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# MISSION STATEMENT

*“The furtherance and improvement of photography and photography practitioners in all aspects”*

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# ABOUT US

Now that you are a member of the MIPP let us remind you what makes the MIPP the leading photographic association in Malta.

The Malta Institute of Professional Photography (or MIPP) has been set up to improve the technical knowledge and professional status as well as the image of persons involved in the photographic industry. The MIPP is dedicated to achieve and maintain standards in professional practice and conduct for the benefit of photography and buyers of photography. The Institute also safeguards, monitors and deals with matters which affect professional photography. It is also the purpose of the MIPP to be an authoritative voice for professional photographers and the trade in order to be able to lobby on issues concerning the working photographer.

The MIPP encourages you and all members to improve their photographic skills. The Institute hence provides members with two distinct qualifications. One of the main qualifications which can be achieved is the accredited photographic level 3 course the “MIPP Award in Still Image.” The other qualifications are obtained by working and producing a set of 20 photos (called a panel) in order to obtain either the Licentiate Level (LMIPP), the Associate Level (AMIPP) or the Fellowship Level (FMIPP). The

MIPP’s photographic qualifications are officially recognized through a reciprocal agreement by the largest UK photographic Association, the Societies. This is a great achievement as it demonstrates the high esteem the MIPP has in European circles and further enhances the standard of local photographic qualifications.

If you are a beginner or a hobbyist you are equally important for the MIPP and we will support you in order to help you progress in your photographic journey. Through a yearly themed competition, the MIPP rewards its members with the “MIPP Photographer of the Year Award” whilst the “MIPP Awards of Achievement” is bestowed to those who helped in strengthening the esteem as well as the status and quality of the Maltese photographer. We hope that you will one day obtain one of these awards.

We also want to remind you that the MIPP offers a free online webpage for the personal benefit of MIPP members. This can serve as an opportunity for market expansion and is an inexpensive means of advertisement at no costs involved. In addition, MIPP maximizes the use of Facebook, and other social media channels to network with members and offer them the opportunity to share their photos on the MIPP Facebook wall for feedback.





# BENEFITS OF JOINING MIPP

- Membership in Malta's leading photography Institute. The MIPP immediately puts you in contact with a local circle of peers with similar interests and allows members to share advice on topics of a professional nature.
- Internationally recognised qualifications
- Mentoring Programme
- Various photographic events
- Annual international photographic convention
- Competitions and exhibition opportunities
- Monthly meetings
- Regular image assessments
- Courses
- Free webpage on the MIPP website
- Exposure and networking with fellow photographers
- Social events
- Subsidized renting of studio equipment
- Free loan of frames for exhibition purposes



# QUALIFICATIONS

## Regulations and Information

The MIPP has established a photographic Qualification system on the same standards as international distinctions namely 'The Societies', ([www.thesocieties.net](http://www.thesocieties.net)) which are a group of organisations incorporating the interest of all aspects of photography. This is a three-tier system, namely the MIPP Licentiate (LMIPP), the MIPP Associate (AMIPP) and the MIPP Fellowship (FMIPP).

Only MIPP members can qualify for these Distinctions. Applicants are requested to submit a photographic print panel of 20 works under specific criteria. These are assessed by a qualified independent panel of experts who decide whether the candidate has reached the required level. A certificate, given under the common seal of the MIPP, is issued to each successful candidate. When necessary, the selection panel meets annually, usually during the

month of November, in order to assess submissions. Candidates should check in the MIPP newsletter/website for the date of the next assessment meeting as well as the date by which submissions must reach the MIPP designated offices.

Licentiate (L.M.I.P.P.) is the first level of qualified membership. It is a recognition of a general basic level of skill and competence in professional practice within photography and allied technologies.

Associateship (A.M.I.P.P.) is considered as a middle level group. Associates carry the responsibility for the development of the profession and the MIPP.

Fellowship (F.M.I.P.P.) denotes a high level of technical and creative ability, cohesion and style.



# MIPP AWARD IN STILL PHOTOGRAPHY

The Malta Institute of Professional Photography, MIPP has been officially licensed, by the National Commission for Further and Higher Education (NCFHE), as a Further Education Institution. The NCFHE has also approved and accredited an MIPP course in photography, which has been since held for the third time this year. The course consists of four learning Modules with a total of 100 hours of tuition. This award, which conforms to all the stringent conditions mapped out by the NCFHE, leads the successful participant to a Level 3 award in photography.

