



5th International Circular of Photography

BALKAN FRAME 2021

Serbia – Montenegro

(2 countries, 3 salons and 8 patronages)

Propositions and participation rules

1. ORGANIZER

5th BALKAN FRAME "PERASTO"	Photo Club "PERASTO" - Kotor, Montenegro
5th BALKAN FRAME "CACAK"	Photo Cinema Club "CACAK" - Cacak, Serbia
5th BALKAN FRAME "MLADOST"	Photo Club "MLADOST" - Tivat, Montenegro

2. PATRONAGES

FIAP – 2021/ 273-275
PSA – 2021- 1336
FSS – 2021/38
GRADAC PGI - 2021/013-015
VICTORY P.W. – 2021/13-15
FK PERASTO - 2021-5
FKK CACAK
FK MLADOST -

3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

IMAGE AND ENTRY 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. All parts of the image have to be photographed by the author who is holding the copyright of all works submitted

Re-use of accepted images: Once an image has been accepted in a PSA Recognized exhibition, any identical image, or near identical image, may not, in future, be entered or re-entered in any section of the same Division Star Ratings class in that exhibition regardless of media, format, or title; may not be re-titled for entry into any other PSA Recognized exhibition, including translation into another language.

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 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 must not include file extensions such as .jpg or .jpeg (or any other camera capture filenames), or words such as "untitled" or "no title". Titles may not consist solely of numbers.

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.

However, PSA members working on Galaxy and Diamond Star Ratings are allowed to continue using different titles of monochrome versions and color versions of the same capture that have already been accepted until the required number of acceptances for those titles has been completed.

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

PSA

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/suspensions 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.

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

PSA Statement on Subject Matter

There is one hard and fast rule, whose spirit must be observed at all times and **applies to all sections** offered in PSA recognised exhibitions.

The welfare of the subject is more important than the 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 PSA exhibitions.

There is also a PSA policy on the use of aerial photography - aircraft, helicopters and drones. This policy can be found at <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?psa-policies#drone>.

The purpose of this policy is to prevent any interference with other individuals or animals which will or may cause a disturbance in their normal activity or disrupt the way any individuals or animals interact with their environment. Entry in this exhibition requires exhibitors to agree to this and other PSA 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 are likely to be disqualified so the entrant may be aware of the problem when considering entry into other PSA recognized exhibitions.

4. SECTIONS

- There are 4 sections, all digital:

A) OPEN COLOR (color digital) **FIAP** and **PSA PID** Color

B) OPEN MONOCHROME (monochrome digital) **FIAP** and **PSA PID** Monochrome

C) NATURE (color/monochrome digital) **FIAP** and **PSA ND**

D) PEOPLE (color/monochrome digital) **FIAP** and **PSA PID**

- Each photo can be presented in only one section.

- Monochrome images are not allowed in the Color Section.

5. ENTRY FORM

Authors must fill out online entry form (preferred method), on <https://www.gradacfoto.com>

They can also send the printed entry form to the organizer's address together with a CD/DVD.

6. PHOTOGRAPHS

Photos must be in JPG file format, maximum dimensions:

1920 pix. Horizontal side and **1080** pix. Vertical side in 300 dpi.

AUTHORS CAN SUBMIT PHOTOS ONLINE, compression 7-12, max 2Mb.

Following the instructions on www.gradacfoto.com or they can send them on

CD or DVD. CD/DVD will not be returned.

7. FILE NAMING

No requirements for file names, file name should be as you would want it to appear in the catalogue (same as title name). Images without valid titles shall be rejected and the entrant notified to resubmit the entry with valid titles. Exhibitions shall not create titles for the entrant.

For naming you can use only:

- English alphabet: A-z
- Digits: 0-9
- Apostrophe: '
- Dash (or a hyphen): -
- Underscore: _

8. ENTRY FEE

Entry fee is :

- for 1 or 2 section **29 Euros** or **36 Dollars**
- for 3 to 4 sections **37 Euros** or **45 Dollars**

Possible ways of payment:

- **PayPal transfer (Preferred method) on PayPal account gradacfoto@gmail.com**
- Cash sent to organizer's address (Checks and IRC are not accepted)
- The works of the authors who did not pay the fee would not be taken into consideration.
- For groups with 10 and more authors we grant 10% discount.
- For groups with 20 and more authors we grant 20% discount.

