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## FISM Newsletter

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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 abreast of the latest developments.

### FISM WCM2021

The application of Valladolid, Spain, to organize of the World Championships of Magic in 2021, gave cause to a site inspection, the report of which I'm sending you as a supplement to this Newsletter.

Kind Regards,

Domenico Dante  
International President



# Site Inspection Report

Valladolid, Spain, autonomous region of Castile and León,  
July 18 – 21, 2016

**Inspectors :** **Domenico Dante**, FISM International President  
**Peter Din**, FISM International Vice-President

**Purpose :** Inspection of the site, visit of the city and the hotels, encounters with communal and regional political personalities, discovery of Castilian gastronomy and tourist opportunities. Presentation of the project and the budget by the organizing team.

**Hosts :** During our visit we were hosted by Angel J. de Vicente, Fernando Arribas and Juan José Rodriguez García (Consejero Delegado Pandora Producciones).

They were also joined by:

- Tony Montana
- Henry Evans
- Marceliano Arranz Rodrigo, rector of the University María Cristina de San Lorenzo de El Escorial
- Isabel Mato Martínez, Directora Gerente Sociedad Mixta para la promoción del Turismo de Valladolid, S.L.
- Chelo Miñana, Secretaria Técnica Asociación Hoteles Valladolid
- Juan Useros Fernández, Director General Feria de Valladolid
- Félix Colsa Bueno, CEO Iberex
- Óscar Puente, Mayor of Valladolid
- José Rodríguez Sanz-Pastor, Secretario General de Cultura y Turismo Junta de Castilla y León
- María Josefa García Cirac, Consejera de Cultura y Turismo Junta de Castilla y León

The visit was very well organized and we could see all that was scheduled and useful for the inspection.

**The City of Valladolid :** A middle-sized city, the capital of Castile and Leon, has a rich architecture, an excellent *cuisine* and it is offering attractive tourism and leisure options. It's said to be the heart of Castile. Throughout the year many national and international events are organized, such as the National Competition of *pinchos* and *tapas* (traditional appetizers), bringing together the greatest chefs of Spain, the International Festival of Latin Music, the International Valladolid Theatre Festival and, not to forget, the numerous attractions related to the world of wine, a speciality of this region where some internationally recognized *Grands Crus* are produced.

## Further Information :

Valladolid can easily be reached from anywhere in the world.

Its small airport welcomes a daily flight from Paris, but also several flights from most of the important cities in Europe.

Anyway, the easiest way to travel seems to be the high-speed train from Madrid, taking you to the town centre in 50 minutes. From there it only takes 10 minutes on foot to the Convention Centre or to the principal hotels of the city, none of which is situated at a distance of more than a 15 minutes' walk from the Convention Centre.

There are bus lines from Salamanca (118 km.), Leon (140 km.), Burgos (127 km.), Bilbao (280 km.)...

A major network of highways and motorways make it easy to drive to Valladolid. (A trip from Madrid takes only 2 hours.)

The region of Castile and Leon offers many varied and interesting tourist and gastronomic attractions which can make an extension of your stay most interesting.

## Climate and temperature :

In July, the warmest month of the year, the average maximum temperature is 29°C (84.2°F) and the average minimum is 14°C (57.2°F).

All hotels and areas in the Convention Centre are air-conditioned.

## Language :

Valladolid is known as the area where the purest Spanish ("Castellano") is spoken. A lot of the people we met also spoke French and English.

## Currency :

The Euro

## The Convention Centre and Trade Fair of Valladolid

The single building complex is divided into several pavilions, resulting in a simple and comfortable management of all spaces and an easy circulation.

It is situated at 5 minutes from the Plaza Mayor, which is the very heart of the city, and at a distance of less than 15 minutes on foot from even the furthest of all hotels of the city.

The Centre consists of 1 reception hall, 2 auditoriums, 4 adaptable exhibition pavilions and an interior space.

Pavilion 2 with a floor area of 8.000 m<sup>2</sup> and room for 4.500 people would be used for the dealers' exhibition (150 stands of 3m. x 2m.)

Pavilion 4 (9.000 m<sup>2</sup>) would be transformed into a permanent theatre offering all necessary facilities and a tiered seating providing an unrestricted view to 3.500 spectators. A state of the art automated stage (24m. x 16m.) would make it possible for the acts to set up and clear the stage in almost no time.

The close-up competition and gala would also benefit from a specially adapted installation ensuring a maximum comfort for the performers as well as for the audience.

We got the assurance that the HD LED broadcast screens in the stage and close-up theatres can guarantee an optimum sharpness and luminosity. Extra screens would be installed all over the building, making it possible to watch the competitions while shopping in the dealers' room or relaxing in the recreational areas.

There will be several bars, cafeterias and restaurants in the building.

The organizers drafted a budget giving special attention to the registration fee, seeing to it that prices will be as affordable as possible.

## Hotels

All categories are available, with as far as the larger ones are concerned, a predominance of 3 and 4 star hotels, but there is also a wide choice of smaller hotels.

*****	3 hotels	228 rooms	461 beds
****	17 hotels	1353 rooms	3564 beds
***	20 hotels	1112 rooms	2099 beds
**	10 hotels	390 rooms	702 beds
*	6 hotels	212 rooms	466 beds

Prices, according to the chosen category, are quoted per room (2 persons), starting at 40-50 € (average prices found on line).

Two of the 4\* hotels are situated next to the convention centre.

## Conclusion

After taking into account all positive aspects of our visit, the seriousness of the presented budget and the confirmed support of the local and regional authorities, we came to the conclusion that the city of Valladolid has given us every necessary guarantee to be considered as a worthy candidate to organize FISM 2021.