

APF International Appointments Policy

Following discussion at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Federation it is appropriate to re-affirm the APF policy on the selection of Australians for international roles as Jury members, Commissioners and Accord judge/commissioners and APF support thereof.

As a general policy it is the role of the Executive to allocate these aspects of APF activities through delegation to the International Officer and the Immediate Past President to be managed in accordance with the Strategic Plan and the International Appointments policy. All recommendations from these officers require approval by the Executive.

FIP Jury appointments

The list of FIP accredited Australian jury members and their qualified judging classes are published in the Annual Report of the Federation and in the NAPE journal.

It is a strategic goal of the APF to achieve an Australian member of every International jury.

For each FIP exhibition the APF are usually requested to provide three nominations from which the Exhibition Organizing Committee may make a selection for appointment to the Jury.

Upon receipt of each request for nomination of jury members from the Organising Committee the selection by the APF of their nominations shall be on a rotational basis from the list of FIP qualified judges.

When approved by the APF executive each person nominated will receive a letter advising of his or her selection. They will be asked to indicate their acceptance, or otherwise, of the nomination within 14 days. If the nomination is declined their position will be filled in accordance with the rotation policy. The person declining the nomination will be deemed to have been nominated and for the purposes of rotation will be moved to the end of the list. Additionally, those accepting nomination move to the bottom of the list after nomination whether they are selected or not.

The FIP are entitled to select a % of each International jury. Selection of an Australian under that quota does not affect that juror's position on the Australian priorities list.

As final selection is the prerogative of the Exhibition Organizing Committee and subject to FIP approval, nomination by the APF does not guarantee selection.

All nominations by the APF will be recorded in the minutes of Executive meetings with such supporting information as deemed necessary.

FIP Apprentices

National judges not on the FIP jury list may apply to the APF through the International Officer for consideration to apply to the FIP to serve a Jury apprenticeship. Such application requires the endorsement of the APF. It is an FIP requirement that application for an FIP jury apprenticeship can only be made by those who are qualified jurors with their Continental Federation.

FIAP jury appointments

Appointment to FIAP exhibition juries is by appointment by the FIAP coordinator and member country nominations are not requested.

It is a strategic goal of the APF to achieve an Australian member of every FIAP jury.

National judges not on the FIAP jury list may apply to the APF through the International Officer for consideration to have their name put forward to FIAP to serve a FIAP apprenticeship.

The APF will use its best endeavours to ensure the FIAP Coordinator for each FIAP Exhibition is aware of the skills, qualifications and interest in judging at FIAP level of all Australian jurors so qualified.

Accord Judge/Commissioners

Under Accords with a number of countries including Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom, USA and South Africa the APF may appoint a judge/commissioner under the various Accord agreements.

Such selection will be made by the APF Executive based upon the particular requirements of each Accord Exhibition with the objective of promoting the relationship with the Accord country, appropriate to the requirements of the Organizing Committee and pertinent to the development of the person selected.

Australian selections will be from the approved list of National judges.

FIP & FIAP Commissioners

All persons placed on the International Commissioners list by the APF Executive must have attended an APF Commissioner course and any subsequent refresher courses as and when held. They must also have successfully served as a Commissioner and/or Assistant Commissioner to a NZ National Exhibition or assistant commissioner to a FIAP level exhibition.

The APF publishes a list of International Commissioners from which appointments to the role of Commissioner to a FIP exhibition are selected.

Similarly, appointment as Australian Commissioner to FIAP exhibitions is made from this list.

Selection is based upon a broad rotational system, the experience level required for each exhibition, the complexities of travel, Customs & Cultural Heritage requirements and the availability of an opportunity for an appointee to gain acceptance for a jury apprenticeship. The APF Strategic objectives of developing people capable of serving on the Executive is also to be considered.

In some instances specific requests from the Organising Committee may dictate the appointment of the Commissioner.

Performance as regards number of entries obtained, appropriately dealing with and conformance to Customs and Cultural Heritage requirements, satisfactorily communicating with all Australian exhibitors and their exhibits and in managing the complexities of excess baggage and bin room operations will influence selection for future Commissioners roles. Any issues arising from a

Commissioners performance in the role will be communicated to them by the APF at the conclusion of their assignment.

FIP Commissions

It is a strategic goal of the APF to gain Australian membership on all FIP Commissions. Expressions of interest will be called from suitably qualified Australian exhibitors interested in serving on the various Commissions. The APF will actively support Australian nominations in line with the broad representational views of the Continental Federation (FIAP) of which it is a member.

As the FIP are moving to make these Commissions more active in promoting their particular disciplines the APF will support election to the Commission of Australian exhibitors who will represent Australia in this role and enhance the objectives of the FIP regarding development of the particular discipline internationally and in Australia.

Australian who are members of an FIP Commission are expected to report to the APF on a regular basis, promote their particular discipline within Australia and represent Australia at FIP Commission meetings overseas. A comprehensive report is to be supplied in the APF Annual Report by all FIP Commission members covering seminars conducted, reports written and general promotional activities in connection with their particular discipline.

Financial support for attendance at such Commission meetings requires attendance at a Commission meeting at no cost to the APF for each attendance where support is requested.

FIP Congress

The APF will appoint a delegate to each FIP Congress and, where possible, an Observer. The APF will provide financial support for this attendance for the delegate to the extent of the cheapest regular economy airfare.

Australian FIP Commission Bureau members

The APF will provide an amount in the bi-annual budget for airfares for Bureau members to attend the FIP Commission meetings held in conjunction with the FIP Congress. As the amount required will vary according to the number of Australian members on the FIP Bureaux the International Officer will be responsible, together with the APF Treasurer and Past President, for allocation of the total amount provided amongst those wishing to attend.

FIAP Exco meetings and Congress

The APF will ensure that an Executive member will attend all FIAP Exco meetings and Congress. Where the meeting is held during a FIAP Exhibition the delegate will be supported to the extent of the cheapest regular economy airfare. The Australian nominations for the FIAP congress will include any Australian on the Exco Committee.

Where the FIAP Exco meeting is not held during an Exhibition the APF will provide financial assistance to the extent of the cheapest regular economy airfare and two nights accommodation.

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