



5th International Circular of Photography

BOKA BAY CIRCUIT 2023

Serbia – Montenegro

(2 countries, 3 salons and 8 patronages)

Propositions and participation rules

1. ORGANIZER

5th BOKA BAY CIRCUIT "PERASTO"

Photo Club "PERASTO" - Kotor, Montenegro

5th BOKA BAY CIRCUIT "CACAK"

Photo Cinema Club "CACAK" - Cacak, Serbia

5th BOKA BAY CIRCUIT "MLADOST"

Photo Club "MLADOST" - Tivat, Montenegro

2. ADDRESS OF THE CIRCUIT CHAIRMAN

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

Stanovcic Damir
Spanskih boraca 36a
11070 Belgrade, Serbia, Europe

Email address: exhibitionsgradac@gmail.com

- We recommend using the online entry form.

3. 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) PHOTO TRAVEL (color/monochrome digital) **FIAP** and **PSA PTD**

- Each photo can be presented in only one section.

- Monochrome images are not allowed in the Color Section.

4. ENTRY FEE

Entry fee is :

- for 1 or 2 section **30 Euros** or **38 Dollars**

- for 3 to 4 sections **40 Euros** or **49 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.

5. CALENDAR

Closing date: 15.01.2023 (January 15th 2023)

Judging dates: **18.01.2023. to 23.01.2023.** (January 18th to January 23rd 2022)

Notification date: **02.02.2023.** (February 2nd 2023) <https://gradacfoto.com>, and each author personally in the mail.

On-Line Gallery posted: **03.02.2023.** (February 3rd 2023)

Sending awards till: **10.04.2023.** (April 10th 2023)

Date for mailing of catalogues: **10.04.2023.** (April 10th 2023)

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

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

5th BOKA BAY CIRCUIT "PERASTO" – Kotor

Zoran Milosevic - EFIAP, MF FSS - Serbia

Franke Luis Alberto, MFIAP, ESFIAP, EFIAP/d3, GMPSA/b - Argentina

Ribokaite Normante, AMoL, AFIAP, G.APS– Lithuania

5th BOKA BAY CIRCUIT "CACAK" – Cacak

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

Oliver Vukmirovic - PPSA, - Bosnia and Herzegovina

Aleksandar Tomulic, EFIAP - Croatia

5th BOKA BAY CIRCUIT "MLADOST" – Tivat

Borislav Milovanovic, EFIAP/b, PPSA, GPU CR3, F1 FSS - Serbia

Cufar Aleksander- EFIAP/d3, MPSA - Slovenia

Roko Stjepcevic - Photo Artist - Montenegro

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

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

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 ratio 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 of 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. At no stage will a judge be able to view all the entrant's images together.

TOTAL OF - 515 AWARDS !!!

5th BOKA BAY CIRCUIT "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)

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

MAPA Gold medal in each section (4 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 BOKA BAY CIRCUIT "CACAK" – Cacak - 177 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)

+ 2 PSA honorable mention ribbons in each section (8 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)

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

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

FK CACAK 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 BOKA BAY CIRCUIT - "MLADOST" – Tivat - 169 AWARDS !

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

The awards won by the participants will be sent via national postal service of Serbia, without tracking number, and the participants who want their parcel sent with tracking system, they should pay 9€ for postage (this applies only to medals, we do not send honorable mentions, ribbons, praises,... with a tracking number).

Payment will be made through the PayPal system in agreement with the chairman of the exhibition.

8. CATALOG

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

9. IMAGE AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Penalties: Entries will not be accepted from any entrant who has put on the **PSA Penalties List for Ethics Violation**. Entry fees are not refundable in these circumstances

PSA Star Ratings

To receive proper Star ratings credit from PSA, entrants must provide their names and country exactly the same way in each exhibition. Aliases are not permitted. Please contact PSA in the event of name changes or relocating to another country. Using one's name differently in different exhibition exposes the entrant to the risk that many of their acceptances may not be recognized by PSA Star Ratings.

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.

Reproduction

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. The Photographic Society of America (PSA) may request specific permission from entrants to reproduce entered images in its educational materials. The terms of that permission will be mutually agreed between the entrant and PSA **except in the circumstances where the entered image is found to breach the PSA Ethics Policy. In those circumstances the image may be reproduced by PSA, without the entrant's further permission, for educational purposes to illustrate serious exhibition rule violations. For those reproductions, the entrant's name will be withheld.**

Entries will not be accepted from entrants who indicate that their images may not be reproduced in materials related to the exhibition.” 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 entrant; 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 entrant

Re-use of accepted images: Any image that has been accepted in this exhibition, past or present, may not be entered again in the same Division Star Ratings Class in any future instances of this exhibition. It may, of course, be entered in any other PSA recognised exhibitions but **must always have the same title. Re-titling in another language is not allowed.**

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. Entrants may not enter identical or similar images into the same section or different sections of the same exhibition.

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 entrant. 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.

10. PHOTOS AND FILE NAMING

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 3Mb. Photos larger than allowed will be rejected and appropriate photos will be required.

