

Johann van der Walt CV

Johann joined the Photographic Society of South Africa in 2002 and in the same year successfully applied for his Licentiate in prints. In 2006 he received his Associateship in digital photography and in 2011 he became a Fellow of the Society.

In 2007 Johann was elected to the Board of Directors of PSSA as a regional director. He held this position until 2011 when he was elected as a national director of PSSA.

In 2011 Johann was elected as President of PSSA for a two year term. Currently Johann is a director of PSSA. After completion of his term as president of PSSA, Johann was involved in a series of events to give the PSSA members more exposure to the international photography landscape. Johann was responsible for the second PSSA International Salon and for the international Africa Photographic Awards in 2013. Johann also arranged four joint international photographic print exhibitions between members of PSSA and Chinese photographers. Two of these exhibitions were held in Bellville in the Western Cape and two in Museum Africa in Johannesburg Gauteng. Based on signatures and group attendance on record, the 2014 print exhibition in Museum Africa were visited by more than 6000 people and the 2015 exhibition by more than 10000 people. Johann is currently busy with the arrangements of a follow-up exhibition for 2016. Johann also created an international salon group for members of PSSA, for which he negotiates discounted group entries to international salons. The group is current about 70 members strong. In the 2016 Greek Circuit the South African group came 7th in the group standing list out of 56 international groups.

As part of the electronic communication portfolio Johann was instrumental in the automation of the Honours Administration system as well as in the much more visible mass email communication to the members of PSSA.

In 2014 Johann received his fellowship from the Royal Photographic Society.

Johann is an honorary member of PSSA and also an honorary member of China Photographers Association.

Johann will continue to serve the members of PSSA wherever he can.