

FIP Distinctions - 2022

1. General

FIP members and Corporate club members are invited to apply for AFIP, EFIP, EFIP/ Gold, EFIP/ Platinum, MFIP, EFIP/Gold (Nature), EFIP/Platinum (Nature) and MFIP (Nature) distinctions. Overseas members are also entitled to apply for FIP distinctions.

Application must reach FIP within **31st July 2022** only through following email address:

AFIP/EFIP: distinctions.fip@gmail.com

EFIP Levels, EFIP Nature Levels, MFIP, MFIP(Nature): distinctions.fipleveles@gmail.com

A FIP recognized salon is a national salon as long as it has only FIP recognition. Participation by foreigners does not change the status of the salon.

A successful candidate will receive a certificate, a medal, a pin, and a card.

2. AFIP Distinction

Indian Members:

- Candidate must have obtained 200 acceptances with 25 different works, in FIP recognized international or national salons. Out of 200 acceptances, at least 50 must be from FIP recognized national salons.
- Print - 2 Print acceptances from any FIP or FIAP recognized Indian salons.

Overseas Members:

- Candidate must have obtained 40 acceptances for 15 works in 10 different international salons in 5 countries, of which 5 must be Indian salons.

Candidate must submit the following:

- Digital versions of 5 photographic works irrespective of sections. Each of the works must have obtained at least 3 salon acceptances, and 2 different works among these must have obtained at least one award in a salon.
- A duly filled Excel dossier in the format prescribed by FIP, which can be downloaded from the FIP website downloads section.

See section 12 for further details.

3. EFIP Distinction

One can apply for EFIP distinction after one year of obtaining AFIP distinction, however a candidate already having AFIAP/ARPS/EPISA distinction may directly apply for EFIP distinction.

Indian Members:

- Candidate must have obtained 400 acceptances with 50 different works, in FIP recognized international or national salons. Out of 400 acceptances, at least 100 must be from FIP recognized national salons.
- Print - 5 Print acceptances from any FIP or FIAP recognized Indian Salons.

Overseas Members:

- Candidate must have obtained 150 acceptances for 30 works in 20 different International Salons held in 15 countries , of which 10 must be Indian salons.

Candidate must submit the following:

- Digital versions of 5 photographic works irrespective of sections. Each of the works must have obtained at least 5 salon acceptances, and 5 different works among these must have obtained at least one award in a salon. These works must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for the candidate's AFIP distinction.
- A duly filled Excel dossier in the format prescribed by FIP, which can be downloaded from the FIP website downloads section.

See section 12 for further details.

4. EFIP/Gold (EFIP/g) Distinction

One can apply after one year of obtaining EFIP/FFIP. No salon acceptances required. A member holding EFIAP distinction may directly apply for EFIP/g distinction.

Candidate must submit the following:

- A portfolio of 10 digital images with coherence.
- Viewing plan of the portfolio pictures.
- A statement of intent within 100 words.
- A duly filled Excel dossier in the format prescribed by FIP, which can be downloaded from the FIP website.

See section 12 for further details.

5. EFIP/Platinum (EFIP/p) Distinction

One can apply after one year of obtaining EFIP/gold. No salon acceptances required.

Candidate must submit the following:

- A portfolio of 15 digital images with coherence. These works must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for the candidate's EFIP/gold distinction .
- Viewing plan of the portfolio pictures. pictures
- A statement of intent with in 100 words.
- A duly filled Excel dossier in the format prescribed by FIP, which can be downloaded from the FIP website.

See section 12 for further details.

Jury panel of 3 senior photographers will decide the outcome of EFIP/g , EFIP/p portfolios. Jury will be looking for excellent technical quality, pictorial attribute, subject handling, and strong coherence in the portfolio.

6. EFIP/g (Nature) Distinction

One can apply after one year of obtaining EFIP or FFIP . No salon acceptances required. A member holding EFIAP distinction may directly apply for EFIP/g (Nature) distinction.

