

Spain, Madrid March 11th 2019

**To: Domenico Dante, International FISM President
Satoru Yamamoto, International FISM Vice President
Peter Din, International FISM Vice President
John Pye, European Executive Board President**

Distinguished gentlemen,

Please receive a cordial greeting from the undersigned on behalf of the Spanish Magic Societies (SMS), FISM members in its own representation:

- Sociedad Española de Ilusionismo (SEI), 1562 members,
- Secretaria Permanente de Congresos Mágicos Nacionales (SPCMN), 750 members,
- Asociación de Magos Internacionales (ADMI), 312 members.
- Club de Ilusionistas Profesionales (CIP), 191 members,
- Asociación Mágica Aragonesa (AMA), 123 members, and
- Asociación de Magos Sevillanos, Magia y Música, 42 members,
- Associació Cercle Màgic de Tarragona (TARRACADABRA), 20 members,

First of all, we would like to express our concern and discomfort caused by the deterioration and relative lack of relationship between FISM and the majority of the SMS.

This current situation of alienation is a product of, what we consider, passivity and functions neglecting of most of the Spanish leaders. But, on the other hand, it may also be caused by the assumption of the same functions by a minority, individually and not agreed by Sociedad Mágica Grup d'Estudi del Nou Il·lusionisme, GENI.

We assume our past mistakes and we want to re-establish the dialogue and to work on normalizing the situation. Indeed, we have started the Spanish Federation of Magic Societies (FESMA) project, with the purpose of improving relations with FISM. The support of the 95% of the Spanish Magical Societies and its magicians is helping us to take this initiative and it pushes us up to retake a permanent collaboration in order to achieve a worthy representation of the Spanish magic in the FISM estates.

However, the movements and attitudes in the last months of the leaders of the GENI Society, Mrs. May Closa and Mr. Xavier Tapias, do not seem to us to be the most appropriate for the global of Spanish magic; firstly, as leaders of the Sociedad Española de Ilusionismo (SEI) and, then, of GENI. And the confidence that part of the SMS in their time delivered on them as leaders of SEI, was clearly damaged and discredited after the last SEI Council Assembly in Vitoria. After that Assembly, they resigned as President and Secretary of the SEI Board, subsequently requesting the withdrawal of their association from the SEI

and the SPCMN. The current separation and distancing process of the GENI Society from the rest of the SMS is more than evident.

For these reasons, we believe that the presence of Mr. Xavier Tapias as a representative of Spanish magic in the European Executive Board, and Mrs. May Closa in the Language Consultancy Group should be both studied and rethought.

On a separate issue, and according to the FISM regulations, the list of international judges must be composed by people of proven value and knowledge to judge magic acts. In our opinion, this qualification is acquired after passing certain minimum steps such as participating as a contestant in a National Magic Congress (NMC), being part of the Jury of another NMC and, finally, belonging to the Official FISM Judges list.

Due to that fact, we believe that the presence of Mrs. May Closa and Mr. Ángel de Vicente in the Official FISM Judges list should be studied and reframed by FISM.

Then, we continue by exposing the facts that have worried us during the last months:

- ✓ After initiating the procedures for the creation of the Spanish Federation of Magical Societies (FESMA) at the beginning of the summer, the registration acceptance of FESMA in the Spanish National Register of Associations was received (from Spanish Ministerio del Interior, document Resolution Sheets 1 and 2 attached). Then, in the Extraordinary Secretaría Permanente de Congresos Mágicos Nacionales Assembly (SPCMN) held in Vitoria on September 21st 2018, the integration of SPCMN in FESMA was agreed by an absolute majority (95% favorable votes). (Minutes of the Assembly attached).
- ✓ Due to this integration, FISM is requested to substitute SPCMN for FESMA as a FISM subscribed society, respecting its antiqueness and number of members. When the first one is integrated into the second one, there is no new registration neither nor subscription, but a substitution.
- ✓ In FESMA statutes, (Article 3. Purposes, Section J), clearly states: "*Represent the SMS that do not have their own representation in the International Federation of Magic Societies ...*"
- ✓ The FISM Board then wrote that the societies (ACMIPE, ADMI, AMA, AMIC, CIP, and SEI) that wanted to join FESMA would lose their direct affiliation with FISM (that is to say, the societies would be represented in FISM by FESMA only). An official advice was requested to the Legal Advice Consultancy Group. The five lawyers of the Legal Advice Consultancy Group agreed and supported the interpretation of the FISM Board.

