



**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,

In this Newsletter I take pleasure in highlighting the latest developments.

### **FISM EUROPE**

Good news from the European front !

It's now sure that the European Championships of Magic will be hosted by the French Federation (FFAP) during their convention on the Cruise Ship M/S Classica. The dates are September 24<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

After the organizers first felt compelled to cancel the venture because of the financial risks involved, they succeeded in striking a new deal with their partner Adora Voyages. A visit to the dockyard confirmed that the refurbishing of the theatre is well under way and that the stage will meet the necessary requirements to organize a flawless competition. For more information you can visit the website [www.ecm2014fism.com](http://www.ecm2014fism.com) .

### **FISM LATIN AMERICA**

From February 26<sup>th</sup> through March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the FLASOMA Convention successfully hosted the Latin American Championships of Magic in Santiago de Chile.

The next FLASOMA Convention will take place in Montevideo, Uruguay, from February 5<sup>th</sup> till 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### **JQS: JURY QUALIFICATION SYSTEM**

As promised, we keep you up to date on the progress of this important project.

A definite working group has now been established, consisting of the members of the Presidium, completed by Andrea Baioni (Italy), Magic Christian (Austria), Eberhard Riese (Germany) and Albert Tam (Hong Kong, China).



The aim is to establish a pool of qualified judges from which the Presidium can make its choice to compose the panels to judge the FISM Championships, but also to give support and legitimacy to major competitions all over the world wishing to obtain the label "FISM Approved".

Indeed, each country should be given the best possible chances to select candidates meeting the minimum FISM requirements, thus allowing them to participate in the Continental and World Championships. The presence in the national judging panels of qualified FISM judges can help to attain this goal.

With this in view, a program will be set up to form and train prospective judges. It will consist of the following steps:

- a) Laying down the requirements and criteria to become a FISM judge.
- b) Establishing a selection committee to validate the prospects, giving the ones selected the opportunity to enter an extensive training program. (Each Continental Division will be asked to appoint a Continental Jury Manager.)
- c) Drafting a manual describing the successive steps in this formation:
  - amplifying on the Contest Rules and Procedures
  - asking for an online assessment of various recorded acts
  - making it possible for the prospects to do dry runs during real competitions (taking part in all debates and giving marks that will not be taken into account, but which will give cause to in-depth discussions afterwards).

## **FISM MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

FISM, being a Federation of Societies, up to now little or no attention has been given by us to the individual members of each of the clubs and we'd like to stress that also in the future we intend to communicate with them exclusively through you, the Presidents and Delegates.

However, for quite some time we've been asked to bring about a way to make it possible to identify members of FISM affiliated Societies. (E.g. magic dealers, prepared to offer a discount to the members of FISM affiliated societies, have no control over who qualifies and the same applies to convention organizers who are prepared to charge a lower convention fee.)

So, it was decided that a Temporary Working Group will be established to study the possibilities, evaluate the practicality and possibly work out a system where the clubs receive personalized membership cards for their members. Apart from the personal particulars, the numbered card (in the form of a credit card) would carry the name of their club (or the one they rank first) and a specification of their membership (e.g. performer, tutor, collector, historian, author...). It's obvious that mere sympathizers or supporting members of a club would not qualify for such a card.

As a consequence, the number of votes of the societies and thus the contribution they have to pay would be computed according to the number of membership cards. So, one of the advantages of the system would be that only the club



favoured by the individual member would have to pay for his part of the contribution.

We realize that it will take a lot of work before we have a workable database, but we are confident that some enthusiastic magicians will be found ready to assume this arduous task.

Please be so kind to send me the names of possible volunteers having the qualifications and diligence to join this working group.

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

(<http://www.fismitaly2015.com>)

As already mentioned in our previous Newsletter, we'll arrange privileged seating for all Presidents or Delegates. When you register (or if you have already done so), please inform our secretary Priska Walther. ([pwmagic@bluewin.ch](mailto:pwmagic@bluewin.ch)).

### **WCM 2018**

We are glad to inform you that we received a second official candidature for the organization of the 2018 FISM World Championships. Finland's Magic Circle (Suomen Taikurit Ry) proposes Helsinki as the host city. We are invited for a site inspection later this year. It goes without saying that we'll keep you informed.

### **NEWSLETTERS**

It's also with pleasure that we can announce that from now on the Newsletters will be sent out in all four of the official FISM languages. We are most grateful to Mr. Wittus Witt who kindly offered to take care of the German translation.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Domenico Dante'.

Domenico Dante

International President