

# PSSA member QUESTIONNAIRE 2013

(The purpose of the questionnaire is to determine your perception of preservation of digital image files, the file types you use and the expected life time of your files to enable you to open (access), view and edit them in the future. There is no right or wrong answer we need your experience over time to be shared with us in this questionnaire)

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## **INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU START COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

- 1 The questionnaire consists of 14 questions.
- 2 This is an interactive pdf file which will allow you to fill in the applicable boxes. Where a YES or NO is needed for input it will allow you one of two options.
- 3 If any other response is needed, please use the space provided.
- 4 Please be as honest as possible with your responses.
- 5 On completion, please press the SUBMIT button which will automatically send the questionnaire to me via email.

THANK YOU! Antenie Carstens (*FPSSA, ARPS*)

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- 1 How many years are you practicing **digital** photography?
- 2 What does the concept "digital image file preservation" mean to you?  
Explain briefly:

3 How important is the preservation of digital image files for future generations?  
[Your opinion about the importance] Mark your choice with an **X**

Very important

Moderately important

Not important

4 Is it important to have unlimited access to your image files for years to come?

YES

NO

5 If your response is YES for the above question, can you briefly state the 2 most important reasons according to your judgment?

6 Do you think that the file format you are using for storing images will always be accessible in the future?

YES

NO

7 If your response is NO to the above, what are you reason(s)?

8 Have you made a study of the factors that will prevent you from access of files in the future?

YES

NO

9 If your response is YES to above question, give briefly at least two sources.

- 10 What is the expected lifetime of the file format you are presently using to save your images?  
Months [how many]  
OR  
Years [how many]
- 11 Which factors will determine the longevity of a file format? [Give two or three factors]
- 12 Which file format do you use when exposing or capturing images in your camera?  
(a) raw (b) jpg (c) tiff (d) other:  
If response is (d) "other" please indicate here:
- 13 Why do you save in this format indicated above?

(If your response is based on your own research, please give a reference in your own words.)

- 14 Any other comments.

Please click the **submit button**.