

## STATEMENT FROM THE TBM WORKING GROUP

The Time Based Media Working Group was formed following the suspension of the Audio Visual distinction panel in September 2010. The new working group met on Thursday 28 October 2010 to consider the way forward and have now made the following initial recommendations.

1. A new distinction panel should be formed called 'Multimedia & Narrative', including the previous Audio Visual and Film & Video (Moving Image) panels and encompassing time based media and the new technologies (both present and future). The output of the imagery from large screen to television, and tablet to personal devices will all be considered in relation to defining both audience and context. The distinction will have common ground in terms of the creative elements of looking and seeing, of meaning and critical debate as well as the balance between words, sound and pictures. The technical skills will depend on the purpose and function of the work and the authorship of such work should be declared. In making this recommendation, it acknowledges that The Society's distinctions encompass those that make photography and others that use photography.
2. The rapid advancement in the photographic technologies are acknowledged and in particular the convergence between still and moving image capture, and recommends that all picture based distinction panels consider this within their individual remit.

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Michael Hallett FRPS, the TBM Working Group included the following: Andy Golding (University of Westminster), Dr. Daniel Meadows HonFRPS (Cardiff University), Jonathan Shaw FRPS (Coventry University), Robert Albright FRPS (representing the RPS AV community and beyond) and Nick Scott FRPS. Ian Bateman FRPS (RPS AV) and Sandy Cleland FRPS (DAB) are members of the panel but contributed in other ways.

These recommendations are open for comment. Any observations should be sent to Carol Agar, Special Projects Manager ([carol@rps.org](mailto:carol@rps.org)). The TBM Working Group will meet again late-February or March forming recommendations to the DAB and Council.