



## **Fellowship Advisory Days Regional Guidelines**

(Based on those issued by the Society in March 2010.)

### **Who May Attend**

Only those eligible to apply for Fellowship ie, current members of the Society with ARPS, may attend a Fellowship Advisory Day. Due to the limited availability of places, members may attend only one Fellowship Advisory Day anywhere, and the Distinctions Department will maintain a central list of attendance.

### **Format**

Each Fellowship Advisory Day will be led by two advisors appointed by the Distinctions Department, with up to twelve participants. There will be no additional observers, and the format will be a round-table discussion using prints. Other media (slides, projected digital, audiovisual, moving image) are not feasible.

### **Preparation and what to bring**

Participants must be fully familiar with the relevant sections of the current Distinctions Handbook applicable to their intended topic.

Participants are expected to bring:

- A draft of the Statement, as described in the Distinctions Handbook.
- A significant body of work for discussion, meaning 20-30 prints. Ideally, prints will be mounted. There is a limited capacity to handle unmounted prints.

The Society is expected shortly (in 2012) to implement a requirement that a Fellowship application must use all new work ie, there may be no repetition of work used for Associateship. Applicants would be required to deliver copies of any Associateship application so that the requirement can be verified. In view of this change, you should not bring more than a few examples of work previously used for Associateship.

### **Background Information**

A survey amongst Thames Valley members suggests that approximately one in six of those with Associateship are currently aiming to get Fellowship.

Recent annual reports show that the Society receives about 100 applications for Fellowship each year, of which only about 15 are successful. For example, if the 12 participants at a Fellowship Advisory Day all applied, then current experience is that only 2 would pass.

Overall, Fellowship Advisory Days are intended to improve the level of preparation of applicants. They are likely to achieve that aim partly by demonstrating that only a few should apply, and partly by ensuring that those few are better prepared.