



YOU AND YOUR CLUB MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE



2025 SPF Print Championship Judging

Sponsored by Paper Spectrum



**This event is being held on Sunday 16th February 2025
at Victoria Hall, Dunblane, FK15 9EX**

For full venue and parking details see

https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/sites/default/files/downloads/victoria_hall_venue_and_parking_info_1.pdf

You or your Club don't need to have entered for you to attend. No pre-booking is required. The admission cost of £8.00 is payable, cash on the door, but please have change. Tea/coffee and biscuits throughout the day is included in your admission price. The doors will open for admission at 9.00am when Tea/Coffee will be available. Please note due to the set-up required for this event there will be no admission to the building before 9am. The event will start at 10.00am and will finish with the announcement of Results and Trophies at approx. 4pm.

This year's Judges are Jane and Adrian Lines from Chorley PS, and Roger Evans from Wrekin Arts PS. On the day we will also be presenting a few PAGB Awards Certificates to those applicants who were successful recently.

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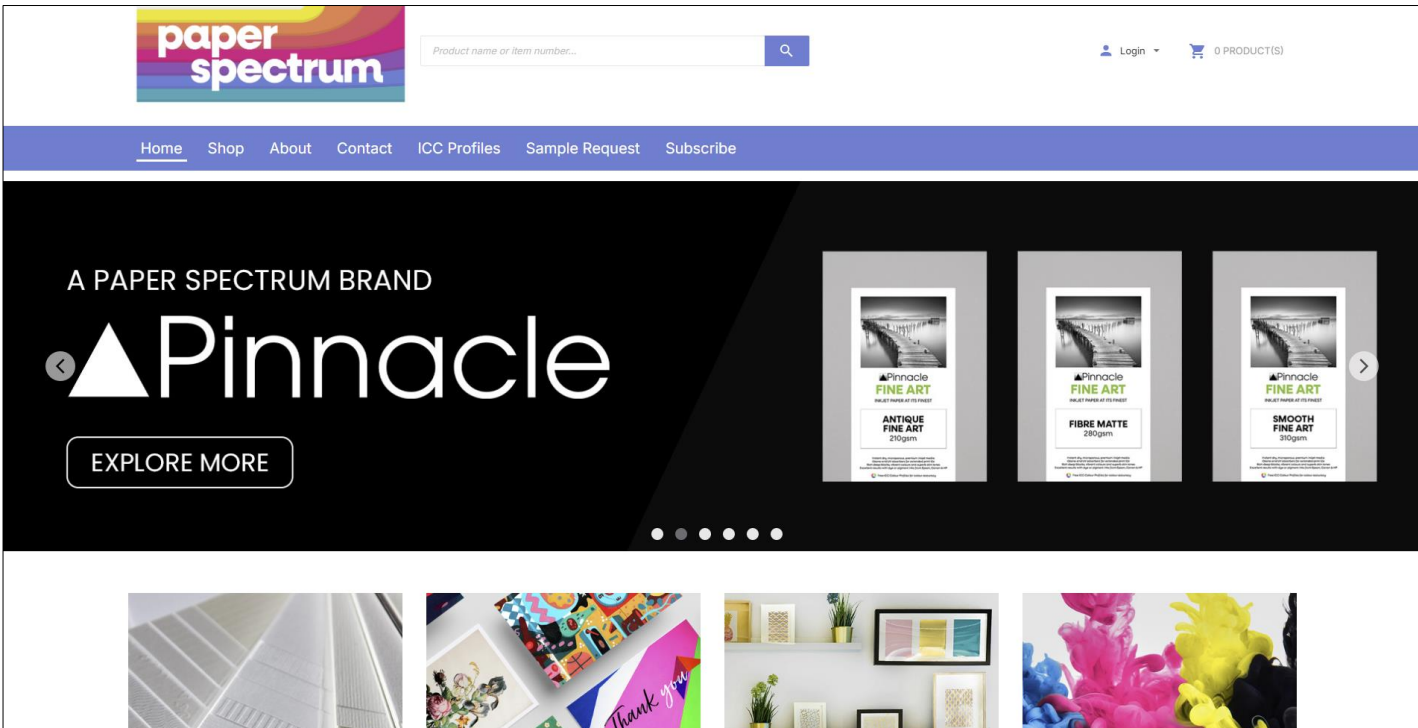
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Paper Spectrum are unable to attend our SPF Print Championship this year but have given us a special SPF championship discount code of **SPF2025** for you to receive **15%** discount off all Pinnacle Paper or Mount Board orders from now until the **28th February 2025.**

Flyers etc. will also be available at the event, and as well as Raffle Prizes, there will be a special 'Paper Spectrum Award' for one lucky Photographer.