This accredited course conforms to the Malta Qualifications Framework and the European Qualifications Framework. It is open to all persons over sixteen years of age at the date of commencement of the course. The course is aimed at all those who are interested in improving and boosting their knowledge and competencies in photography in order to gain a recognized, valid vocational qualification. Persons who wish to apply need only provide their secondary school leaving certificates and a digital portfolio of their work in order for the MIPP to gauge their suitability for the course. The course

is geared towards teaching in a complete and comprehensive manner, through the right balance of technical lectures, hands on workshops, real life scenarios, inspiration, together with the wide range of skills needed in today's competitive world. At the end of this course, the successful learner would be equipped to confidently tackle most of the photographic genres necessary to conduct photography to a high professional standard. This Award in Still Photography is made up of 56 tutor contact hours, 4 assessment hours and 40 self study hours. The course, which will be conducted in English, is on a part time basis and held mainly during evenings.

This course only takes on a limited number of participants so that more personalized attention can be given. The course makes use of the already established MIPP Qualifications, and on conclusion, learners will be mentored so as to submit a final photographic project.

Should you require further information regarding this course or any other MIPP qualifications, kindly address your queries to [courses@mipp-malta.com](mailto:courses@mipp-malta.com).



# OTHER COURSES

The MIPP offers various other interesting and informative courses throughout the year. These include the “MIPP Workshops”, “Foundation to Photography Course” aimed at persons wishing to make fast, practical inroads into photographic enjoyment and advanced structured courses, as well as the “Foundation and Advanced Digital Post Processing and Editing” course for all those who want to

get an excellent grounding in practical digital editing. The courses are aimed at not only teaching the techniques of photography but also enabling invaluable hands-on practice as well as nurturing networking and co-operation between the students. Furthermore, all courses are thought out in order to enable the participant to improve and strengthen his skills in a fun and friendly atmosphere.



# AVANTECH



# MENTORING SERVICE



As a member of the MIPP it is important that you avail yourself of MIPP's mentoring services. The 'My Mentor Programme' aims to assist and support members in their photography. A member who enrolls in this programme will be provided with a personal qualified mentor for a period of 6 months. Members can enrol for several sessions repeatedly. Each month the enrolled members will submit two emails with five images each, to their chosen mentor; the latter will provide the necessary feedback on submitted photographs via email. 'My Mentor' is not

a replacement of the mentoring service already provided to those members who submit a panel for the MIPP qualifications; the panel mentoring is still an ongoing service. Our aim is to have this project working alongside the existing mentoring service; this will supply our members with an additional facility to further enhance their abilities. All members should benefit from this project, especially those who are new to photography and all those who wish to start aspiring to acquire any of our qualifications. Payment for this service is €60, payable in advance.



# SEMINARS AND CONVENTIONS



Apart from other workshops, in order to make our yearly calendar more interesting, the MIPP organises yearly seminars, as well as monthly lectures given by local and foreign speakers.

The convention is organised in November, in collaboration with 'The Societies', which normally runs over three days. Not only do we have high calibre international speakers but also the top local ones, with time dedicated also for hands-on workshops.



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# EVENTS

To keep up with the demand from our members we also organise regular informal photowalks. These are open to all members and their families. At times, a local villages or special places of interest are visited, or else special passes are obtained for interesting cultural and artistic events happening around the island.

MIPP members can include the MIPP Calendar to their Google account so as to

be updated with each approaching event. Just click the '+Google Calendar' on the below and follow the steps indicated. You can also visit this link to see photos of previous events.



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# AWARDS OF RECOGNITION

## HONORARY AWARDS

The Executive Committee and Members may recommend the Honorary Life Membership of the Institute to those persons, who, in their opinion deserve recognition for their special services to the M.I.P.P. An Honorary Award can be awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of photography. Honorary Life Awards can only be given to Members of the MIPP and are restricted to not more than one Award

per year. Since personal achievement alone does not necessarily contribute to the advancement of photography, it does not qualify the candidate unless combined with outstanding elements of service. The Executive Committee and Members may also recommend persons (not necessarily MIPP members) for the “MIPP Photography Award of Recognition” for their outstanding service and support to local Photography.



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# MIPP PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Since 2003, the Malta Institute of Professional Photography has established its own “Photographer of the Year” competition aimed mainly at local professional photographers. Rather than a one-time contest with just a single effort from participants, this yearly Award consists of monthly themed competitions during which participating photographers accumulate points. The winner, namely the photographer who has accumulated the best points aggregate over the whole event, will be declared “MIPP Photographer of the Year” for that current year. Apart from the main award, there are various awards given to individual images.



# Curious about the ins and outs of being a Malta Institute of Professional Photography member? Check out the FAQ's below to find answers to your questions...

## 1) Should I become a member of MIPP?

**YES** if you want to gain these benefits:

- Membership in Malta's leading photography institute. The MIPP immediately puts you in contact with a local circle of peers with similar interests and allows members to share advice on topics of a professional nature.
- Internationally recognised qualifications
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## 2) To whom is MIPP aimed for? I'm an amateur/semi-professional photographer or a student. Is membership limited only to professional photographers?

