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

Dear President, Dear Friend in Magic,

Here are the minutes and the results of the vote taken at the General Assembly held in Turin (Italy) on 15 July 2025.

MINUTES

of the General Assembly Meeting
held in Turin, Italy, on 15 July 2025

83 Societies were represented, 3 of which voted by email or electronically, with a total of 415 votes.

1. Welcome and opening remarks

At 10:03 am, FISM International President Andrea Baioni (IT) welcomed the delegates and opened the meeting. He then paid tribute to the memory of Eberhard Riese and Max Maven, which was met with warm applause from the assembly.

2. FISM International Triennial Report 2022 - 2025

The Triennial Report of Activities for 2022 – 2025 was commented on by Mr. Andrea Baioni who also introduced the Presidents of all six Continental Divisions.



From left to right: FISM Europe: Xavier Tapias; FISM Latin America: Hector Carrion; FISM North America: Renée Claude Auclair; FISM Oceania: Timothy McDougall; FISM Asia: Albert Tam; FISM Africa: David Gore

Then, Magic Christian, initiator of the FISM World Magic Day promotion, suggested changing the date from 2 September to 31 January (the memorial of Saint John Bosco). A proposal to vote online was put forward.

Next, President Baioni thanked Honorary President and FISM International Advisor Domenico Dante for his 25 years of service to FISM and presented him with a gift on behalf of the Federation.

3. Approval of the 2024 – 2025 FISM Accounts

The treasurer, Vice-President (Finance) Christian Play (aka Peter Din), gave his report after the International President had commented on the accounts.

The accounts, which had previously been checked by the Finance Committee, were approved with 368 votes in favour and 9 abstentions.

4. FISM Finance Committee election

The Finance Committee (consisting of Jean-Claude Mugny, Douwe Swierstra and Hector Carrion) was reinstated for the next three-year period by a resounding majority of 399 votes taken by open vote.

5. Proposal by Vice President Christian Play (aka Peter Din) to revise the policy on the exclusion of Member Societies for non-payment of the triennial membership fee

The change proposed by Christian Play (aka Peter Din) was defined as follows:

“A Member Society that has not paid its triennial dues by the end of the corresponding three-year period will be automatically excluded from FISM.

A Society that has been excluded under this rule may be reinstated only if:

- *it pays all outstanding dues for the unpaid periods, and*
- *it pays the membership entry fee again, set at €250.”*

It was adopted with 334 votes in favour, 61 against and 6 abstentions.

6. Election of FISM International Officers

6.1 **Vice President (General Affairs)**

The two candidates **Xavier Tapias** (Spain) and **Douwe Swierstra** (the Netherlands) gave their presentations.

Results of the voting:

- **Xavier Tapias: 333 votes**
- Douwe Swierstra: 74 votes
- 5 abstentions

6.2 **Vice President (Finance)**

The two candidates **Christian Play (aka Peter Din)** (France) and **Shigeru Tashiro** (Japan)-gave their presentations.

Results of the voting:

- **Shigeru Tashiro: 220 votes**
- Christian Play (aka Peter Din): 192 votes
- 0 abstention

7. Venue for the 2028 FISM World Championship of Magic

The two candidates were Québec City (Canada) and Busan (the Republic of Korea).

- *Mrs Renée-Claude Auclair* was the first to present Québec City's bid. She highlighted the strengths of the city and the organising team, including the number of festivals they have been organising for years, all the magic-related events, and the city's support and infrastructure. She also emphasised the improvements that will be made, particularly in terms of the competitors. At the end, Shawn Farquhar delivered a supporting speech.
- *Mr. Kang Yeol-woo* presented Busan's bid, highlighting the city's strengths and infrastructure, which are particularly affordable for young magicians, competitors and participants, who are often underprivileged. These include low-cost hotels and restaurants, affordable registration fees for the convention and competitive airfares to Busan and South Korea. He also outlined his view of the future of magic and his desire to incorporate FISM 2028 into this vision. Yu-Ho Jin and Lu Chen concluded the presentation with supportive speeches.

Results of the voting:

- **Busan: 234 votes**
- Québec City: 176 votes
- 0 abstention

8. Other topics

No other topics were discussed.

9. Closing remarks and official closure of the Assembly

International President Andrea Baioni thanked the delegates for their interest and attention and closed the meeting at 12:45 pm.

Please note that during the General Assembly, President Andrea Baioni presented the [projects developed for the three-year period from 2022 to 2025](#) during the breaks taken to count the votes.

Voting Results

@ FISM General Assembly 2025 (July 15th)

Approval of the 2024 – 2025 FISM Accounts <Approved>

		Vote numbers	±C
A	Yes	368	97,61%
B	No	0	0%
C	Abstentions	9	2,39%
D	Total Votes (A+B+C)	377	100,00%

Finance Committee (consisting of Jean-Claude Mugny, Douwe Swierstra and Hector Carrion) <Approved>

		Vote numbers	±C
A	Yes (Open Vote)	399	96,14%
B	No	16	3,86%
C	Abstention	0	0%
D	Total Votes (A+B+C)	415	100,00%

Revision of the policy on the exclusion of Member Societies for non-payment of the triennial membership fee <Approved>

		Vote numbers	±C
A	Yes	334	98,02%
B	No	61	1,98%
C	Abstentions	6	2,39%
D	Total Votes (A+B+C)	401	100,00%

Vice-President General Affairs <Xavier Tapias>

		Vote numbers	±C
A	Xavier Tapias	333	80,83%
B	Douwe Swierstra	74	17,96%
C	Abstentions	5	1,21%
D	Total Votes (A+B+C)	412	100,00%

Vice-President Finance <Shigeru Tashiro>

		Vote numbers	÷C
A	Shigeru Tashiro	220	53,40%
B	Christian Play (aka Peter Din)	192	46,60%
C	Abstention	0	0,00%
D	Total Votes (A+B+C)	412	100,00%

VENUE WCM 2028 - <Busan (Republic of Korea)>

		Vote numbers	÷D
A	Québec (Canada)	176	42,93%
B	Busan (Republic of Korea)	234	57,07%
C	Abstention	0	0,00%
D	Total Votes (A+B+C)	410	100,00%

Best regards,



Andrea Baioni
FISM International President

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