Visit - paperspectrum.co.uk



PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit Successes November 2024

There were a number of SPF applicants were successful in the PAGB November 2024 Adjudications held in Winsford, Cheshire run and hosted by the PAGB.

Four SPF photographers were successful at CPAGB, they were

Sandra Taylor CPAGB, Livingston CC - Alan Cairns CPAGB, Bon Accord CC

Iain McFadyen CPAGB, Paisley PS - Debra Duncan CPAGB, Falkirk CC



L-R – Images by Sandra Taylor, Alan Cairns, Iain McFadyen and Debra Duncan

Visit the following Galleries Area to see all of their individual galleries containing all of the photos used in their successful submissions –

<https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/galleries>

PAGB AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT ADJUDICATION APRIL 2025

**HOSTED BY THE SPF, IS BEING HELD
AT VICTORIA HALL, DUNBLANE IN
THIS ONLY HAPPENS ONCE EVERY 7 YEARS!**

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR THIS ADJUDICATION WILL REQUIRE
TO HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR SIGNED APPLICATION FORM TO THE PAGB
VERY SOON – CLOSING DATE EXTENDED TO END OF FEBRUARY.**

The dates for your diary are Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th April 2025.

This is an ideal opportunity to see a PAGB Awards Adjudication or to apply and have your work adjudicated at an event local to you. Tickets will be available for spectators to purchase from 1st April at a cost of £10 which will include Tea/Coffee.

For more info or a signed application form* contact Libby on
libby.neilsmith@btinternet.com

**subject to pre-qualification requirements apply.*

Or visit the following webpage for information on how to apply -
<https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/pagb-awards-applying>

We have lost several stalwarts of Scottish Photography over the past year. We feature another in this issue.

Appreciation Brian Clark ARPS, MPAGB



Brian had an engaging and warm personality and was always a gentleman in his interactions with others. His trademark good humour and dry wit resulted in firm friendships with his fellow photographers in Dundee Photographic Society and the wider Scottish Photographic Community.

Brian's approach to life and indeed photography was to maximise every opportunity. He commented that his attitude was to do as much as possible while still fit and, to that end, in his typically determined fashion, he completed his daily walk along the coastal path at Crail, attended a Pilates class and completed a few rounds of golf every week. His fitness regime, which he continued into his seventh decade, included press ups, which he demonstrated to an audience of fellow DPS photographers who witnessed him drop to the floor and complete 30 press ups in the lounge of the Harris Hotel!

If he had a motto, it would be the aphorism *Carpe Diem*: seize the day and enjoy life when you can. He put that regularly into practice when in the field, with camera in hand he would set off with a purposeful stride leaving all but the fast walkers in his wake!

Brian was very much his own man with strong views on many subjects and enjoyed the 'to and fro' of debate, but his good humour and the twinkle in his eye ensured that such discussions were good natured without rancour.

Quietly, without fanfare, Brian was very generous in sharing his photographic knowledge and skills with fellow photographers. Whenever approached for advice he gave gladly of his time and, indeed, a common feature of people reflecting on Brian's passing was the number who commented on his generosity of spirit in assisting them. For his part, Brian greatly enjoyed sharing his knowledge and love of photography and took pleasure from people developing skills and enjoying their photographic journey.

Brian created a photography holiday group and kindly invited some of his friends from DPS to join him on visits to some of his favourite places, including Tuscany, Harris, Glen Coe and Northumberland. With good humour and a genuine desire to encourage and help, he would offer his time during these trips to fine tune the settings of individual cameras for the recalcitrant photographers who lacked his discipline to get their settings sorted!

