fees may be forfeited or refunded in these circumstances. The entrant acknowledges that the decision of the exhibition organizers or the judges is final

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In order to ensure that images comply with the Conditions of Entry and definitions, the exhibition organizers may carry out reasonable measures to verify that: a)

the images are the original work of the entrant and

b) the images comply with the rules and definitions as set out in these Conditions of Entry

These steps include, but are not limited to, questioning any entrant, requiring the submission of RAW files or other digital files representing the original capture of the submitted image(s), confronting the entrant with evidence that one or more submitted images fails to comply with the Conditions of Entry (also known as Entry Rules), and offering the entrant a reasonable opportunity to provide counter evidence to refute the exhibition organizer's evidence by a set deadline. Such entries that are not cleared or are still questionable after the entrant has presented evidence may be considered in breach of these Conditions of Entry, and declined. Such entries may be referred to PSA for further investigation of possible ethics violations.

PSA retains the right to investigate in any way all complaints/suspicious of breaches of entry conditions, impose sanctions if deemed necessary, void the acceptances of any image found to violate the PSA rules, include the entrant's name on the list of sanctions provided to Exhibitions, and share such investigations with FIAP. Entrants automatically agree to these terms by the act of entering the Exhibition and agree to cooperate with any investigation.

If another party is submitting images on the entrant's behalf, the entrant will still be held responsible for adhering to these Conditions of Entry (Entry Rules) **and will be subject to sanction for any violations** to these Conditions of Entry and PSA's Statement of Ethics that may result. If another party is processing images for an entrant or submitting images on the entrant's behalf, the entrant will still be held responsible for adhering to all Conditions of Entry including the specific conditions in the relevant definitions. **b. Conditions of Entry**

FIAP NOTICE In order to have legal authority on those who do not respect the rules of FIAP, the organizer must make sure that all participants of an online event under FIAP Patronage tick a box next to which the following text is stated:

"I hereby expressly agree to FIAP document 018/2017 « Conditions and regulations for FIAP Patronage » and FIAP document 017/2017 « 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.

FIAP documents 018/2017 and 017/2017 must be linked to this paragraph so that participants can consult it

PSA NOTICE: When an entrant fills in the Entry Form to submit an entry the entrant will see a feature to affirm he or she has read these Conditions of Entry when he or she fills out the entry form. If the entrant does not so affirm the entry will not be submitted.

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