

Exhibitions, and how to find them

by Graeme Webb, PPSA

So, you're ready to send your pictures, print or digital, to an exhibition to be judged and hopefully accepted in the exhibition. How do you go about finding and choosing the right one(s)?

The first thing to bear in mind is that it is vital to be methodical and thorough when checking for exhibitions, as mistakes can be easily made.

There are 3 methods to find PSA-recognized exhibitions. The first and most reliable method is to **use the PSA Journal**, which you receive in the post each month if you are a member of the PSA. At the back of the Journal, you will find a section simply called "Exhibitions". The listings are broken down by division, and then by closing date. It is vital that you look under EVERY section in those pages in order to know exactly which divisions are included in any given exhibition.

Sometimes you will be looking for an exhibition by name, sometimes you will be looking for any exhibitions, which close by a given date, and sometimes you will just be browsing to see what's available. Looking in the Exhibition listings in the PSA Journal, the first division covered is the Color Projected Image (CPID) Division. Look down the list until you find the name of the exhibition you want, or the closing date you want. A few details are available including cost, a contact, other sections (e.g., theme) for this division in that exhibition, and a website address. Use your browser as usual to visit the website in question for full details regarding the exhibition.

The next division listed is Electronic Imaging Division (EID). Look for the same closing date and then see if the same exhibition is listed there. Do this for each division, noting which ones are included in the exhibition of your choice.

The second method is to **use the online version of the PSA Journal**. As a PSA member, use your login details (email address and password) to access the Members Only area. Once you are in the correct place, the procedure is exactly the same as for the paper version of the Journal.

The third method is to **access the PSA-recognized Exhibition entry forms listed on the PSA web site**. Click on "International Exhibitions," scroll down, and click on "Entry Forms." Not all entry forms are posted here. Once again, the method is the same as in the Journal. Links are provided for websites and entry forms.