

Monthly Newsletter of the French Stereoscopic Club # 1027 – January 2020

Editorial

I would like to start this decade with long life wishes to the French Stereo-Club despite an environment which does not look favorable to the world of stereoscopy.

In the amateur field, the production of stereoscopic cameras, 3D television, auto-stereoscopic screen came to a complete stop while the production of 3D projectors was strongly reduced. Amateurs have to turn to the second-hand market. Only the smartphone market is expanding, both in 2D and 3D, but the technology does seem fully mature.

In the professional field, filmmaking often turns towards either synthesis or conversion instead of direct stereo shooting.

However there are still new inventive and ingenious stereoscopists all over the world, see e.g.: a stereoscope without lenses, coupling devices for smartphones, edition of personal works in 3D, use of drones...

Our members, whether amateurs or professionals, individually or through regional groups, bring an abundant quality production in still images or video images to our regular screening sessions.

The French Stereo Club remains *the* place where to exchange ideas and to share images, thanks to its members and to a few dedicated people:

- ! The monthly newsletter, edited by Pierre Meindre, publishes numerous articles and stereoscopic views. En (bulletin@image-en-relief.fr);
- ! Thierry Mercier manages the ISU CODE, the sharing platform between member clubs of the International Stereoscopic Union (tfmercie@club-internet.fr);
- ! The web site, managed by François Lagarde, displays stereoscopic works from our members (albums, videos, ...) and provides links to external sources. It will be extended through the "3D Media Library" to be set up this year (francois.lagarde1@orange.fr);
- ! J.-Yves Gresser leads the "Heritage and Travel" group (igresser@sfr.fr).

Do not hesitate to send them your texts and images. We will give them due consideration and care.

To come next in 2020:

- ! The "Florilège 2020", a collection of images of Club members, will be sent to you shortly. It should illustrate the extraordinary possibilities of stereoscopy;
- ! A new version of the Stereo Club glossary (publicly available), currently under complete revision.

With 360 ° shooting, virtual reality and immersion open new routes for stereoscopists. We would like the Stereo Club to go along. Professor Philippe Fuchs, eminent expert in this subject, will give us a key address on this subject on January 15 in Paris.

If you have any particular wishes or projects, please do not hesitate to contact me at surpresident@image-enrelief.orgou06 11 15 38 25.

The richness of our activities relies strongly on the dedication of the members of the board of directors and executive office. They deserve our warm thanks.

Currently a few directors assignment are still vacant. Furthermore if one of these members is no longer available, none is ready to take over. The Stereo Club survival requires new directors. To become one of them does not necessarily require special skills, only the will to dedicated some time to our common asset: the Stereo the Club.

Please think about it now and be ready to answer the official call for new candidates in the February letter, in time for the March general assembly.

Starting 2020, I wish you the best for health and happiness with your loved ones, and a year full of stereoscopic discoveries and pleasures.

Your chairman
Patrick Demaret

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