

ALTIUS WINTER CIRCUIT 2021



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SECTIONS

- A) Open Monochrome (PIDM)
- B) Open Color (PIDC)
- C) Photo Journalism (PJD)
- D) Nature (ND)

ALTIUS WINTER CIRCUIT (6 Judging) organized in accordance with the recommended practice of PSA and all acceptances will count towards the PSA Star ratings & for inclusion in the annual PSA "Who's Who" of Photography.

ENTRY FEES

Any 1 or 2 Sections 30USD , 3 Sections 40 USD and All 4 Sections 50 USD

Group Discounts: 5-9 Entrants 10%, 10-20 Entrants 20% discount, 21 and above 30% Discount

EARLY BIRD discount up to **31st October 2021**: 35 USD ALL Sections

All participants must submit their entries through online submission procedure in <https://www.altiuscircuit.club/>

Entry fees have to be sent online through the PAYPAL, the link of which has been given in the website. Entries without appropriate fee will not be judged. No Correspondence will be entertained in this regard. Please inform us after payment by email to altiuscircuit@gmail.com

CALENDAR

- a. Closing date : **5th DECEMBER 2021**
- b. All judging completed by : **26th December 2021**
- c. Notifications sent by **9th January 2022**
- d. E-Das report sent by **25th January 2022**
- e. On-Line Gallery posted by **24th February 2022**
- f. Award Posting started by **5th March 2022**
- g. Catalogs posted by **5th March 2022**

JUDGES

Salon 1	Salon 2	Salon 3	Salon 4	Salon 5	Salon 6
Suman Bhattacharyya, ARPS, EFIAP/b, MPSA PSA Nature Evaluator (India)	Gunther Reihle, APSA , GMPSA/P (Germany)	Bekir Yesiltis, EFIAP, PPSA, C- MOL, GPU-ZEUS, CR3, AISF (Turkey)	Norman Johnson, EPSA (USA)	Ovi D pop, EFIAP/S, GPU-CR4, PPSA (ROMANIA)	Eleftheria Konsolaki GPU CR2, GPU Hermes (Greece)
Francis Nicoll, GMPSA, MFIAP, EFIAP/P, ESFIAP, GPU-CR4 (Belgium)	Norbert Heil, APSA, MPSA (Germany)	Ozcan Simsek, AFIAP, QPSA, HIUP (Turkey)	Margaret Boike APSA, MPSA (USA)	Janos Eifart, EFIAP/B, ESFIAP, EPSA (Hungary)	Guo Jing, GPU CR3, GPU Hermes (China)
Jozef Aerts, HON. PSA, GMPSA/S, MFIAP, EFIAP/P (Belgium)	Silvana Retter EFIAP, PPSA, GPU- HERMIS CR2 (Germany)	Umberto Deramo, AFIAP, PPSA, GPU-CR3, GPU- VIP2 (Italy)	James D Smith MPSA,GPU CR3 (USA)	Eric Cause, EFIAP/S, GPU-CR2, QPSA (FRANCE)	Claudio Calosi EFIAP/g, GPU CR5, GPU VIP5 (Italy)

AWARDS in each section:

1. PSA GOLD
2. CLUB GOLD
3. CLUB SILVER
4. CLUB BRONZE
5. ELECTRONIC JURY CHOICE CERTIFICATE x 6
6. ELECTRONIC SALON DIPLOMA CERTIFICATE x 6
7. ELECTRONIC MERIT AWARD CERTIFICATE x 6
8. CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE

9. GPU Ribbon – 1 for Each Section (Entrant who have Highest accepted images in the total circuit in a specific section and it will be calculated through acceptance only.)

10. GPU GOLD MEDEL – Best of the Circuit (Calculated by a combination of Highest accepted and Highest Award winner.)

Best Club Award PLAQUE for the club or group above 25 participants

All E-certificates are sent by email AND other all Awards will be sent by Post.

CATALOG

Online PDF Catalog (Downloadable from Website)

ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT ENTRY FEES WITHIN CLOSING DATE WILL NOT BE JUDGED. NO CORRESPONDENCE SHALL BE ENTERTAINED IN THIS REGARD LATER.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

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. Entrants who indicate that their images may not be reproduced or used are 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.

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.

SUBMISSION PROCESS:

Authors must fill out entry form and submit photos online.

Length for horizontal image longest side must be 1920 pixels. Length for vertical image longest side must be 1080 pixels. The image file must be in JPEG format. Please submit images with 150 / 300 dpi resolution & colour space sRGB. File size of the Image should not to exceed 1MB

The Title should be in English and limit of the title words must stipulate within 35 characters.

File name should be as you would want it to appear in the catalogue (same as title name).

Words such as "Untitled" and "No Title" are not acceptable as part or all of an image's title, nor are camera capture file names or titles consisting of only numbers.

No special characters like *, @, #, (,), [,], {, }, %, ^, <, > etc. shall be used in title. However characters like dash (-) and underscore (_) can be used in file name.

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

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 is to take place remotely by a jury. Images will be judged ONLINE. There won't be any scaling of images.

Target Acceptance Range: 29% - 35 %

Result notification will be sent by E-Mail as well as displayed on our website

Organizer reserves the right to call for raw files for submitted images if juries so decide. Images submitted in restricted sections should have EXIF data.

Exhibition Website: <https://www.altiuscircuit.club/>

Exhibition Email: altiuscircuit@gmail.com

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.

Breaches of Rules

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 will be forfeited in these circumstances. The entrant acknowledges that the decision of the exhibition organizers or the judges is final

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.

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 recognized 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.

Over-sharpening, over-saturation etc. should just be low scores and not DQd.

Disqualification Norms :

- A) Barred entrants by PSA will not be allowed in this exhibition.
- B) Color images may not be entered in PID Monochrome section(s).
- C) DQs are for breaches of PSA rules and breaches of definitions – eg cruelty to animals definitely DQd, clear manipulation in ND, PT PJ
- D) Submitted images in Nature, Photo Travel and Photo Journalism may have border within 5 pixels.
- E) In case raw file is requested by organizer, non-compliance within stipulated time may result in disqualification of submitted image.
- F) If two judges DQ then the DQ stands. If only one judge DQs then it must be discussed
- G) If an image is DQd in one judging of a circuit then it must be DQd in all judgments.
- H) Preferably on the score card DQ should be stated with a reason for the DQ

It is further suggested that you also include the following links in your exhibition COE as applicable:

Nature: <https://psa-photo.org/useruploads/files/nature/Nature-Photography-Judges-Guide.pdf>
PJ: <https://psa-photo.org/useruploads/files/photojournalism - pjd/pj-illustrated-guide.pdf>

DEFINITION:

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.**

Monochrome images may be entered in PID Color sections.

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*

PSA Photo Journalism Definition

Photojournalism entries are images with informative content and emotional impact, reflecting the human presence in our world. The journalistic (story-telling) value of the image should receive priority over pictorial quality. Images that misrepresent the truth, such as those from events or activities arranged specifically for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for photography, are not eligible. Techniques that add, relocate, replace, remove or change any element in the original scene, except by cropping, are not permitted. All images must look natural. The only allowable modifications are removal of dust, scratches or digital noise and restoration of the appearance of the existing scene, or complete conversion to greyscale monochrome. Other derivations, including infrared, are not eligible. When Human Interest is specified, those images depict a person or persons in an interactive, emotional or unusual situation, excluding sports action.

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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.

PSA is a non-profit organization promoting the advancement of photography in all its forms to novice, amateur and professional photographers worldwide.

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