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

Dear President, Dear Friend in Magic,

It's a pleasure to keep you informed on our latest developments and projects.

FISM WCM 2025

We are pleased to provide you with details about the Opening and Closing Ceremonies that will take place in Turin on the occasion of the FISM World Championship of Magic.

OPENING CEREMONY: PARADE



The Opening Ceremony will feature a Parade of contestants by country, with each delegation proudly accompanied by a national flag bearer, either the President or an appointed Delegate of the respective Member Society.

To guarantee that the ceremony is presented with the distinction and elegance befitting our community, we kindly request your cooperation in the following preparations:

- Kindly liaise with the FISM WCM 2025 organisers well in advance to inform them of the name of the Delegate who will represent your country and carry the national flag during the parade.
- **It is strongly recommended that** each team to prepares coordinated attire (e.g. t-shirts, caps, jackets or other garments) that distinctly represents your country. This will enhance the visual impact and festive spirit of the parade.
- Please ensure that all your contestants are informed of their involvement in this ceremonial moment. Precise timing and logistical details will be communicated to you in due course.
- **The event organisers will provide flags and accompanying banners** to ensure uniformity and presentation quality.

Let us come together to celebrate the unity, diversity and spirit of international magic.

Your presence and preparation are vital to the success of this event, which has the potential to be both memorable and historic.

AWARD CEREMONY AND CLOSING CEREMONY



At the FISM WCM Award Ceremony, we take great care to ensure that the event is as impressive and glamorous as possible. To ensure its success, it is vital that the Presidents and Delegates of each country work together to communicate to their team of contestants the importance of maintaining a professional image during the ceremony.

It is therefore recommended that all those attending dress appropriately to go on stage to collect their prizes. While there is no requirement for formal attire, it is essential to ensure that inappropriate clothing such as shorts, t-shirts, etc. are not worn on stage.

It is understood that all parties involved will probably want a HD photograph of the official award ceremony moment, so their image will be of paramount importance for their future success as a star of magic.

FISM LATIN AMERICA

ELECTION OF THE FISM LATIN AMERICA BOARD

Buenos Aires, Argentina – On 8 February 2025, the official meeting of the FISM Latin America Board was held via Zoom due to geographical distance between participating members. The session was convened and presided over by Mr. Héctor Carrión, President of FISM Latin America and Secretary General of FLASOMA, with representatives from several FISM-affiliated societies in attendance.

Mr. Carrión started the online meeting by giving a presentation in which he explained why the new continental board is needed and how it will be structured. He also emphasized the importance of aligning Latin American magic governance with FISM's statutes and strategic vision. He then clarified that FISM had never opposed FLASOMA's participation or the designation of its events as "FISM Continental Championship".

Despite ongoing negotiations, the FLASOMA Cali 2025 organizers have decided against formalizing the event as a FISM Latin America, citing potential complications. The President restated that FISM had never raised any objections to the designation, and emphasized his desire for transparent communication moving forward.

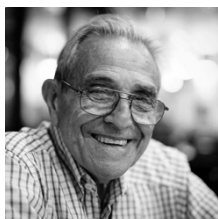
In order to prevent any potential misunderstandings and to reinforce governance, the Board has agreed to implement the following measures:

- the establishment of a clear hierarchy of roles;
- the implementation of consistent competition regulations that are in line with FISM standards,
- the establishment of a procedure for succession in case of vacancies.

The meeting concluded with the formal constitution of the Board and the appointment of its members.

THE BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: HÉCTOR CARRIÓN (ARGENTINA)



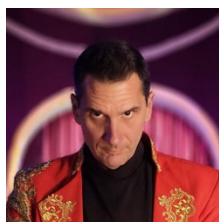
A professional magician with over 70 years of experience, Mr. Carrión is a founding member of the Entidad Mágica Argentina (EMA), creator of the first Argentine Congress of Illusionism in 1974, and an Honorary Member and Chevalier Andrey Award recipient. He has performed and judged in magic competitions worldwide and has participated in all FLASOMA congresses to date. He served as Secretary General of FLASOMA from 2004 to February 2025 and has held the position of FISM Latin America President since 2009.