Brian was mystified as to why some of his fellow photographers did not read and understand the camera manual and, consequently, have mastery of the functions of

their camera as he did. This was typical of the man as a businessman, yachtsman, golfer and as a photographer. His approach was to master his subject in order that he could maximise his performance at the given pursuit. He was very much a 'Lad o' pairts' This approach clearly worked since, through his love of photography, in particular landscape, he enjoyed considerable success at Scottish, UK and international competitions.

Brian was made an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society in 2004 and, in 2014, the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain awarded him a Masters distinction (MPAGB)

International awards included medals from the Federation Internationale de l'Art Photographique, the Photographic Society of America, the Scottish Photographic Federation and the Irish Photographic Federation. Brian also won numerous local and national awards and competitions. His photography has appeared in international exhibitions and in various books and magazines.

For Brian it was also about enjoying the journey as much as arriving at the destination, whether in photography or travel. He saw many wonderful parts of the world, such as Yosemite, the Lofoten Islands and Japan in his photographic journey.

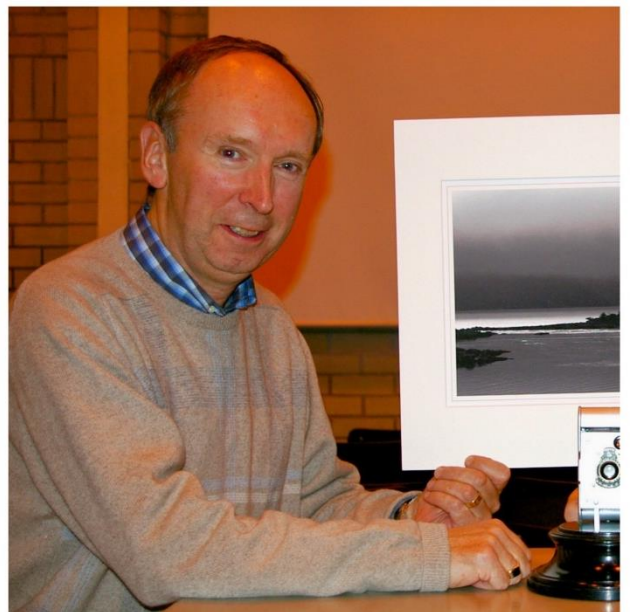
He will be remembered as an unflinching supporter and former President of DPS, but also as a supporter of the wider photographic community.

Brian was brought up in the West of Scotland and it is therefore appropriate to leave the final word to Burns who succinctly sums up the man:

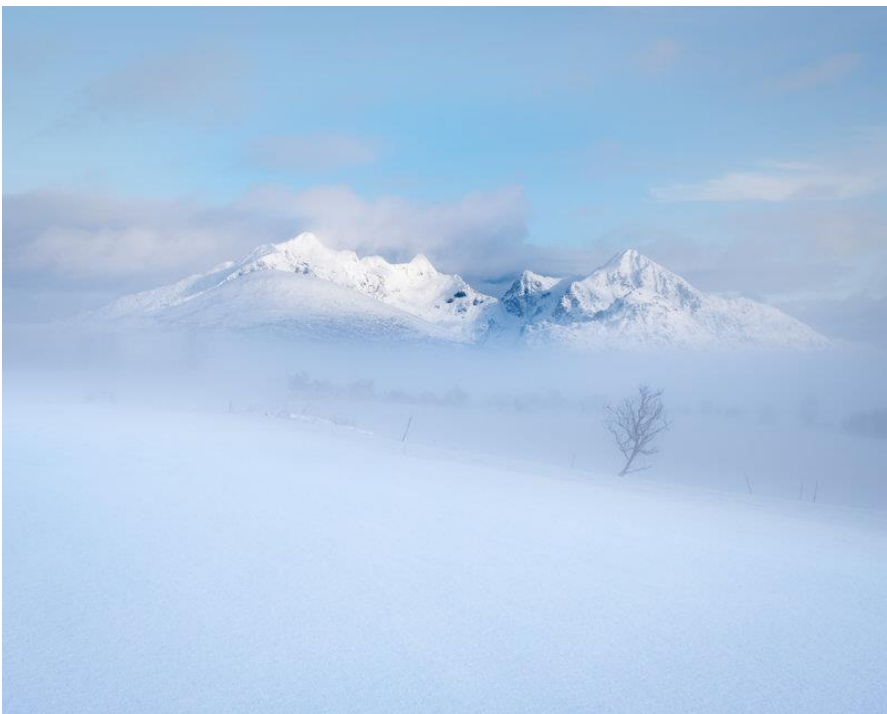
'Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd,
Few heads with knowledge so inform'd:
If there's another world, he lives in bliss;
If there is none, he made the best of this'

His many friends will remember him as a good man.

