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Maurice and Liliane Dorikens were both born in Antwerp in 1936. They both hold the degree of Doctor of Science at Ghent University and were together for 40 years in scientific research in nuclear physics. Maurice is a Professor of nuclear physics and Liliane was a Doctor. They ended their careers as curators for the Museum of the History of Science of Ghent University.

Maurice has been involved in photography since his early youth. He was a renowned black and white photographer and achieved almost all prizes and medals to be gained, at home and abroad. He also holds the distinction MFIAP, the highest award in amateur photography. Liliane enjoyed colour printing and she also won many prizes and was awarded the distinction EFIAP.

From 1969 they worked together to support audio visual production and in 1989 they founded the DCB (Diaporama Club of Belgium) and Maurice has been Chairman since its inception. Liliane was Secretary and Newsletter Editor until her death last year, producing the DCB Bulletin in both French and Flemish editions.

Maurice was President of FIAP from 1985 – 1991 and Liliane held a position on FIAP Congress as a translator and referee. Maurice rendered the RPS eminent service at the time of the first London Festival of Diaporama by allowing FIAP to patronise the Festival. FIAP is an association of national federations, so the only proper member for the UK is the PAGB; however this did not stop Maurice from persuading his colleagues to patronise our festival. This was very important at the time as authors from abroad would not have entered otherwise.

Both Maurice and Liliane were involved in organising the RPS AV Group weekend in Antwerp in 1991 when several leading British AV workers lectured and showed their work.

In 2006 they were both involved in organising the Flanders Festival in Kortemark, an International Diaporama Festival by invitation, featuring high definition projection on a huge screen.

Both Maurice and Liliane have served on the RPS AV Festival Jury – Maurice in 1988 and Liliane in 1992.

On behalf of the RPS AV Group Committee we are delighted to present the Dobson Henry medal to Maurice and Liliane jointly in recognition of all the work that they have done for the DCB and AV in general.