SECRETARY: LORENZO PEDEMONTI (ARGENTINA)



Mr. Pedemonti is a highly skilled magician and illusionist who has gained renown for his performances in close-up, children's and comedy magic. He is a long-standing member and current President of EMA, and he has served in various organizational and artistic capacities across multiple FLASOMA and CADI congresses, as well as international festivals in Europe and Latin America. He was awarded the Chevalier Andrey Prize for Magician of the Year 2019-2020 and played a key role in the FLASOMA 2022 Fortaleza event.

TREASURER: JUAN PABLO COTZANI (ARGENTINA)



A multimedia producer and seasoned stage performer, Mr. Cotzani is the co-founder of the international performing duo Cotzani & Wendy. He joined the Circulo Mágico Argentino in 2010 and has since acquired considerable experience in artistic production and journalism. He has represented Latin American magic on tours and festivals across Europe and Asia, and his training encompasses both magic and performing arts management.

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Alejandro Rasul (Argentina), Joaquín Kotkin (Mexico), Roberto Chinchilla (Guatemala) and Richard Sarmiento (Colombia, not present).

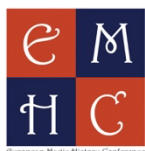
The Board's establishment marks a significant step in consolidating the presence and operational framework of FISM across Latin America. President Carrión closed the meeting by encouraging continued efforts to strengthen unity and excellence within the region, always in alignment with the global mission of FISM.

MISCELLANEOUS

FISM CARD

The FISM Card is a cornerstone of the FISM International membership, offering a wide range of advantages, discounts and exclusive opportunities, as well as connecting members with a network of partners, including magic dealers, convention organizers and museums. This card empowers FISM members to explore the art of magic more deeply and get discounted access to events and exhibitions that celebrate it. New partners have been added to the existing list:

- **EUROPEAN MAGIC HISTORY CONFERENCE 2025**



- Manager: Enrico Pezzoli
- Place: Mystero Theatre and Museum, Unijas 24-35, LV1084 Riga (Latvia)
- Website: www.emhc2025.com
- Offer: 10% DISCOUNT ON REGISTRATION (Event: August 21-24, 2025)

- **MYSTERO MUSEUM AND THATRE**



- Manager: Enrico Pezzoli
- Place: Mystero Theatre and Museum, Unijas 24-35, LV1084 Riga (Latvia)
- Website: mystero.lv
- Offer: 15% DISCOUNT ON SERVICES – FREE ADMISION FOR VISITING MUSEUM (BY RESERVATION ONLY)

To find the full list of the FISM Card partners:

- [FISM Card partner Dealers](#)
- [FISM Card partner Organizers](#)

FISM PARTNERSHIP FOR ORGANIZERS AND DEALERS

Becoming a FISM Partner means having visibility on the FISM website and contributing to help the magic community with discounts for events or buys.

If you are a magic convention or festival organizer or a magic dealer, you can become a FISM Partner **for free**. **All you have to do is give discounts** to FISM card holders to attend your events or to buy your products.

See how many [Organizers](#) and [Dealers](#) are already FISM partners.

For any further information, you can send an email to partner@fism.org.

GUIDELINES FOR USING THE FISM LOGOS

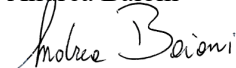
In order to maintain the integrity and uniformity of the **FISM brand**, all member associations, dealers and partner organizers are reminded to follow our logo usage guidelines. These guidelines explain in detail how to use our logos, so that they look the same in every channel of communication.

Please visit [FISM Logo Usage Guidelines](#) for complete instructions on the correct application of our logos.

Following these guidelines helps us preserve our global reputation and strengthens our corporate identity.

Best regards,

Andrea Baioni



FISM International President



Fred Roby & Angela's Fund