John Edward, Secretary, Dundee Photography Society.



Our thanks to Dundee PS for allowing us to reproduce this article. The SPF have selected a selection of the many images Brian entered into SPF, PAGB and FIAP competitions and exhibitions over many years, including some of his most successful for you to view on the following page. We are sure you will remember a few of them.



Interested in Applying for a FIAP Distinction?

The next FIAP Distinctions Applications will be submitted to FIAP in 2025. The window for applications being made to the SPF for checking prior to submission to FIAP is 1st March with a final submission date of 15th May.

Visit our new webpage for all the information you require before applying at

<https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/fiap-distinctions-applying>

New paperwork will appear here very shortly, together with new forms for applying in 2025. Quantities have not changed for 2025 but there will be one or two changes to the application process which should aid the process for everyone.

Diary

DATE	TITLE	LOCATION
1st Feb 2025	PAGB Executive Meeting	Warwick Arts Centre (see map)
2nd Feb 2025	SPF Print Championship Online Closing Date	Online (see map)
4th Feb 2025	SPF Print Championship Final Close for Receipt of Prints to Carluke direct or via drop-off points	Carluke (see map)
8th Feb 2025	PAGB 8th MoP Exhibition Opening	St. Martin in the Bull Ring, (see map)
16th Feb 2025	SPF Print Championship 2025	Victoria Hall, Stirling Road, Dunblane, Scotland FK15 9EX
1st Mar 2025	FIAP Distinctions - SPF 2025 Applications Open	Libby Smith (see map)
1st Mar 2025	PAGB GB Cups and GB Trophy Closing Date Online	Online
9th Mar 2025	SPF Executive Meeting	Online
29th Mar 2025 to 30th Mar 2025	PAGB GB Cups and Trophies Judging	Smethwick Clubrooms
10th Apr 2025	PAGB Annual General Meeting	Online
12th Apr 2025	PAGB Executive Meeting	Warwick Arts Centre (see map)
26th Apr 2025 to 27th Apr 2025	PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit Adjudication held in Scotland	Victoria Hall, Stirling Road, Dunblane, Scotland FK15 9EX
15th May 2025	FIAP Distinctions - SPF 2025 Applications Close	Libby Smith (see map)
1st Jun 2025	SPF Annual Portfolios 2025 Closing Date for receipt of Prints	TBC (TBC)

NOT BEEN TO OUR DUNBLANE VENUE YET?



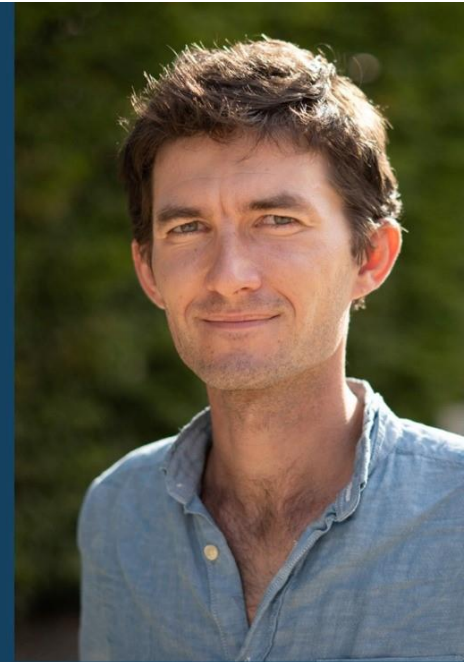
Our new venue, Victoria Hall, Stirling Rd, Dunblane FK15 9EX has no parking outside the hall unless you are disabled or are temporarily loading or unloading. On Sundays there is plenty of FREE parking for Victoria Hall on either side of the B8033.

