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**To all Presidents of the FISM member-societies,
and Delegates in the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the FISM**

Great News from Belgium and Beijing

What a joy to start this Newsletter with the great news that International Vice-President **Gerrit Brengman** from Belgium is recovering from his illness very well and is already able to pick up some of his tasks in the Presidium. I am sure that you will join **Domenico Dante** and me in welcoming him back aboard.

From the 22-28 of July 2010, Gerrit Brengman joined me in accepting an official invitation to pay a visit to Mr. **Hu Zhenmin**, Managing Vice-Chairman of the China Federation of Literary and Art Circles (CFLAC) and President of the Chinese Organizing Committee of FISM WCM2009 and to Mr. **Shao Xuemin**, the new Director of the China Acrobats Association.

On this occasion we were able to as yet hand over to Mr. Hu Zhenmin the big FISM Trophy for his great dedication and commitment to make the FISM WCM2009 a successful event. Due to unforeseen circumstances this could not have taken place during the closing ceremony of the WCM in Beijing. Our visit to the CFLAC and the CAA was considered a high status visit, in the presence of many high officials of both the CFLAC and the CAA, as you may see on the picture.



During this visit, all open issues regarding the organization of FISM WCM2009 were closed in a very constructive way and a page was turned.

Mr. Hu Zhenmin offered FISM for the future all the help the CFLAC and CAA could provide and has expressed the wish to consider a more permanent partnership between the CFLAC/CAA and FISM.

We will certainly look into the possibilities in a positive way, being aware that such a partnership can be mutually beneficial.



FISM North America Championships of Magic 2011 (13-16 July 2011)

After 4 years of discussions with the member-societies of FISM North America, I take great pleasure in informing you that **Bradley Jacobs**, the representative of the Society of American Magicians (SAM), has officially reported to the Presidium that the SAM shall host and organize the **1st FISM North America Championships of Magic (NACM)**



The NACM is a part of the annual SAM convention, to be held in Pittsburgh from 13th till 16th of July 2011

Current President of the S.A.M. is **Mark Weidhaas**.

The aim of the NACM is to elect the North America Champion(s) of Magic and to select contestants for the FISM World Championships of Magic 2012 (FISM WCM2012) in Blackpool. The NACM is open to all members of the SAM, the IBM, the Canadian Association of Magicians and of the Academy of Magical Arts, provided that they are registered for the convention and follow the application procedures. Members of the mentioned societies can only apply for participation in the WCM2012 via the NACM. There may be up to 15 winners across six categories of magic. Importantly, 1st and 2nd prizewinners of all six performance categories not only have a guaranteed access to the 2012 FISM World Championship of Magic but they are exempt from paying the competition fee. Further details and Rules of Competition for NACM2011 will be available on the SAM website <http://www.magicsam.com>, shortly after the 6th of September.

With the competence and enthusiasm of the NA Executive Board and the leadership of SAM convention organizer, **John Apperson** and his team, the first FISM NACM can only be a stellar success.

New Membership: Society of Irish Magicians

Congratulations to the Society of Irish Magicians (SIM) on becoming a full member of the FISM as of the 1st of May 2010.

33 Member-societies (about 39% of all societies) have cast their vote in a positive way.

The Presidium regrets that some 50 member-societies didn't take the trouble to react and especially the European member-societies that didn't vote should be ashamed. One wonders whether their Presidents are 'delegates in good standing' as the Statutes refer to.

Anyhow, for sure the Presidents of the 33 societies, who have shown their commitment and responsibility, will enjoy priority seating at the FISM WCM2012 in Blackpool.

Membership of the SIM can be of significant importance for FISM as they have already showed an interest in hosting either a European Championship of Magic or a World Championship of Magic in the near future. A challenge not many European member-societies can afford to face.

As a result of this serious interest, I have been invited to the opening of the brand new CONVENTION CENTRE DUBLIN on the 7th of September 2010.



