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## FISM Newsletter

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**To all Presidents of the FISM member societies  
and Delegates in the General Assembly**

Dear President, Dear Friend in Magic,

I write with a heavy heart to share the loss of someone who has meant a great deal to many of us in the world of magic: Eberhard Riese. Eberhard was much more than a magician.

He was a thinker, a teacher, a director, a writer—and, above all, a generous soul who devoted his life to elevating magic as an art form.

Whether in a theater, a classroom, or a jury panel, his presence brought depth, clarity, and a sense of purpose.

His passion for stage magic went beyond performance. He helped shape how we think about it, how we present it, and how we pass it on.

Within FISM, he was a constant and valued presence: as a board member of FISM Europe, as a juror at countless championships, and as a trusted advisor whose opinion carried weight not because of titles, but because of the care he put into every word.

I had the privilege of knowing him both professionally and personally, as a friend.

On behalf of the FISM International Board, we honor his memory and thank him for everything he gave to our community.

His influence will continue to guide us, even in his absence.

**R.I.P. Ebs.**

Best regards,

Andrea Baioni

FISM International President



Fred Roby & Angela's Fund