There are no catering facilities at the venue, other than the Tea/Coffee but you are welcome to eat a packed lunch in the venue. There are also several facilities close by within easy walking distance.

Please see our Parking details supplied on our SPF Website for full details or follow this link -

https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/sites/default/files/downloads/victoria_hall_venue_and_parking_info_1.pdf

This FREE FIAP PHOTO ACADEMY EVENT is open to anyone to attend. French Photojournalist Lucien MIGNÉ is based in Marseille, France, and works on reports that are mainly interested in social and environmental issues. To register to attend go to the SPF website homepage for registration link and for more info on this talk and speaker.



**FIAP
Photo
Academy**
ZOOM Event

The Photojournalistic Approach with
Lucien Migné

19th February 2025
London: 07.00 PM
fiapphotoacademy@gmail.com
www.fiap.net

For those interested in Audiovisuals here is another Free event for you to join online, run and organized by the PAGB and Ian Bateman.

AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT IN AUDIO VISUAL



ONLINE ADJUDICATION

22 February 2025

From 10.00am

(Zoom open from 9.45am)

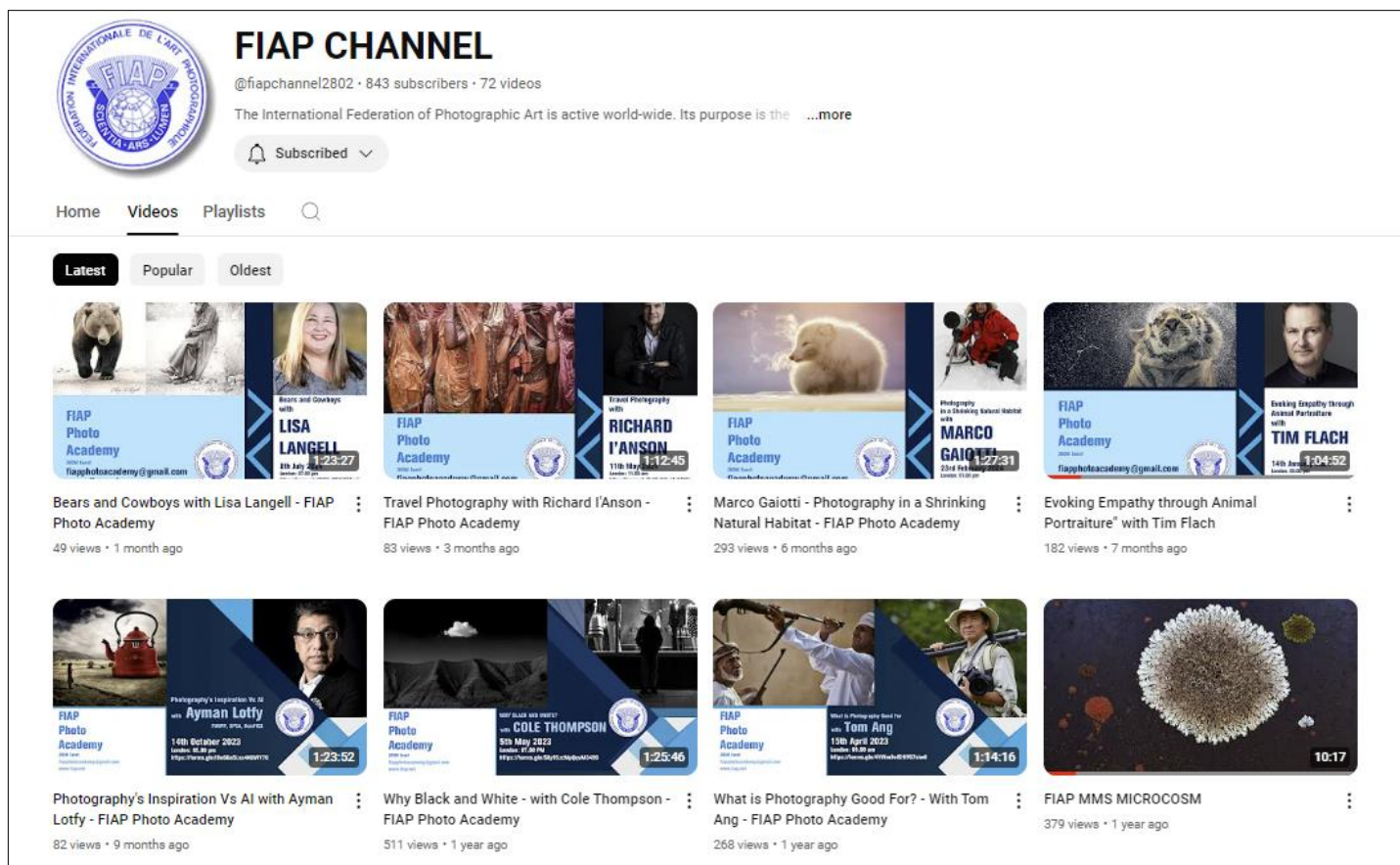
EVERYONE is welcome to tune in to enjoy AV sequences for CPAGB and DPAGB

