



**FISM**<sup>TM</sup>

Fédération Internationale des Sociétés Magiques  
International Federation of Magic Societies

# FISM Newsletter

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

Dear Mr. President, Dear Friend in Magic,

after a short holiday, we're back with a first newsletter since the installation of the new Presidium.

The meeting of the General Assembly in Blackpool went smoothly and the delegates came prepared. A columnist in one of the magic magazines remarked that the delegates showed 'to have come of age'.

I'd like to remind you of the most important decisions that were reached.

## **INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

I was elected with a majority of 308 (75,12%) out of 410 votes against 92 (22,43%) for my opponent Angel de Vicente from Spain.

## **INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS:**

Of the candidates for the office, Gerrit Brengman was elected in the first round with a majority of 253 votes (61,70%). From the eight other contenders Albert Tam from Hong Kong had a score of 140 (34,14%), Peter Din (France) and Max Maven (U.S.) both had 129 (31,46%) and Derek Lever followed with a total of 60 votes (14,63%).

In the second round Peter Din had the highest score of 131 and was elected. Albert Tam had 114, Max Maven 102 and Derek Lever 54.

The newly installed Presidium takes the opportunity to thank you once again for your trust.

## **ADMISSION NEW SOCIETIES:**

Four new Societies joined FISM. Each of them was admitted with a big majority of votes:

- *Sark Magic Society* (Channel Islands) - President: Mr. Peter Willats – votes 370
- *Magician's Society of Bangladesh* - President: Mr. Ali Raj – votes 388
- *Masters of Magic* (Italy) - President: Mr. Walter Rolfo – votes 343
- Korea Magic Ass. of DPRK (North Korea) - President: Mr. Kim ThaeK Song – votes 319

### **COMEDY MAGIC:**

The proposal of the NMU (Dutch Magic Union) to abandon “Comedy Magic” as a separate category and to re-introduce Special Awards for “Comedic Presentation” in any category was rejected with a majority of 207 votes.

### **VENUE FOR THE WCM 2015:**

Rimini, Italy was elected with a majority of 241 (55,52%) out of 434 votes (the new members also cast their vote) against 193 (44,47%) for Busan, Korea.

### **HONORARY PRESIDENT:**

Last but not least, a majority of 243 votes (55,99%) voted in favour of Mr. Eric Eswin’s appointment as Honorary President of the Federation.

Of course now it’s time to look to the future. We already had a first productive meeting in Paris and we intend to keep you informed about all decisions, and proposals on a regular basis.

### **NEWSLETTERS:**

We’ll try to send you a newsletter about every two months and we intend to do so in the four official FISM languages. Thanks to Peter Din you already receive this newsletter in French. Now we’re still looking for someone we can entrust with the German and Spanish translation. *If you are a candidate, please let us know.*

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **TREASURER**

Within the Presidium Peter Din will hold the function of treasurer. Peter is a certificated accountant. He developed a computer bookkeeping and administration tool that will prove very useful in the future.

#### **FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE (FRC)**

The FRC, first appointed by the Presidium in March 2012, is confirmed for a period of 6 years (i.e. till after the WCM 2018). It is composed by:

- Héctor Carrión, Secretary General of FLASOMA
- André Ciocca, Honorary President of the Club des Magiciens de Lausanne
- Bradley Jacobs, President of FISM North America

#### **The objectives of the FRC are:**

- to control by audit test the triennial accounts and to present a report to the General Assembly
- to examine the accounts presented by the Treasurer once a year
- to advise the Executive Board whenever required

#### **Fee and expenses**

No fee is allocated to the Members of the FCR and travel expenses can only be reimbursed for essential specific meetings.

### **INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT**

The audit of the annual accounting and the tax declaration addressed to the Tax Commission in Lausanne, Switzerland, where FISM is officially registered, will be executed on a voluntary basis by Jean-Claude Mugny, Fiduciary and Secretary of the Club des Magiciens de Lausanne.

### **SECRETARY**

To lighten the task of the International President, Ms. Priska Walther (Switzerland) accepted to serve as technical secretary, doing so on a voluntary basis.

### **MARKETING ADVISER**

Miss Malaika Brengman (Belgium), accepted (also on a voluntary basis) to act as Marketing Adviser for the Federation. One of her assignments will be to assist in making FISM better known to the general public.

Malaika (PhD in Applied Economics) is Associate Professor and Philips Lighting Endowed Chair Holder at the Department of Business at the Brussels Free University (VUB). For over a decade she has been lecturing courses in Marketing, Consumer Behaviour, Marketing Communications, e-Business, Services and Customer Relationship Management at the VUB and several other universities and institutions. (Passionate about Arts in general, she inherited the love for Magic from her father.)

### **JURY QUALIFICATION SYSTEM (JQS)**

We discussed at length how a system to form and appoint judges for the future championships could be initiated.

With this in view a committee will be set up to work out the details. We'll keep you informed of the progress in a next Newsletter.

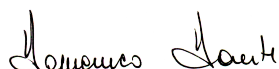
### **SPENDING REVIEW**

We've started work on a detailed operational budget and we're giving special attention to what can be done to cut the expenses.

### **NEW NAME FOR THE "PRESIDIUM"**

Several members of the General Assembly asked us to adopt a new name for the FISM Presidency. They share the opinion that the word "presidium" sounds rather pompous and out of date. *We're looking forward to your suggestions.*

Kind Regards,



Domenico Dante  
International President