BIMF2010 (4-8 August 2010)

The **Busan International Magic Festival** has been held yearly since 2006. Busan is a Metropolitan city in South Korea. The 4 days festival aims primarily at the general public but by having a contest and lectures in its program, it attracts also many magicians. Chairmen of the Organizing Committee are **Mr. Hur Nam-sik**, Mayor of Busan and **Mr. An Keyong-ryul**, Member of the National Assembly. President of the Executive Committee is **Mr. Kang Yeol-woo**, Dean of Academic Affairs at Busan Arts College.



The BIMF is run by a huge staff and with the help of over 100 volunteers to be of service to the guests. The programmer of the staff is **Mr. Kim Hyung-june** (Casa), Professor of Dong Pusan College. He did a tremendous job in keeping the program running like clockwork and preventing calamities. After the festival he looked like he could use some hours of sleep!

Many booked performers were former FISM contestants and prizewinners. This year there were a.o. **Soma, Shawn Farquhar, MaYanYan, Johan Ståhl, Mayuko, Jerome Helfenstein, Sebastian Nicolas, Mikael Szanyiel, Cheff Magic, Junge Junge**, in addition to great FISM performers from Korea like **Han Seoul-Hui, Lee Yongwoo, Yoo Hyunmin** and **Kim Minhyung**. The many 'FISM performers' were reason to think of a partnership between the BIMF and FISM. Who knows?

I was invited as a guest at the BIMF2010 and to deliver a speech to the organizers of the festival on "Present and Future of the Magic Industry". I talked about the Magic Industry in a broad sense: everybody who earns money out of magic, other than as a magician himself who artistically performs magic.

Domenico Dante, who has been a jury member since the beginning of the BIMF, elaborated on the present and future of a specific part of the magic industry: the magic dealers.

A remarkable question of one of the organizers was: *'Why do you think Magic is an Art?'* After the lecture I asked him why he asked the question and he answered that he worked for the Government and when he tried to get money from the Cultural Department he was asked that question and couldn't respond to it. He kindly told me that after my answer, he would do better next time.

For the magicians I had a lecture on FISM and the development of magic in the past 50 years, followed later by being a member in a Q and A session, in which magicians could ask every question about magic they wanted to ask. Other panel members were **Dale Salwak, Gay Ljungberg, Yugi Yamamoto and Yusi Yasuda**. Interesting questions were *How can I become a member of a magic club? Should magicians continue to perform with outdated objects or should they use recognizable contemporary objects?* and *How can one win a prize at a FISM World Championship of Magic?*

All in all the BIMF is a festival worth your and our attention.

The winner of the competition, by the way, was **Ha Won Keun** from Korea with a non-traditional act. Remember the name. I am sure you will hear and see more of him in the near future.

FISM Latin-American Championships of Magic 2011 (8-13 March 2011)



Héctor Carrión, Secretary General of FLASOMA (Federation of Latin American Magic Societies) and President of FISM Latin America, has announced that the dates of the FLASOMA convention 2011, which will include the first FISM Latin America Championship of Magic and which will take place in Guatemala, have been changed to 8-13 March 2011.

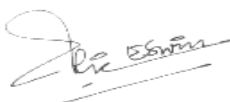
Current President of FLASOMA is **Luis Karias**.

For further information see <http://www.flasomaguatemala.com/>

FISM Championships of Magic Agenda

- FISM European Championships 18-20 February 2011 Blackpool, England
<http://www.blackpoolmagic.com/convention-2011>
- FISM Latin America Championships 08-13 March 2011 Guatemala, Central America
<http://www.flasomaguatemala.com/>
- FISM Oceania Championships 09-10 July 2011 Melbourne, Australia
<http://fismoceania.com/oceania-championships/>
- FISM North America Championships 13-16 July 2011 Pittsburgh, U.S.A.
<http://www.magicsam.com>,
- FISM Asia Championships t.b.d. in 2010 Japan (?)
- FISM World Championships 09-14 July 2012 Blackpool, England
<http://www.fismwcm2012.com/>

Kind Regards,



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International President