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

CD/DVD will not be returned.

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: _

11. DATA PROTECTION

By entering this exhibition, you are explicitly consenting to the personal details you have supplied, including physical addresses, 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, agree and accept that by entering this exhibition, your participation status which includes your first and last name, name of the country used during registration at the exhibition, number of sections entered and number of photos entered in those sections will be made public in a published status list and that the results of your entry shall be made public in exhibition gallery, exhibition catalog. You also agree and accept the policies regarding Breaches of Rules of the PSA. And FIAP.

12. 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://gradacfoto.com>

13. NOTICE TO ENTRANTS

FIAP NOTICE: In order to have legal authority on those who do not respect the rules of FIAP, the organiser 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 033/2021](#)« 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

14. 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

Entrants are strongly advised to look at the PSA Ethics Policy which can be found at <https://psa-photo.org/page/ethical-practices>.

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, exhibitions, on behalf of the judges, are allowed to request unedited or raw files of the submitted image. 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.

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When entrants fill in the Entry Form to submit an entry they will see the following feature to affirm they have read these Conditions of Entry

“I hereby confirm that I have *read, understood and agree* to the Conditions of Entry of this exhibition. I have read the PSA document to be found at https://psa-photo.org/resource/resmgr/pdf/exhibitions_/exhibition-entrants-agreemen.pdf . I am aware that PSA may apply penalties for breaches of these Conditions of Entry”

Failure to agree will mean that the application will not proceed.

15. EXHIBITION PUBLIC SHOWINGS

10.03. and 11.03.2023. - **Photo Club "MLADOST"** – Seljanovo BB, **Tivat, Montenegro**

17.03. and 18.03.2023.- **Photo Cinema Club "CACAK"** – Trg Ustanka 2-6, **Cacak, Serbia**

24.03. and 25.03.2023.- **Photo Club "PERASTO"** – Zgrada Bujkovic bb, **Kotor, Montenegro**

16. SUBJECT MATTER AND SECTION 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 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 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. Images that show live creatures being fed to captive animals, birds or reptiles are not permitted under any circumstances.

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. **Entrants in PSA recognized exhibitions should comply with all relevant laws and regulations, associated with aerial photography, in the country in which the image was taken.**

Entry into PSA recognized exhibitions is conditional on accepting these policies. The content of images must comply with the 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 PSA recognition

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.

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.

Editing Guidelines for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel

These sections require images to be truthful records, so there are limits on the amount of manipulation allowed.

Editing Guidelines

Processing or editing must be limited to making the image look as close to the original scene as possible, except that conversion to grayscale monochrome is allowed.

Allowed editing techniques:

- Cropping, straightening and perspective correction.
- Removal or correction of elements added by the camera or lens, such as dust spots, noise, chromatic aberration and lens distortion.
- Global and selective adjustments such as brightness, hue, saturation and contrast to restore the appearance of the original scene.
- Complete conversion of color images to grayscale monochrome.
- Blending of multiple images of the same subject and combining them in camera or with software (exposure blending or focus stacking);
- Image stitching – combining multiple images with overlapping fields of view that are taken consecutively (panoramas);

Editing techniques that are not allowed:

- Removing, adding to, moving or changing any part of an image, except for cropping and straightening.
- Adding a vignette during processing.
- Blurring parts of the image during processing to hide elements in the original scene.
- Darkening parts of the image during processing to hide elements in the original scene.
- All conversions other than to complete grayscale monochrome.
- Conversion of parts of an image to monochrome, or partial toning, desaturation or over-saturation of color

For the purpose of this exhibition any border added to a digital file must be a single border of white or grey, no greater than 3-5 pixels in width.

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 photographed. 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. Adding a vignette or blurring the background during processing is not allowed.

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, anaesthetic or any other method of restricting natural movement for the purpose of a photograph 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 colour images to greyscale monochrome is allowed. Partial conversion, toning and infrared captures or conversions are not allowed. Images of the same subject that are combined in-camera or with software

by focus stacking or exposure blending are allowed. Multiple images with overlapping fields of view that are taken consecutively and combined in-camera or with software (image stitching) are allowed.

Attention is drawn to the PSA Statement on Subject Matter which applies to all sections and to the Editing Guidelines for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel

Photo Travel

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:

1. 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;
2. Images that predominantly or exclusively depict people and their activities must illustrate a distinctive culture of a country, region, or continent;
3. 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;
4. 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;
5. Images from events or activities arranged for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for photography, are **NOT allowed**.
6. Time exposures are allowed, if they do not dominate the image as a special effect (star trails, for example, are a dominating effect).
7. 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 and to the **Editing Guidelines for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel**

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. Single black borders of the same dimensions are allowed in Prints.

17. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Damir Stanovcic, chairman of the organizing committee,
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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, MPFAZ, GNPSA, GMPSA/B, GMPSA/S, GMPSA/G, and GMPSA/P.

PSA is a non-profit organization promoting the advancement of photography in all its forms to novice, amateur and professional photographers worldwide. For information on membership and the many services and activities of PSA, contact:

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