Why has SPCMN been allowed once again to represent in FISM only the Magic Societies that do not have their own representation and to group in Spain all the Societies? In the FESMA Statutes (Article 3. Purposes, Section J), a similar situation than in the SPCMN is described. Why SPCMN was allowed before and FESMA is not allowed to do it now?

We would like to receive an explanation from the Legal Advice Consultancy Group.

- ✓ The FISM Board wrote that it is not really LEGALLY ADMISSIBLE that the societies belonging to FISM (SEI, AMA, ADMI, ACMIPE, CIP, AMIC, GENI) can be part of another company that belongs to FISM (SPCMN or FESMA).

Then, why is GENI allowed to enter FISM in order to have its own representation when GENI was already represented by the SEI? At no time they requested their withdrawal from SEI: they continued holding the positions of President and Secretary.

We would like to receive an explanation from the Legal Advice Consultancy Group.

- ✓ The FISM Board says that for the entrance of FESMA in FISM it is necessary to fulfil the requirements of art. 10, Admission of the statutes (three years of existence) counted from the entry in the National Register of Associations.
- ✓ Art. 10.5 of the FISM statutes establishes that "*the Board of Directors will be entrusted with the compilation of information on the magical status of the requesting Society. The result of this investigation will be sent to the General Assembly before the vote*".

Why is GENI allowed to join FISM to have its own representation on February 25, 2017 when it enters the Association Registry on December 21, 2016? (Three months old only).

We would like to receive an explanation from the Legal Advice Consultancy Group.

- ✓ In the last three months, GENI has increased its number of members exponentially from 15 to 561, proportionally increasing its number of votes (from 1 to 5) to the detriment of the rest of the Spanish associations (and whilst writing this letter this number continue growing up uncommonly).
- ✓ In the FISM bulletin no. 44, February 2017, regarding the obtainment of the FISM card, it is clear: "*If a member belongs to several FISM societies, he/she will have to notify us which is its main society (the one that visit most or has visited for more time). THIS society is the one that will be mentioned on the front of the card. Other FISM companies may be mentioned, but no more than three*".
- ✓ GENI society advertises itself on social networks and offers the possibility to sign up as virtual partners at a cost of € 0, in exchange for obtaining the FISM Card for € 5. We know that many magicians belong to other societies have adhered this "offer"

and at no time have they notified their double or more permanency. Then, except for the 15 closest and most faithful magicians from 3 months ago, no other magician meets the requirements of the previous paragraph to mention GENI at the front of the card: **the one who visits or visits the longest.**

Why does FISM allow this and claim that they have arrived first with their lists? The rule says nothing about who comes first. It has to arrive and remain legal.

What will happen when the rest of the Companies present in their members' lists they visit the most or have visited for the longest time and this absurd and false duplicity appears? Will the FISM Card have to be redone?

We would like to receive an explanation from the Legal Advice Consultancy Group.

The FISM Card is an excellent tool and should be an instrument for identifying the truth and the future of FISM. We believe that the collusion and lack of rigor of FISM in this aspect is only the starting point for a process of devaluation and degeneration of the sign of identification of the magicians of the world.

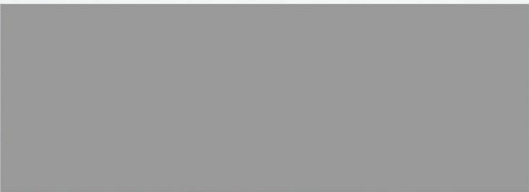
What worries us is that a lot of the unpleasant events coincide with the intention of the Spanish historical associations to unite in a great federation. From the beginning, GENI frontally opposes this project claiming that the SEI loses "power". With the first step of reorganizing the SPCM, we are creating the foundations of something that we believe is very positive for Spanish magic. A federation that will have to work and earn with effort and good work, the trust of all our partners, so that eventually we end up representing at an international level. The good relations and the understanding between the Spanish magic, through FESMA, and the FISM is all an obligation and a challenge for the future.

For the time being, we commit ourselves to start this journey as soon as possible and send and update lists of all Spanish societies, correct and clarify duplications. We believe that the latest decision of FISM not to modify the number of members of the societies until all the lists are presented and can really clarify the Spanish magic panorama, listening and defending all its magicians.

We look forward to your answers and offer all the collaboration we can. It is our desire to reestablish relations between the leaders of Spanish Magic Societies and FISM with an eye on the future.

It will be a pleasure for all of us to maintain a relaxed meeting in our country, whenever you consider it appropriate.

Sincerely,



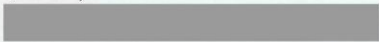
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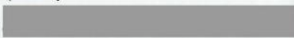
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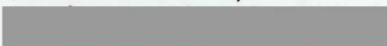
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