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81582113045?pwd=oM3uYmiwdkJcqFXj90QDWN9bbqIXhd.1>

Meeting ID: 815 8211 3045 Passcode: 161567

Did You Know - That there are a number of FREE talks available for Your SPF Club to use from the FIAP PHOTO ACADEMY YOUTUBE CHANNEL



The screenshot shows the FIAP Channel YouTube page. The channel name is "FIAP CHANNEL" with the handle "@fiapchannel2802", 843 subscribers, and 72 videos. The description states: "The International Federation of Photographic Art is active world-wide. Its purpose is the ...more". The page is set to "Subscribed". The video grid includes:

- Bears and Cowboys with Lisa Langell - FIAP Photo Academy** (49 views • 1 month ago)
- Travel Photography with Richard l'Anson - FIAP Photo Academy** (83 views • 3 months ago)
- Marco Gaiotti - Photography in a Shrinking Natural Habitat - FIAP Photo Academy** (293 views • 6 months ago)
- Evoking Empathy through Animal Portraiture* with Tim Flach** (182 views • 7 months ago)
- Photography's Inspiration Vs AI with Ayman Lotfy - FIAP Photo Academy** (82 views • 9 months ago)
- Why Black and White - with Cole Thompson - FIAP Photo Academy** (511 views • 1 year ago)
- What is Photography Good For? - With Tom Ang - FIAP Photo Academy** (268 views • 1 year ago)
- FIAP MMS MICROCOSM** (379 views • 1 year ago)

FIAP Photo Academy FREE Online Lectures

Since 2020 Paul Stanley from Ireland, has set up and organised various presentations for the FIAP Photo Academy Online Events Service.

You will see these presentations announced live as they become available on our own SPF website homepage. These events are free to attend by SPF members. You simply require to register using the link supplied in the news article to attend.

However, you can also view recordings of many of the previous presentations of the FIAP Photo Academy Online Events which are available on the dedicated FIAP YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@fiapchannel2802/videos>

There is a wealth of presentations with great photography and lots of tips and techniques to help us all improve our standards and our appreciation of the work being done by these great masters.

This is a fantastic resource, and the SPF have had it confirmed by Paul Stanley, FIAP Director of FIAP Photo Academy Online Events Service that our SPF Member Clubs are free to use these recordings on their Club night if they wish as long as the presentations are credited to the FIAP Photo Academy Online Events Service, and this service is promoted.

NB – These YouTube videos are not downloadable so you will require internet access to view in your Club. Other content is also available on FIAP's YouTube Channel which may be of interest to individuals.

Does Your Club Need Judges or Speakers?

Does your Club struggle to get Judges or Speakers? Are you looking for new Judges or Lectures in your area? I'm sure the answer is yes! In a few years the issue will be worse unless we get more volunteers now!

Many long-term SPF Judges and Speakers have retired over the past four years, after having served our Scottish Clubs in either capacity for many years (some over 50!). Some may still be Judging or Lecturing in a limited capacity, but they may not do so for long.

Although a few individuals have volunteered to take on the role of Judge or Speaker in recent years, this has not replaced the number of Judges or Speakers we have lost.

In a few years the issue will be much worse, we need Clubs and Individuals to persuade individuals to volunteer now, to ensure our Clubs all have Judges and Speakers available to visit us at our Clubs.

