



The IAC is the governing body of amateur movie makers together with those involved in the audio/visual hobby.

It began in the early 30s as the Institute of Amateur Cinematographers, but is now known as the IAC - The Film and Video Institute. It is a registered charity and part of its responsibilities is to organise international film festivals and to provide education in the activities it promotes.

It is divided into eight regions, each of which is governed by its own council. The South East Region of the IAC is known as SERIAC and is one of the most populous and active of all the regions in terms of amateur movies.

Many members join the IAC to take advantage of the inexpensive and easy arrangements on offer for obtaining copyright clearance on recorded music for use in their films. Others join to enjoy the benefits which come from keeping in touch with like minded people . Indeed, there are many advantages in belonging to the IAC including the excellent magazine which is free to members and published 6 times a year.

Other activities within the Region

Triangle competitions are arranged with neighbouring clubs, programmes of films are swapped, links with foreign clubs are forged and this often results in trips to the continent. Clubs, mainly from Sussex, compete in the Spring Albany competition—based on a theme and set in advance.

The Channel Isles

These are part of our Region and each Autumn the Guernsey Lily International Festival takes place.

There are special rates in the luxury hotel for those attending. The standard of films is high as is the welcome and hospitality of the organizers.

Inter Region Competitions

Two competitions are held between the IAC Regions. These are The Mermaid and Mini-Mermaid Trophies.

National IAC AGM Weekend

SERIAC takes it in turn, with other regions, to host the National IAC AGM weekend. We offer a variety of excursions, a gala dinner, talks and film shows. It is held in excellent accommodation with an opportunity to explore the surrounding area. This is to take place in October 2010 at the Beach Hotel, Worthing, Sussex.

BIAFF

In 2007 we proudly hosted the British International Amateur Film Festival weekend at Royal Tunbridge Wells. This was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

County Festivals

Our region is unusual in having separate film festivals for each of the three main counties.

Kent Film Festival

Held each autumn in the beautiful city of Canterbury. It's an all day affair starting before lunch and finishing with the awards in the early evening.

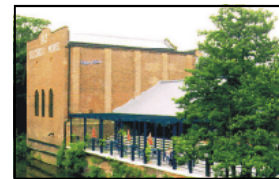
The venue is in the superb cinema of Christ Church University. There are 15 trophies to be won including student and junior awards. The Festival is held in September each year.



Surrey Film Festival

This is held in the Electric Theatre in Guildford which has excellent projection facilities.

The festival runs through the afternoon and into the early evening where there are numerous trophies to be won.



Sussex Film Festival

Oldest of the county festivals this takes place in October at the Wivelsfield Green Village Hall. The festival runs through the afternoon and part of the early evening with a table full of trophies.

