



GPU are a truly global organization founded by PHOTOGRAPHERS, run by PHOTOGRAPHERS for PHOTOGRAPHERS.

GPU (formally UPI) was founded some 12 years ago although the roots go much farther back.

There are other world-wide photographic organisations such as FIAP (that operate at a “federation level”) and PSA (which until recently was predominantly American). **GPU** works with these where we can ... but **GPU** is distinct. Please visit www.gpuphoto.com for information or to join.

GPU is different because.

- Individual photographers join to make up the global **GPU** “family”
- All **GPU** workers and staff are volunteers. We do it because we love photography.
- The managing board, currently 7 from seven different countries, are voted for by the membership.
- There are nominated active national **GPU** representative in most countries/regions
- We have members on 5 continents.
- Every member is valued. Whatever your form of photography, **GPU** tries to embrace it and support you equally.
- **GPU** likes to say “yes”. If members have good ideas, we will help them become reality.
- **GPU** support charity initiatives
- **GPU** support “youth” (under 21 years of age, GPU membership is free)

GPU has many titles and distinctions (too many to detail here) based on 3 methods (soon maybe a 4th)

- Firstly, **GPU** CROWNS based on the traditional acceptances in international salons.
- Secondly, there are **GPU** VIP awards which are based on the “gold medal winning images” Think of the BEST of the BEST images. VIP is VERY IMPORTANT PHOTO.
- Thirdly, there are **GPU** awards based on photographic panels of images (similar to the UK Royal Photographic Society and now also PSA schemes).
- These awards are prestigious and represent achievable merits for all photographers. We believe these titles and distinctions are the “best in the world”.

Benefits of Membership

The fee is fixed at 70€ for 3 years and is good value because currently members get far more than 70€ worth of value.

- There is a regular printed magazine.
- There is a regular full colour printed **GPU** Photobook with photos from EVERY MEMBER
- There are opportunities to submit images for international EXHIBITIONS around the world.
- There are opportunities to gift images to support **GPU** charitable initiatives.

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