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FISM European Championships of Magic 2011



The very first FISM European Championships of Magic (ECM2011) will be held from 18-20 February 2011 in Blackpool, England.

John Pye, acting President of FISM Europe and **Derek Lever**, Organizer of the Blackpool Magic Conventions, have signed an agreement with FISM International President **Eric Eswin** and International Vice-President **Domenico Dante** on the 18th of February 2010.

The ECM, being the competition part of the Blackpool Magic Convention, fulfills your wish, as expressed during the General Assembly of July 2006 in Stockholm, that FISM's Continental Championships should preferably be a part of an existing convention.

It is a win-win situation for the European Executive Board and the Blackpool Magician's Club.

Information on FISM ECM2011 can be found at

<http://www.blackpoolmagic.com/index.php?option=pages&id=11>

FISM Latin-American Championships of Magic 2011

Another first continental championship is the FISM Latin America Championship of Magic (LACM2011), to be held in Guatemala, from 23-26 of February 2011.

The LACM2011 shall be the competition part of the FLASOMA convention.

The FLASOMA is the Federation of Latin American Magic Societies which includes about 40 member-societies from Latin America. FLASOMA has been a member of FISM since July 2009. Secretary General of FLASOMA and FISM Delegate is **Hector Carrión**. President of FLASOMA and convention organizer is **Luis Karias**. See <http://www.flasomaguatemala.com/>



FISM Oceania Championships of Magic 2011



Also a first is the FISM Oceania Championship of Magic (OCM2011) that will be held in Melbourne, Australia on the 9th and 10th of July 2011. Organizer is the Australian Institute of Magic with **Sue-Anne Webster** as President and **Tim Ellis** heading the Organization Team.

The AIM is the only FISM member-society in Oceania. To give more magicians from Australia and New Zealand the possibility to enter the FISM OCM2011, the AIM has offered non-members the possibility to become associate-

members and enter the OCM2011.

The Oceania Champions of Magic (Stage and Close-up) are offered a guaranteed and free participation in the FISM World Championships of Magic 2012 and a return flight ticket to Blackpool. Wow!

Take a look at <http://fismoceania.com/oceania-championships/>

30th anniversary of The College of Magic (CoM)

The 30th anniversary of The College of Magic of South Africa was celebrated with IMAGINE, a huge magic production that was held from 3-10 April 2010. FISM Delegate **Craig Mitchell** played a significant role in its production.

If you want to see the quality of magic in South Africa, just click the following YouTube clip:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZS2s6nAMb0>

You may also look at some pictures of the shows at

http://www.facebook.com/photo_search.php?oid=2351849610&view=all

As you all know FISM (South) AFRICA consists of the member societies SAMCO and the CoM. It would be great if they will be able to organize the FISM South African Championships of Magic before the closing date for participation in the FISM WCM2012 (15th of March 2012)

We can hardly wait to welcome the South African Champions of Magic at the FISM WCM2012 in Blackpool.



FISM World Championships of Magic 2012



Preparations for a giant and wonderful FISM WCM2012 are in full swing in Blackpool. Registrations are beyond belief and it will not surprise us when **Derek Lever**, Organizing President of the FISM WCM2009 will have a complete sell out at 3000 conventioners.

Of course the competition will be the very important part of it. With participation of the continental champions of Europe, Latin America and Oceania (and with a bit of luck Africa, Asia and North America as well) it looks like we will have a high quality competition with a full strength of 150 competitors. The allocated numbers of contestants for each continent will be announced soon. Closing date for the applications (via the Presidents of the FISM member-societies) is the 15th of March 2012. See also

<http://www.blackpoolmagic.com/index.php?option=pages&id=22>

New innovative horizons

In the magic world a lot of conventions, festivals, lectures, workshops are held. A FISM Newsletter is not the place to promote them all, unless it is a very remarkable one, like the



ESSENTIAL MAGIC CONFERENCE 15-16-17 JULY, 2010

The Essential Magic Conference (EMC) is an initiative of **David Britland, Luis de Matos** and **Marco Tempest** and it is a remarkable conference for many reasons.

It is the very first large scale DIGITAL conference of Magic. You don't have to travel; you can just enjoy it and participate from your comfortable chair at home.

The entire conference will be broadcast via the internet.

More than 30 well-known and respected magicians from all over the world will lecture and demonstrate live on the web.

Amongst the Speakers there are a lot of FISM award winners, such as: **Cyril Takayama, Lennart Green, Helder Guimarães, Richard MacDougall, Gaetan Bloom** and **Topas**. Also the well-known **Mike Caveney, Ton Onosaka** and **Guy Hollingworth** will participate.

If you don't find the time to watch all the lectures during the 3 day conference, you can view them on-demand later. It is however not a matter of a one-way communication. You can interact with the speakers and ask them questions.

This concept of a magic conference on the web is really a breakthrough in magic conventions. It might be an answer to the question why so many magic conventions as we know them nowadays suffer more and more from declining participants. In our opinion magic conferences on the web shall not completely replace the traditional magic conventions, but they can be a very welcome and promising addition to them. Just like the on-line buying of magic tricks and books is a very attractive and widely used addition to a visit to a magic dealer at a magic convention.

As the EMC can be considered a major innovative step forward in the modern age development of magic, FISM has agreed to join this conference and will participate in the lectures. We can tell subscribers about FISM, its position in the magic world, the difference between FISM and magic societies, the member-societies, the World Championships of Magic, the Continental Championships of Magic, the future of the FISM, etc. in an attractive way.

It will be a unique opportunity to make FISM and its strategy for the future known to a large number of magicians all over the world.

This kind of information shall be useful for you as well as for the members of your society.

We highly recommend the EMC2010 and invite you to make this event widely known to all your members as soon as possible.

The EMC will take place on the **15th, 16th and 17th of July 2010**.

EMC2010 subscription is €55,- (US \$ 75,-) including a set of DVDs containing every lecture.

Click on the link and get further information at <http://essentialmagicconference.com/>