

# ROPPA

## PSA Recognition of Photographic Achievement 1997 - 2009

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The Society has long recognized the need to acknowledge in a special way members who excel in the International Exhibitions and who adhere to the ethical standards of the Society.

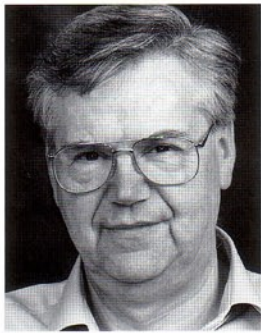
In 1996 at the annual International Conference of the Photographic Society of America (PSA) in Tucson, Arizona, the Executive Committee made it happen, by installing the Recognition of Photographic Achievement (ROPA) awards. Promptly, in the spring of 1997, two levels of awards were implemented; the first level is Proficiency (PPSA), which may be granted to members who have attained a five-star rating in a single category in any division or those who have accumulated a total of 10 or more stars in various categories of various divisions. The second and higher level is Excellence (EPSA), which may be granted to members who have attained additional achievement: three levels beyond the fifth star in a single division or five stars in three separate divisions. Through the years, the membership has demonstrated an overwhelming interest in the distinction awards. Each award recognizes the recipient's accomplishment and diversity in photography and entitles the member to add the acronym EPSA or PPSA after his/her name and, if

applicable, after the acronym Hon. FPSA, Hon. PSA, FPSA or APSA. Individuals are entitled to use the recognition letters as long as they retain membership. However, lapsed members cannot continue to use the initials of EPSA or PPSA. If a member's status becomes lapsed, he/she will be required to reestablish membership in good standing and it may be necessary to reapply for either honor.

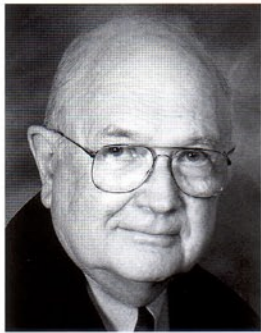
New honorees are recognized annually in the *PSA Journal* and at the Annual PSA Conference. In addition, each recipient receives a certificate printed on parchment paper and suitable for framing and is invited to display a sample of his/her work on the Society's web site, *Gallery of Distinction Awards*.

This year eight members will receive the Excellence Award and thirty-six members will receive the Proficiency Award; totaling 452 combined awards issued to 405 members since the inception of the awards, from thirty-five different countries. Of the 405 recipients, 47 have received the higher-level EPSA award.

**Congratulations to the following recipients, recognized at the 2009 Annual PSA International Conference in West Yellowstone, Montana.**



Les Ayres

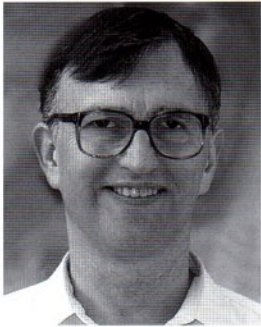


James A. Baker, FPSA



Simone Boddi

# PPSA PROFICIENCY



Bogdan Bricelj



Kimberly Brock



Agatha Anne Bunanta

Les Ayres, England  
 James A. Baker, FPSA, USA  
 Simone Boddi, Italy  
 Bogdan Bricelj, Slovenia  
 Kimberly Brock, USA  
 Agatha Anne Bunanta, Indonesia  
 Kwan Leung Cheung, Hong Kong  
 Yip Weng Chow, Singapore  
 Susan Cowles, USA  
 Guy E. Davies, England  
 Paula Davies, England  
 Pakrad Garabedian, England  
 Keith R. Gillett, USA  
 Sally D. Grugan, FPSA, USA  
 Richard Harper, England  
 Joseph Hearst, APSA, USA  
 Norbert Heil, Germany  
 Dennis C. Hirning, USA  
 Kuo-Shih Hwang, Taiwan  
 Julien Lathouwers, Belgium  
 Fouzy T. Mahjoob, Saudi Arabia  
 May Man, USA  
 Bas Montgomery, England  
 Phyllis Picardi, USA  
 Michael Rosenbaum, USA  
 Brian E. Swinyard, England  
 Lynn Thompson, APSA, USA  
 Phan Van Tram, Canada  
 Jose` Luis Urbaitel, Argentina  
 Jhony Vandebroek, Belgium  
 Graeme Webb, England  
 Theo van der Heijdt, Netherlands  
 John Williams, England  
 Kate Willmer, England  
 Gene P. Wong, USA  
 Hong Sang Harry Woo, Malaysia