9. CATALOG

On-line PDF Exhibition catalog will be publishing on website <https://www.gradacfoto.com> and link will be send to all participants

10. REPORT CARD NOTIFICATIONS

All participants will receive personal report card notifications via e-mail.

The results of the exhibition will also be published on the website <https://www.gradacfoto.com>

11. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ORGANIZER

Organizer will take care about every kind of correspondence with all participants by mail. However, we do not accept any responsibility for damage or loss during transit.

5th BALKAN FRAME "PERASTO" – Kotor

Vojislav – Vojo Pesterac, EFIAP/d2, MF FSS - Serbia

Watson Graeme, EFIAP/d2, MPSA - Australia

Cedomir Biukovic EFIAP, KMF FSS - Serbia

Reserve member:

Radenko Radovanovic, - Serbia

5th BALKAN FRAME "CACAK" – Cacak

HENG Zee Kek, EFIAP/g, GMPSA/b, GPU CR5 - Singapore

Zoran Milosevic, EFIAP, MF FSS - Serbia

Bojan Petrovic – EFIAP/b, KMF FSS – Serbia

Reserve member:

Toni Markovic - Montenegro

5th BALKAN FRAME "MLADOST" – Tivat

Branka Vucicevic Vuckovic – EFIAP – Serbia

Cufar Aleksander, EFIAP/p, MPSA - Slovenia

Dragan Babovic – MF FSS – Serbia

Reserve member:

Maja Stosic - Serbia

Equipment to Show Digital Images to Judges: Samsung 48" FHD Flat TV J5100 Series 5 with 1080P resolution.

The decision of the jury is final and irrevocable, complaints are not possible.

Images may not be changed by the exhibition prior to or during judging. Images may not be changed by the exhibition's equipment prior to or during judging. This includes resizing of images either smaller or larger or changing the aspect ration of the original image to "Fit to screen" or to "Fill screen" by HDTV equipment.

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 where acceptances of that image in multiple sections would be eligible for the same star path

TOTAL OF - 519 AWARDS !!!

5th BALKAN FRAME"PERASTO" – Kotor - 169 AWARDS !

FIAP Blue Badge for the best Author of Salon

FIAP Gold medal in each section (4 altogether)

+ 2 FIAP honorable mention ribbons in each section (8 altogether)

PSA Gold medal in each section (4 altogether)

+ 3 PSA honorable mention ribbons in each section (12 altogether)

GRADAC PGI Gold, Silver, Bronze medal in each section (12 altogether)

+ 6 GRADAC PGI honorable mention in each section (24 altogether)

VICTORY P.W. Gold, Silver, Bronze medal in each section (12 altogether)

+ 6 VICTORY P.W. honorable mention in each section (24 altogether)

FK PERASTO Gold, Silver, Bronze medals in each section (12 altogether)

+ 6 SALON honorable mention in each section (24 altogether)

SPECIAL DIPLOMA OF JURY MEMBER 6 in each section (24 altogether)

HONORABLE MENTION OF SALON CHAIRMAN 2 in each section (8 altogether)

5th BALKAN FRAME"CACAK" – Cacak - 181 AWARDS !

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+ 2 FIAP honorable mention ribbons in each section (8 altogether)

PSA Gold medal in each section (4 altogether)

+ 3 PSA honorable mention ribbons in each section (12 altogether)

FSS Gold medals in each section (4 altogether)

+ 2 FSM honorable mention in each section (8 altogether)

GRADAC PGI Gold, Silver, Bronze medal in each section (12 altogether)

+ 6 GRADAC PGI honorable mention in each section (24 altogether)

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14. CALENDAR

Closing date: 9.05.2021 (May 9th 2021)

Judging dates: 20.05.2021. to 27.05.2021. (May 20th to May 27th 2021)

Notification date: 02.06.2021. (June 2nd 2021) <https://www.gradacfoto.com>, and each author personally in the mail.