Candidate must submit the following :

- A portfolio of 10 nature digital images with coherence.
- Viewing plan of the portfolio pictures.
- A statement of intent within 100 words.
- A duly filled EFIP levels Excel dossier in the format prescribed by FIP, which can be downloaded from the FIP website

See section 12 for further details.

7. EFIP/p (Nature) Distinction

One can apply after one year of obtaining EFIP/Gold (Nature)

Candidate must submit the following :

- A portfolio of 15 new nature digital images with coherence. These works must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for the candidate's EFIP/g (Nature) distinction.
- Viewing plan of the portfolio pictures.
- A statement of intent within 100 words.
- A duly filled EFIP levels Excel dossier in the format prescribed by FIP, which can be downloaded from the FIP website.

See section 12 for further details.

Jury panel of 3 senior photographers will decide the outcome of EFIP/g (Nature), EFIP/p (Nature) portfolios. Jury will be looking for excellent technical quality, pictorial attribute, subject handling, and strong coherence in the portfolio.

8. MFIP Distinction

One can apply after three years of obtaining FFIP or EFIP distinction.

Candidate must submit:

- A portfolio of 20 digital images with coherence. These works must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for the candidate's EFIP/g and/or EFIP/p distinction.
- Viewing plan of the portfolio pictures.
- A statement of intent with in 150 words.
- A duly filled Excel dossier in the format prescribed by FIP, which can be downloaded from the FIP website.

See section 12 for further details.

9. MFIP (Nature) Distinction

One can apply for MFIP (Nature) distinction after three years of obtaining FFIP or EFIP distinction.

Candidate must submit:

- A portfolio of 20 digital images with coherence . These works must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for his/her EFIP/g (Nature) and/or EFIP/p (Nature) distinction.

- Viewing plan of the portfolio pictures.
- A statement of intent within 150 words.
- A duly filled Excel dossier in the format prescribed by FIP, which can be downloaded from the FIP website.

See section 12 for further details.

Jury panel of 5 senior photographers will decide the outcome of MFIP/MFIP (Nature) portfolios. Jury will be looking for excellent technical quality, pictorial attribute, subject handling, and strong coherence in the portfolio.

10. ESFIP Distinction

Individuals who have distinguished themselves in service to FIP, rather than a specific club, are eligible for this distinction. A brief letter of contribution is requested, as well as a proposal seconded by two FIP life members. There is no fee and no handling charge.

11. The ESFIPC Distinction

This is available to FIP Corporate clubs who have rendered distinguished services to FIP with uninterrupted membership for last 10 years. Proposed and seconded by two Corporate Clubs along with brief history and letter in support to be sent to Hon. Secretary General. There is no fee and no handling charge

12. Application Requirements

- Dully filled dossier (Excel form), which can be downloaded from the FIP website
URL: <https://www.fip.org.in/fipwebT/public/downloads>
Dossier (Excel form) must be named in the following format:
FIP/Corporate membership number_First name_Last name_Distinction sought.
(Example: LM692_Barun_Sinha_AFIP)
- Images required as per the distinction criteria must comply to the following specifications:
2400 pixels on the longer side, 300 DPI, Below 2MB, RGB color space.
Each image file must be named in the following format:
FIP/Corporate membership number_First name_Last name_title of work
(Example : LM692_Barun_Sinha_Lion on Hillock)
- Self-portrait color photo (768px on the longer side, 300 DPI) to be used for the identity card.
File Name must be in the following format:
FIP/Corporate membership number_First name_Last name (Example: LM692_Barun_Sinha)
- Distinction Fee payment details (Screen shot of transaction or Transaction ID and date of payment)

Note: EFIP and above applicants must provide proof of previous distinction if asked for verification.

12. Applicable Fees

Indian Members

For AFIP distinction: ₹ 4000/-

For EFIP distinction: ₹ 5000/-

For EFIP/Gold distinction: ₹ 7000/-

For EFIP/Platinum distinction : ₹ 7000/-

For MFIP/MFIP(Nature) distinction : ₹ 7500/-

Payment should be made through Online transfer to the following account:

Beneficiary Name: Federation of Indian Photography

Account No: 50381789520

IFS Code: IDIB000S549

Bank: Indian Bank, Salt Lake GD Market Branch, Kolkata

Note: We do not accept Cheques.

