



**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,

I am very pleased to come back to you after the seasonal break to inform you about what is going on.

### **THE 1st CHINA BEIJING INTERNATIONAL MAGIC CARNIVAL**



From Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 I attended this new initiative, organized by the authorities of Changping in collaboration with Mr. Dai Wuqi, President of the Asian Magic Association (AMA) and Mr. Albert Tam, President of FISM Asia.

The convention was hosted by the Ministry of Culture, the China Federation of Literary and Art Circles and the China Acrobats Association.

A long-term cooperation agreement between the city and FISM was signed.

The object of this treaty is to join forces to build Changping into a “Magic City” with unique characteristics.

The International Magic Carnival is due to take place every two years and the intention is to make the competition one of the most prestigious ones in the world. As was the case in Monte Carlo, only well established magicians and prize-winners of important competitions will be invited to take part. The international judging panel will include FISM judges with a well-established reputation. (For this 1<sup>st</sup> edition Gerrit Brengman and I were members of the jury.) The winners of the “Golden Great Wall Cup” were Sos & Victoria Petrosyan

(stage) and Henry Evans (close-up). It's worth mentioning that the trophy is made of an alloy containing 200 grams of pure gold.

The Ministry of Culture fully supports the plans to further develop Changping (located in the north west of Beijing) as a district of Science and Education where magic will be part of the curriculum. We were treated to a performance by some youngsters of a primary school where magic is already taught and could attend a lecture on magic at the University of Petroleum where magic is an optional subject. The competition and shows took place in the huge Changping Stadium, but we got the assurance that by 2014 a new theatre will be built to accommodate the Carnival.

### **WCM 2015 – SEATING OF THE DELEGATES IN RIMINI:**

The Presidium will arrange privileged seating for the delegates and their partners during the WCM 2015. If you have already registered or when you will register, please let me know (or send an e-mail to our secretary Priska Walther).

### **FISM IPDB (Intellectual Property Data Base)**

I'm glad to report that work on the project is in an advanced phase. The members of the team in Barcelona are doing a great job. All necessary elements to create the data base are now in place and Ms. Núria Ráfales will be the contact person.

We'll keep you informed about the project and in a next Newsletter you'll be given further details as well as an invitation to actively support the initiative.

### **CMBB – ITALY REINSTATEMENT**



Our former member, the Club Magico Bartolomeo Bosco – Torino, Italy, ([www.bartolomeobosco.net](http://www.bartolomeobosco.net)), a FISM society since 1985 but dormant for some time, asked for reinstatement as a FISM member. The Society is very active now with 42 members, not only organizing lectures and workshops for magicians but also promoting the Art of Magic for lay people in the small theatre headquarters of the association. We are glad to welcome them back to our Federation.

Kind Regards,

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