On-Line Gallery posted: 02.06.2021 (June 6th)

Sending awards till: 11.08.2021. (August 11th 2021)

Date for mailing of catalogues: 11.08.2021. (August 11th 2021)

15. EXHIBITION PUBLIC SHOWINGS

06.08. and 07.08.2021. - **Photo Club "MLADOST"** – Seljanovo BB, **Tivat, Montenegro**

13.08. and 20.08.2021. - **Photo Cinema Club "CACAK"** – Trg Ustanka 2-6, **Cacak, Serbia**

27.08. and 28.08.2021. - **Photo Club "PERASTO"** – Zgrada Bujkovic bb, **Kotor, Montenegro**

16. ADDRESS OF THE CIRCUIT CHAIRMAN

- You can send printed entry forms and/or entry fee to this address:

Stanovic Damir

Spanskih boraca 36a

11070 Belgrade, Serbia, Europe

Email address: exhibitionsgradac@gmail.com

- We recommend using the online entry form.

FIAP/PSA Nature Definition

Nature photography is restricted to the use of the photographic process to depict all branches of natural history, except anthropology and archeology, in such a fashion that a well-informed person will be able to identify the subject material and certify its honest presentation.

The story telling value of a photograph must be weighed more than the pictorial quality while maintaining high technical quality

Human elements shall not be present, except where those human elements are integral parts of the nature story such as nature subjects, like barn owls or storks, adapted to an environment modified by humans, or where those human elements are in situations depicting natural forces, like hurricanes or tidal waves.

Scientific bands, scientific tags or radio collars on wild animals are permissible.

Photographs of human created hybrid plants, cultivated plants, feral animals, domestic animals, or mounted specimens are ineligible, as is any form of manipulation that alters the truth of the photographic statement.

No techniques that add, relocate, replace, or remove pictorial elements except by cropping are permitted.

Techniques that enhance the presentation of the photograph without changing the nature story or the pictorial content, or without altering the content of the original scene, are permitted including HDR, focus stacking and dodging/burning.

Techniques that remove elements added by the camera, such as dust spots, digital noise, and film scratches, are allowed.

Stitched images are not permitted.

Color images can be converted to greyscale monochrome.

Infrared images, either direct-captures or derivations, are not allowed.

Images entered in Nature sections meeting the Nature Photography Definition above can have landscapes, geologic formations, weather phenomena, and extant organisms as the primary subject matter. This includes images taken with subjects in controlled conditions, such as zoos, game farms, botanical gardens, aquariums and any enclosure where the subjects are totally dependent on man for food.

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

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 colour 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 colour becomes a colour work (polychrome) to stand in the colour category; such a work requires colour 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.

Monochrome images may not be entered in PID Color sections.

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All entries shall conform to the stricter of these definitions for acceptances to be validated by all the International Organizations granting recognition or patronage.

18. LICENCE AGREEMENT

By submitting an entry, the entrant certifies that he is a sole owner of the rights to use sent images, including copyright, patent and/or other applicable rights. All models must be of Legal Age of consent or have guardian permissions issued

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19. 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.

20. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Damir Stanovcic, chairman of the organizing committee,

Milica Cosic

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The sponsors of this International Exhibition of Photography have been awarded Recognition by PSA, the world's largest patron of international photographic exhibitions. PSA, although it has provided recognition, is neither a sponsor nor directly involved in the operation of this exhibition.



Valid acceptances received by PSA Members in recognized sections of this exhibition are eligible for PSA Star Ratings, listing in the world-wide PSA Who's Who of Photography and credited towards the PSA Distinctions of QPSA, PPSA, EPSA, MPSA, MPSA2, GMPSA, GMPSA/B, GMPSA/S, GMPSA/G, and GMPSA/P.

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