

CITATION FOR THE DOBSON HENRY MEDAL (LdF)

The nominee joined the audio visual world in 1992 and as well as an AV author has been active in the organisation of AV plus as helping and encouraging other AV workers since 1995. This includes organising a considerable number of National Seminars for the Audio Visual Department (DIAF) of the Italian Federation of Photographic Associations (FIAF) and a large number of AV workshops and themed programmes, teaching both AV production and technique. He has also worked jointly with Italian, English and French AV authors to translate audio visual productions.

The nominee has been a collaborator in the drafting of the DIAF Newsletter writing numerous articles and supporting the organisation of the biennial and prestigious International AV Giovanni Crespi Festival in Legnano from 1996 to 2005. He is a member of the Famiglia Legnanese Photographic Group, where he is Vice President and responsible for the AV Section. He also regularly attends and contributes to photographic meetings and workshops across the northern region of Italy.

The recipient has judged many National AV Competitions in Italy, and been a Judge for International AV Competitions in France, the United Kingdom, and Germany. He has organised and been on the Jury for the annual AV International Festival "Città di Garda" from 2013 to 2018.

In 1998 he became a member of the Executive Board of the Audio Visual Department (DIAF) of the Italian Federation of Photographic Associations (FIAF). In 2008 the recipient was appointed Director of the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP) Audio Visual Service, succeeding Jacques Denis. In this role he has promoted the establishment of an international AV collection of themed presentations and updated FIAP AV documents with important information about Patronage rules. Additionally, with the aim of spreading the culture of AV worldwide, he has rationalised the database of AV authors, their productions and information on AV festivals. He is currently Head of Foreign Relations of the Audio Visual Department (DIAF) of the Italian Federation of Photographic Associations (FIAF), the lead for Italy's audio visual education programme and, since 2007, has arranged the Italian National AV Circuit.

This recipient has a commendable ambition to establish an international audio visual collection that is both an historical record as well as an inspiration for new authors. Currently the collection contains over 100 productions.

For his outstanding contribution to the Audio Visual medium, especially furthering the activity of AV on a global scale, I am delighted to announce that **Lorenzo de Francesco** AV-BFI is awarded the Dobson Henry medal.