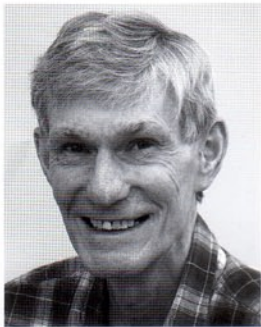
Kwan Leung Cheung



Yip Weng Chow



Susan Cowles



Guy E. Davies



Paula Davies



Pakrad Garabedian



Keith R. Gillett



Sally D. Grugan, FPSA



Richard Harper



Joseph Hearst, APSA



Norbert Heil



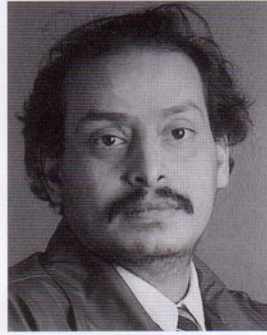
Dennis C. Hirling



Kuo-Shih Hwang



Julien Lathouwers



Fouzy T. Mahjoob



May Man



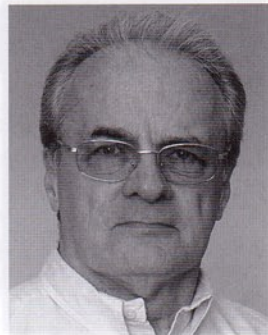
Bas Montgomery



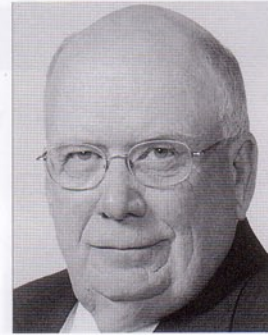
Phyllis Picardi



Michael Rosenbaum



Brian E. Swinyard



Lynn Thompson, APSA



Theo van der Heijdt



Jhony Vandebroeck



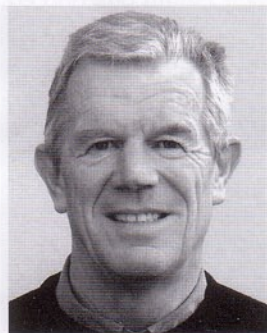
Phan Van Tram



Jose Luis Urbaitel



Graeme Webb



John Williams



Kate Willmer



Gene P. Wong



Hong Sang Harry Woo

# EPSA EXCELLENCE

Marilyn A. Cloran, FPSA, USA  
Pauline Fredrickson, Hon. PSA, FPSA, USA  
Lay Tin Gho, PPSA, Singapore  
Elvira Lavell, PPSA, USA  
James E. Nelson, PPSA, USA  
Leo Palmer, FPSA, PPSA, England  
Ray Parry, PPSA, USA  
Wolfgang Schweden, Germany

Photos not available for James E. Nelson, PPSA



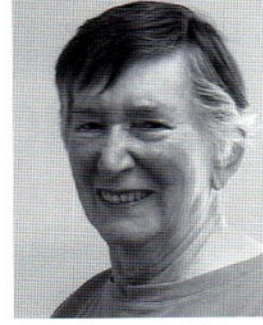
Marilyn A. Cloran, FPSA



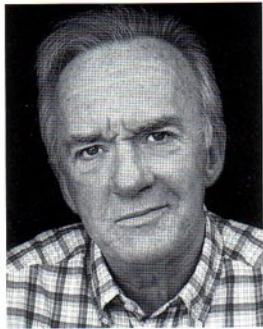
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Ray Parry, PPSA



Wolfgang Schweden

Each individual must apply and present his/her qualifications directly to the ROPA Committee. Members wishing to apply for ROPA Distinctions should contact Chairman **Joseph J. Zaia, FPSA**, PO Box 462, Flagler Beach, FL 32136-0462; (386) 439-6787 or [ropa@psa-photo.org](mailto:ropa@psa-photo.org) or [unicojjz@cfl.rr.com](mailto:unicojjz@cfl.rr.com) and request a copy of the current requirements and application form. Each applicant is required to submit: 1) completed application, 2) proof of photographic achievement(s) [a copy of the certificate(s) or letter(s) of approval], 3) a copy of current membership card, 4) a good quality photo or a digital image of themselves, of 300 dpi on a CD, (B & W or Color) **only head and shoulder on a plain and clear background and no props of any kind** [3 ½" X 5" to 4" X 6," **please no postage stamp size photos and no web pictures** and please identify your photo], and 5) proper processing fees: For the PPSA Distinction: \$15.00, for members in North America, and \$20.00 for members in other countries. For the EPSA Distinction: \$30.00 for members in North America, and \$35.00 for members in other countries. All documentation must be hard copy and in the Chairman's hands by June 1 each year. **Please no Email applications.** Applications received after June 1, 2010, will be held for the 2011 conference. Members who qualify for the EPSA may apply directly for that distinction, without first applying for the PPSA. Please always print clearly and underline the family name. The best way to communicate is through email! Please include an email address on the application. Applications are processed on an annual basis with a firm annual cut-off date of June 1. Members planning to apply for recognition are responsible for maintaining their own Star records and must supply proof of Star Rating(s) with each application. Contact Chairman, Joe Zaia, at any time during the year for updated information or clarification.