

APM Bulletin 25

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2020 has been a hard year with virtually no physical PAGB events, no meetings and no Adjudications. We hope for better in 2021 but we have plans in place to handle your APM applications. These will include the substantial backlog of Print applications from 2020 with the Print and PDI entries already received for 2021.

The first physical Adjudication is scheduled for May 2021. We have already made the painful decision that this event will not be open to an audience. At this time, we cannot say if even a Closed Adjudication will be possible but, if it has to be delayed, we are planning on running it as soon as we can, hopefully in June or July.

ONLINE ADJUDICATION OF PDI ENTRIES

JANUARY

There will be an online Adjudication of the outstanding 2020 CPAGB and DPAGB PDI Applications in early January 2021, with the results being announced before the end of that month. This is not an ideal solution, as judging images on remote monitors is simply not the same as viewing them projected onto an 8' screen, but we now feel that there is no other choice.

Very few events are judged against a set standard and we have done everything we can to ensure maintenance of that standard and fairness in the scoring, with a review process similar to that undertaken at a normal Adjudication.

APRIL

The PDI entrants for CPAGB, DPAGB and MPAGB who were scheduled for the May Adjudication will be assessed online before the end of April and the results will be announced early in May. This will allow us to accept a larger number of PDI entrants for this Adjudication than were previously planned and will make it easier to handle the backlog at a Print Only Adjudication, when it becomes possible.

MAY

We have looked at different methods of conducting a Print Adjudication and have concluded that, with the numbers involved, there is no satisfactory way to do this remotely. Although May is looking unlikely, we remain committed to holding a Print Adjudication at the earliest possible opportunity. It is very unlikely to be available to an audience.

Please DO NOT SEND YOUR PRINTS yet. We will give you full instructions later, with at least 4 weeks notice.

SWITCHING YOUR ENTRY FROM PRINT TO PDI

Applicants for May will receive Entry Packs from the Awards Secretary in early February 2021, with a Closing Date online of 5 April 2021. Since no entries have yet been submitted, applicants for the May Adjudication can be permitted to switch to PDI if they wish and be included in the April Online Adjudication. Please note that you will not be able to switch back to prints again.

We do NOT recommend this course of action. If Prints are what you do best, you should wait for the Print Adjudication.

If you do wish to change from Print to PDI, you MUST contact the Awards Secretary, Daphne Hanson, BEFORE 24 JANUARY 2021.

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Following the success of our Online Advisory Service, we have now established a permanent service, administered by David Smith. If you would like advice at CPAGB, DPAGB or MPAGB, please e-mail apmonline@thepagb.org.uk

If you're willing to volunteer as an Adviser, please contact David Smith at apmonline@thepagb.org.uk with a brief outline of your relevant experience. Ideally Advisers should have at least a DPAGB or other equivalent APM knowledge so that they will have sufficient experience to advise at the higher levels. Currently, we have fewer MPAGB Advisers than we would like. However, those with a CPAGB and other relevant experience may be able to help at that level.

If you have any specific questions, please e-mail me, rather than the APM Secretary or anyone else.

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