Worried about what you are committing to? You take on as much or as little as you want to, or what your circumstances will allow. If you only want to do 5 Judgings or talks a year, that is still 5 less that require to be filled by someone else.

Our existing Judges and Lecturers are overrun with invitations from Clubs to fill a slot on their syllabus, they simply can't take on more so why not get in touch with the SPF now and have a chat to find out more about becoming an SPF Judge or Lecturer?

If you are interested but want to find out more first, then have a look at our NEW dedicated SPF webpage where you'll find everything you need to know -

<https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/interested-becoming-judge-or-lecturer>

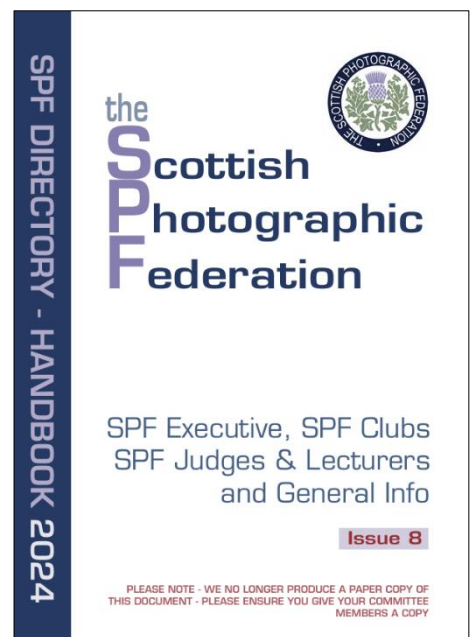
or want to discuss first contact us if you would like to have a chat phone Libby on 01555 750737 or email us on admin@scottish-photographic-federation.org

MORE INFO ABOUT RESOURCES FOR CLUB SECRETARIES, COMPETITION AND SYLLABUS SECRETARIES FOLLOWS

JUDGES & LECTURERS MORE INFO FOR CLUBS

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The SPF still produces listings of all of their SPF Judges and Lecturers, in its SPF Directory-Handbook, as a PDF supplied by email link. An updated copy of this will be supplied very soon to Club Committee Main Contacts and 2nd Contacts listed with us. These Contacts will also shortly be able to log into our Admin Area at any time to access a copy.



Although the PAGB no longer supplies a printed PAGB Handbook please note the details it contained are still all available to you. The Judges and Lecturers contained in it, from all of the PAGB Federations, including the SPF, have transferred to an online list held on the **PAGB CMS website**, details of which are given below. This can be accessible by any SPF Member Club Committee Members who register. The SPF have given guidance below of how to gain access.

What does the PAGB CMS contain? – Lists and details of Judges and Lecturers from all of the 15 Federations throughout the UK, called the Speaker's List. Many are willing to do a 'virtual' presentation or Judging. All of our SPF Judges and Lecturers are listed.

It also contains the PAGB Recorded Lecture Service where you can download Lectures, many of which have commentary as MP4 files. It is the same website as you would complete PAGB Competition Entries and view Results or Digital Catalogues of past competitions. You can purchase tickets etc. for upcoming events.

How to gain access to the PAGB CMS? See this SPF July 2024 guide

https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/sites/default/files/downloads/what_is_available_in_the_pagb_cms_july_2024_updated.pdf or go to the General Guidance area on our SPF website for a copy. Extract below of the four-page illustrated guide. Contact Libby if you require assistance – libby.neilsmith@btinternet.com



Access the PAGB CMS at - <https://pagbhost.co.uk/main/main.php>



You must use a personal email address to create your login with (i.e. no secretary@clubemail addresses) as the account is 'personal' to you, not the Club, and you can only have one login account which can be for multiple purposes, and even more than one Club.

To create your login click on the green CES Login/Register button and complete all of the Registration details including entering a password of your choice. A verification email will be sent to you please ensure that you click the link to verify your email address*. You will not be able to proceed until you do. Once your Login has been verified and approved, you can login add extra levels of access as required using the 'Registrations' dropdown. **Please check your spam folder if you don't see the email*
NB – You can only have one login account. If you have recently entered a PAGB Award then you will already have a login. You can use the same account for this site. If you are unsure, contact Libby and she will check for you.