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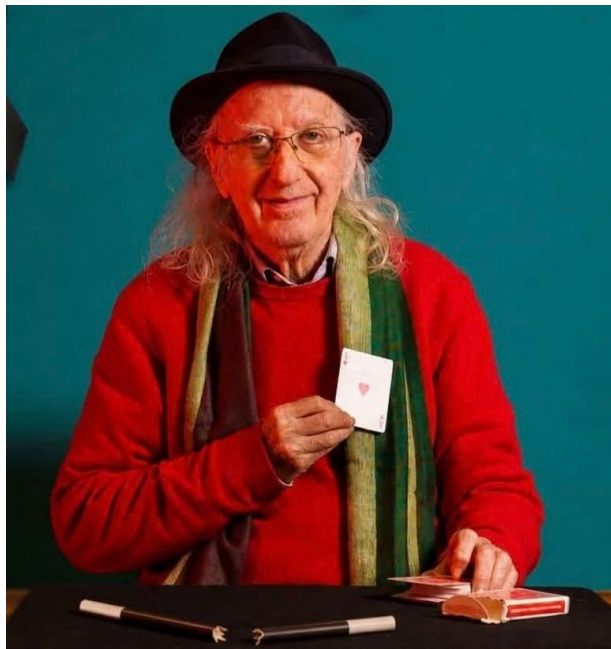
To all Presidents of the FISM member societies
and Delegates in the General Assembly

Dear President, Dear Friend in Magic,

It is with profound sorrow that FISM International announces the passing of Juan Tamariz, who died in Madrid on 18 August 2026, at the age of eighty-three.

IN MEMORIAM

Juan Tamariz (1942–2026)



The world of Magic has lost one of its **true masters**. **Juan Tamariz** was far more than an extraordinary magician: he was a teacher, a thinker, an innovator and an inspiration to generations of magicians around the world. His unique personality, his unmistakable laughter and his profound understanding of our Art made him one of the most influential figures in modern Magic.

Together with Arturo de Ascanio, Tamariz was a leading figure in what became known as the Spanish School of card magic, a tradition that reshaped close-up conjuring worldwide and inspired magicians of every generation. He performed widely, taught extensively and expressed his philosophy of Magic through an extensive body of published work read and studied around the world.

Within FISM, his contribution was recognised on several occasions: the **Second Prize in Micromagic at the FISM World Championship in Amsterdam in 1970**, together with Juan Antón; the **First Prize in Close-Up Card Magic at the FISM World Championship in Paris in 1973**; and a **Special Award for Theory and Philosophy of Magic at the FISM World Championship in Beijing in 2009**.

His legacy will live on his performances and teachings, and in the countless magicians whose lives and magic he touched.

FISM International extends its deepest condolences to his family, to his friends and to the entire Magic community.

Thank you for the Magic, Maestro. Your Magic will live on.

Best regards,

Andrea Baioni

President FISM International



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