The MIPP does not only pertain to the professional photographer only but also aspiring non-professionals so if you are interested in photography the MIPP is aimed for you. Our main goal is to promote and

improve photography in all its aspects, provide networking and educational opportunities for photographer. By joining the MIPP you will become part of a well-recognized national and international photographic community. You will learn and grow from the feedback and support of professional photographers.

MIPP offers several educational opportunities to all levels of photographers. You can benefit from image assessment sessions. This will help you identify your strengths and weaknesses. Thanks to the constructive feedback that you will get for your images you will be able to improve your photographic abilities.

Moreover if photography for you is your full time job we will help you through the various lectures, courses and seminars which will surely make your business successful.

## 3) Do I need to own a DSLR to become a member of MIPP?

MIPP welcomes members of all skill levels and therefore you do not need to own a DSLR to become a member.

## 4) I'm ready to join..what do I do next?

You can download the membership form by clicking on the link below. There are 3 ways that you can pay your membership

[MEMBERSHIP FORM](#)



## 5) How much does it cost to become a member?

The membership fees are as follows:  
Yearly Membership:

- MIPP Qualified Member 40 euro per annum
- MIPP Member 40 euro per annum
- MIPP Youth Member 15 euro per annum
- Pensioners (61 and over) 25 euro per annum
- Joint Membership (Married or cohabiting couples) 60 euro per annum
- Overseas Member 40 euro per annum

## 6) How can I promote my work?

For your personal benefit the MIPP offers a free online webpage. This can serve as an opportunity for market expansion and it is ideal as it is a free means of advertisement. In addition, MIPP maximizes the use of Facebook, and other social media channels to network with members. This will give you the the opportunity to share your photos on the MIPP Facebook wall for feedback or to promote your photography.

## 7) Will I be recognised for my work and talents?

MIPP offers you new exposure and attention, possibly resulting in potentially more opportunities and customers. The Institute also recognizes its members' achievements both via Facebook and the monthly newsletter. MIPP also rewards members' participation and efforts within the Institute and therefore grants the Photographic Excellence Award so as to honour those members who show outstanding achievement and dedication within the Institute.

## 8) What events are organised?

MIPP members can include the MIPP Calendar to their Google account so as to be updated with each approaching event by clicking [HERE](#) and follow the steps indicated. You can also visit this link to see photos of previous events..

## 9) Can I participate in competitions?

Both qualified and non-qualified members can participate in regular competitions organised by the Institute. MIPP also offers a yearly Photographer of the Year Award so as to recognise the members' work within various photographic genres.

## 10) What courses are offered by MIPP?

The following courses are currently offered by the MIPP:

**Foundation to Photography** – a popular course specifically aimed at persons wishing to make fast, practical inroads into photographic enjoyment.

**Foundation in Digital Processing** – A practical foundation course for all those who want to get an excellent grounding in practical digital editing.

**MIPP Award in Still Image Photography** - NCFHE accredited MIPP course in photography, which leads the successful participant to a Level 3 award in Photography.

## 11) How do I become a qualified member?

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# TESTIMONIALS

Keith Ellul - *“I recommend every photography enthusiast, amateur and professional to join MIPP, I feel that by attending at least one monthly talk (which is a fraction of what MIPP prepares for its members ), the yearly fee has paid for itself. I thank this organisation for all the opportunities it has given me. Needless to say I am proud to be part of this organisation and what it stands for”.*

Susanna Diacono - *“I recently started my journey in learning photography and was put into contact with Kevin Casha. Besides taking me on as a student he also got me enrolled in MIPP which has opened many new doors for learning this art. It has been a great platform for education with different courses offered at various levels as one is progressing, besides the monthly interesting talks and lectures. MIPP will sure keep you busy and challenged once you involve yourself in the photographic art. I have only positive experiences with all the friendly members who share the same passion for photography”.*

Tomoko Goko LMIPP - *“Through various workshops, lectures and a mentorship program, MIPP gave me opportunities to learn the fundamentals of photography and to immerse myself in different photographic genres. Membership gives access to hands on training with local and foreign photographers, as well as the support of other MIPP members. This helped me to figure out what I wanted to achieve with photography”.*

Etienne Cassar - *“Knowledge gained from photography books, journals and the social media was only directing me to achieve better snapshots. It was only when I discovered the MIPP that I started developing my artistic skills. Through the MIPP I managed to make real friends with people sharing my same passion. This gave rise to opportunities that I would not have dreamt about before. It helped me gain confidence in myself and believe more in my capabilities. Through direct interaction with others who are passionate and proficient, one can discover himself and the true world of photography”.*

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# MEMBERS HANDBOOK

[www.mipp-malta.com](http://www.mipp-malta.com)