

## FIAP Life Card

The Following outlines the purpose of the FIAP Life Card and some very significant changes to the application process which are coming into effect from 01 January 2019. It is very important that anyone who is thinking of applying for a FIAP distinction during the next IPF registration timeframe familiarise themselves with this.

The FIAP Liaison Officer can be contacted via the IPF website and will be able to answer any queries.

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The FIAP Life Card is a credit card sized identification document for members. This card serves as an ID card and carries a unique ID Number that will stay with you for life. Although having no status outside FIAP, the card can be very useful to show as a photographic credential.

FIAP rules require that the holder of a FIAP distinction must also be the holder of a FIAP Life Card. You must also be the holder of one of these cards to attend any FIAP Congress, AGM or FIAP Photo Meeting.

As from 01/01/2019 it will be compulsory for applications for the card to be made via the FIAP Platform at:- [www.myfiap.net/user/register/fp](http://www.myfiap.net/user/register/fp)

When you open this web page there is a video explaining the process in detail. There is a charge of €50, plus postage and PayPal charges.

You MUST pay using PayPal. If you do not have a PayPal account you can still make a payment as a "guest" using your credit card. Though I think that most people who participate in International Salons pay using PayPal and more than likely have an account.

- Unless you already hold a FIAP Life Card, you will need to obtain one to make your first application for a distinction. You will therefore have to obtain your card BEFORE you can apply for a FIAP Distinction.
- If you are already the holder of a FIAP Life Card then, if you wish to have it updated (eg, after receiving a new distinction certificate) you can do so via the above process. In this case there is a charge of €25 plus postage and PayPal charges.
- If a card requires replacement after being lost or stolen or requires amendment (eg, change of name) then the charge of €50 plus postage and PayPal charges will apply.
- A FIAP Life Card can also be obtained via the above process without applying for a FIAP Distinction

Whilst the new process does not become compulsory until 01/01/2019, it is available now to obtain your new FIAP Life Card.

As the date falls in the middle of the IPFs registration process for the 2019 batch of applications IPF applicants seeking to register for distinctions applications this time round must use the new on-line system for obtaining their FIAP Life Cards. You will no longer be able to apply via the IPF website to the FIAP Liaison Officer and he in turn will no longer be able to apply on your behalf.

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