Overseas Members:

Membership Fee for 3 years: USD 50.00

For AFIP distinction: USD 80.00

For EFIP distinction: USD 80.00

For EFIP/Gold, EFIP/Platinum, EFIP/g (Nature), EFIP/p (Nature), and MFIP distinction:
USD 100.00 each.

Payment Method: PayPal (Please pay via PayPal only)

PayPal ID: federationofindianphotography@gmail.com

Distinctions In charge:

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The Viewing Plan

The Viewing Plan Image is an introductory & supplementary image of your portfolio of works indicating how to visualise the individual works as a portfolio.

The first image that the jury see is the Viewing Plan image along with your Statement of Intent. It should showcase your portfolio as a whole and complement your Statement of Intent, making a good first impression on the jury.

The Viewing Plan image is the backbone of entire portfolio. It should not just be a jumble of photographs placed in some random order. It should be cohesive, consistent, balanced. Consider tonal balance and colour, as well as how each image fits in with the ones those come before and after it in the sequence.

A grey or muted colour background is typically more effective because it does not disturb/overpower the pictures.

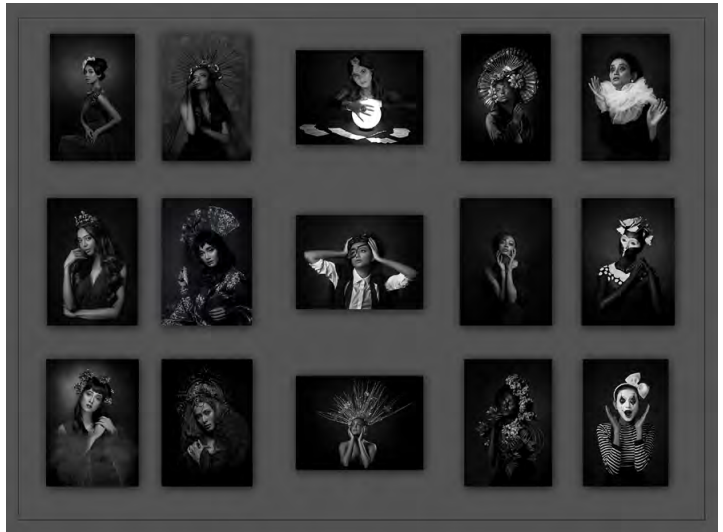
All photos must fit on a single page (jpg format) with a width of 1920 pixels or a height of 1080 pixels. A file size of no more than 2 MB is preferred.

An appealing viewing plan image can be enhanced by neatness, ballance and attention to detail.

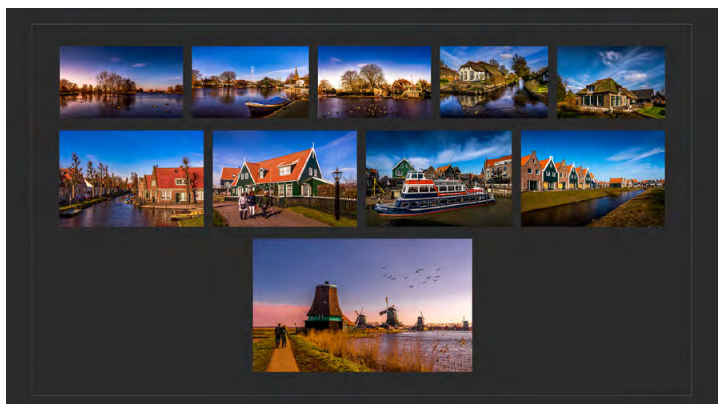
The application will be refused if the applicant's name, exif data, copyright symbol, logo, or any other identifying mark or the title of the Portfolio, title of the individual photograph is displayed on the Viewing Plan image.



An example of MFIP Viewing plan © Pinku Dey, EFIAP/b, MFIP



An example of EFIP/p Viewing plan © Suman Saha, EFIAP/p, EFIP/p



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