PhotEx judging via the web

There are two methods of judging PhotEx exhibitions via the web: Synchronous and Independent.

Synchronous judging

This replicates the process of "in-the-room" judging, but the judges view the images and enter scores via a browser rather than projector and keypad. All the judges view each image at the same time, and the next image is not shown until all the judges have entered a score. The organiser runs the process with PhotExPresenter as if the judges were present.

Synchronous judging is described in:

- [Judging via the Web - Organisers](#)
- [Judging via the Web - Judges](#)

Independent judging

Each judge reviews the images and assigns sores via a browser in their own time. They can stop and restart the process at will. When all the judges have scored all the images, the organiser downloads the results and can then use PhotExPresenter's lightbox to assign awards during an online meeting facility (such as Zoom).

The independent judging process is termed "Review" to distinguish from Synchronous judging, and uses PCS_Review to prepare the exhibition and retrieve the results.

Using PCS_Review

PCS_Review can be found on the "Utilities" tab of the PCS Launcher.

First run "Finalise entries" in PhotExManager. Then open PCS_Launcher, "Prepare review" and select your exhibition.

Select a medium and class and set the maximum score per judge and what is to be shown.

When the judge logs in, they will be shown the maximum score and how to enter scores and navigate to the next image etc. You can add additional instructions by typing into the box.

Add to the list of judges as necessary, and tick the ones that will be judging this class.

You can then select another class and tick the judges for that class. You do not have to enter all the judges for all the classes at this time if you do not want to – you can return to PCS_Review and add them later. When you have finished, click "Apply" to exit.

If a judge is judging more than one class, they will be shown a list of the classes and can select the one they wish to judge in that session.

When the judges have completed their task, they can click a link to send you an email.

Inviting the reviewers

Reviewers can access the review pages with a URL of the form

http://photocompentries.net/review.aspx?org=*your organisation id*

If you have more than one competition that is on the web for review, you will need to use

http://photocompentries.net/review.aspx?org=*your organisation id*& comp=*competition*

name

Note you can put this link on the clipboard when uploading with the button at the bottom of the page.

Reviewers will be asked for a password – this is their email address as recorded by you when creating the review.

Checking progress

You can check on progress with photoCompEntries.net/admin.aspx?org=*your organisation's ID*

Enter your name and your organisation's Web password.

Select the competition of interest and click the "Review" button. This will provide summary for each class of the progress of each judge.

Applying the results

When all the judges have completed judging a class, use PCS_Review and the "Apply results" button.

Select a medium and class. With several judges, you can decide whether to show the sum of the judges' ratings as the total, or the average. If some are unscored (for example, a judge was not shown their own image), you can use the average of the other judges' scores. Click "Apply" to download and apply the judge's scores.

You can then click "Show statistics" or "Accept entries by score" as you would if judging "in the room" or using synchronous judging.

If you need to split a score band to achieve your acceptance rate, click "Accept entries by score" and enter the band you need to rescore and click the button. This will allow the judges to select from the entries in the band with in/out keys. When they have competed this task, run PCS_Review/Apply results again to apply the selection – you can choose if entries are accepted by majority vote or if one judge selects them.

When you click "Apply results", the current scores for all classes are downloaded (whether a judge has been completed their scoring or not). You can then process any completed classes – this transfers the scores to your entrants.xml file and calculates average scores etc as requested. You can then download again later to process other classes but any classes you have already processed will not be affected.

When you click "Finish" you will be asked if you have completed the judging for all classes, and if so, can the image files be deleted from the web server.

Printing comments

Judges can enter comments – for example if they think an image should be disqualified. If there are comments for the images, the "Export comments" button will be available on the main page. Click this to produce a Microsoft Word document (If you have MS Word on your machine) or text document, containing a paragraph for each entry with the comments from each reviewer who left one.

Testing

You can download a "mini competition" from www.photocompsoftware.com/pcs/ PCS_Remote_Judging_Test.zip

Unzip this to somewhere where you can find it again – it produces a folder called "PCS_Remote_Judging_Test".

You can then use PhotExPresenter in the usual way to see how the process works. The RJTest competition has four entrants. There are two classes:

- Open – has 4 entrants, each with 1 entries. A Gold medal and a Silver medal are available
- Nature has 2 entrants, each with one entry. A medal and some "Commendeds" are available.