Common Photographic Abbreviations

CPS: That's us!, Colchester Photographic Society, affiliated to the PAGB through the EAF.
http://www.colchesterphotosoc.co.uk

EAF: The East Anglian Federation of Photographic Clubs. Our region and one of the 15 regional Photographic Federations of the PAGB.
http://www.eaf.org.uk

PAGB: The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain, founded in 1930, it is the co-ordinating body for its 15 autonomous, regional, Photographic Federations and Unions. The PAGB organises a number of National Events and offers its Awards for Photographic Merit (APM) to Club members.

CPAGB = Credit
DPAGB = Distinction
MPAGB = Master
APAGB and HonPAGB for service to the PAGB and its affiliated Clubs.

http://www.thepagb.org.uk

FIAP: The Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique. More than 85 national associations are members, comprising nearly one million individual photographers. FIAP gives its Patronage to many International Exhibitions and Salons and awards its own distinctions AFIAP, EFIAP and MFIAP. They also organise Biennial competitions in several genres. Both Scotland and Wales were members of FIAP before the PAGB joined. Scotland has maintained its membership constantly and the WPF rejoined a few years ago so both access FIAP services and competitions via their own FIAP Officer. (North Wales is not separately affiliated to FIAP
https://www.fiap.net

PSA: The Photographic Society of America, has many non-USA members and, like FIAP, offers its patronage to International Exhibitions as well as awarding its own Star Rating and distinctions such as APSA, EPSA and GMPSA. https://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?home RPS, the Royal Photographic Society, is the oldest of these organisations, dating from 1853, and is comprised of around 11,000 fee paying individual members, amateur and professional, mostly in the UK. It has a substantial permanent staff based in its HQ in Bath and, with the help of many volunteers, arranges a full programme of exhibitions and education. It offers distinctions, to its members only, of:

LRPS = Licentiate
ARPS = Associate
FRPS = Fellowship

plus Honorary distinctions for service to the Society
http://www.rps.org

BPE: The British Photographic Exhibitions, an affiliation of 20 UK National Exhibitions and offers its own BPE Crown Awards, as well as ABPE and FBPE, for participation in them.
http://www.britishphotographicexhibitions.org.uk/