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

Dear Delegate, dear Friend in Magic,

It's my pleasure to keep you informed of the latest developments.

« *There is only one thing that money can't buy. True love....* ». This was the beginning of a popular song composed and sung by "The Shadows" in the sixties. These words came to my mind when the members of the FISM Consultancy Groups accepted with enthusiasm to help the BoD with their knowledge and experience. Let me say that they don't need visibility, they are already very well-known for the expertise in their field; they don't need recognition, they already have received several awards; they don't need to advance their career, they have already reached success.

They have purely and simply let their feelings speak for one of the true loves of their life: Magic. The BoD is very happy and proud to rely on such personalities. We are convinced that this collaboration will help FISM to earn its place in the pantheon of the Arts.

We are pleased to announce that two more groups are now installed. The first one, dealing with "**Legal Consultancy**" is ready to start work immediately, It will be composed of the four following members whose curriculum I'm joining :



Marc LINETT
(Toronto - CANADA)

Birthdate: 08/22/1947

Academic and Professional Resume

- Trial lawyer since 1975 to date
- Senior Partner in firm of Linett & Timmis in Toronto, Canada
- Member of the Bar of Ontario since 1975 to date
- Member of the Bar of Quebec, retired
- Member of the Bar of British Columbia, retired
- McGill University Law School, Montreal, Canada, 1973 L.L.B.
- McGill University Law School, Montreal, Canada, 1972 B.C.L.
- University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada, 1969 B.A.

Memberships

- Law Society of Upper Canada
- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Trial Lawyers Association
- Advocates' Society
- Toronto Lawyers Association

Magic Associations

- Canadian Association of Magicians
- International Brotherhood of Magicians
- Past President of Ring 17, Toronto, Canada
- Advisor to Ring 17, Toronto, Canada



Christian PIRKER
(Geneva - SWITZERLAND)

Birthdate: 06/05/1970

Academic and Professional Resume

- Admitted to the *Geneva*, 1996
- Accredited "FSA Mediator" in 2002
- Master in Law, University of Geneva Law School, Geneva, Switzerland, 1989-94
- BA in Art, Ecole du Louvre, Paris, France, 1993-96
- SAWI, Introduction to marketing, 1992

Present Position

- Founder and partner of PIRKER + PARTNER, Geneva law firm, since 2008
- Magistrate at the TPI (Geneva's first degree of the civil court), 2011
- Legal teacher at *the Head*, Geneva University of Art and Design, since 2010
- Teacher in Negotiation, Université de Lyon 3, France, since 2004
- Arbitrator, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center for domain name dispute resolution, 2004
- Curator of « Controverses », Art exhibition, venue in Switzerland, France, Belgium, Austria, Luxembourg, Italy, Czech Republic, Denmark since 2008



Dr. Detlev SPARBERG
(Saarbruecken, GERMANY)

Birthdate: 22/12/1941

Academic and Professional Resume

- Two law degrees and law doctorate
- Special training in tax and budget law and government auditing
- Head of the legal department of IRS
- Court Member and Section Leader in charge of corruption fighting at the National Audit Office, Germany
- Member of the International Board of Auditors for NATO
- Various international activities for the OECD, Paris
- Lectures in several (especially East-European) countries
- Specialized in the review of Laws and Rules

Artistic Resume

- Member of the German Magic Circle (and IBM) since about 50 years
- Specialized in performing for children in *kindergartens*

Charity Work

- Several hundred charity performances for senior homes and *kindergartens*



**Douwe W. SWIERSTRA
(Hilversum, THE NETHERLANDS)**

Birthdate: 21/02/1952

Academic and Professional Resume

- Nyenrode University - Business Administration
- University of Groningen - Study of Law specializing in contract law, intellectual property rights and international commercial law
- 34 years career in international banking and investments on four continents
- Currently: semi-retired

Artistic Resume

- Over 50 years active in magic
- Attended almost all FISM conventions from 1973
- Past member of Magic Rings in Sao Paulo, Atlanta and Pittsburgh
- Currently member of three Dutch Magical Societies
- 6 years Chief Editor of « Informagie » (National Magic Magazine), currently contributor
- Several times member of the jury at the Dutch National Magic Conventions, of which 3 times as chairman

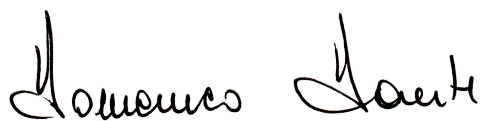
Charity Work

- Occasional coaching of junior members of the Magic Club of Central Holland
- Occasional performing during charity events

The second one, dealing with “I.P.R.” (Intellectual Property Rights) will be composed by the following members whose curriculum I will send with our next FISM Newsletter:

- BLOOM, GAETAN (France)
- CAVENEY, MIKE (U.S.A.)
- DE MATOS, LUIS (Portugal)
- HOLLINGWORTH, GUY (England)
- KEVIN, JAMES (U.S.A.)
- LEVENT (L. Cimkentli) (U.S.A.)
- MAX MAVEN (U.S.A.)
- MAYORAL, JUAN (Spain)
- PAUL DANIELS (England)
- PENROSE, SCOTT (England)
- RACHERBAUMER, JON (U.S.A.)
- RAFAEL (R. Van Herck) (Belgium)
- RAFALES, VICENTE (Spain)
- RICARDO FANTASIO (U.S.A. – Argentina)
- STEVENS, JOE (U.S.A.)
- SWIERSTRA, DOUWE (The Netherlands)
- TAM, ALBERT (Hong Kong – China)

With kinds regards,



Domenico Dante
International President



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