



## 100 years of the World Billiard Associations 1923 - 2023

The first world billiards association, the Fédération Internationale des Amateurs de Billard (FIAB), was founded 100 years ago on December 17, 1923 at a meeting in Café Marnix in Brussels. The founding nations included France, Belgium, Switzerland and Egypt. The delegates were appointed by the national federations in February 1923.



Alexandre Avé (FR), Rudolphe Agassiz (CH), Hans Jenny (CH), Charles Faroux (FR), Raymond de Drée (FR), Ferdinand Denis (BE) Joseph Bauart (BE), Recording clerk.

The founding of the first world billiards association was already planned for 1913 by national association representatives from France, Belgium, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Egypt and Germany, but the First World War prevented this project.

One year after the founding of the FIAB, the federation was renamed to Union Internationale des Fédération des Amateurs de Billard (UIFAB) at the general assembly on October 31, 1924 in Basel.

Until its dissolution at the end of the 1950s, the UIFAB was responsible for all tournaments and matters relating to international carom billiards.

Differences with the authoritarian management style within the UIFAB led to the founding of the independent Fédération Internationale de Billard (FIB) on August 19, 1956 in Liège (BE).



Three years later, on July 13, 1958 in Geneva, the FIB gave rise to the Confédération Européenne de Billard (CEB), which has been responsible for European interests in the sport of carom since then.





At this meeting in Geneva, the plan was also born to call on the national federations of the other continents to develop continental billiards associations with the aim of founding a new world federation.

And so, on June 1, 1959, the Union Mondiale de Billard (UMB) was founded in Madrid - at the instigation of the CEB and the South American billiards federation Confédération Sud-Américaine de Billard (CSB).

The UMB - as the central organization of the continental billiards federations - was responsible for the international interests of carom billiards from this point on. The conflicts with the BWA (Billiards World Cup Association) and the PBA (Professional Billiards Association) did nothing to change this.

On January 25, 1992, the World Confederation of Billiard Sports (WCBS) was founded in Yverdon-les-Bains (CH) as a supplement or extension.



The WCBS comprises the most important variants of the game of billiards and forms an umbrella organization of the international federations (UMB, WPA and IBSF), which represent the major disciplines of billiards (carom, pool and snooker) and is responsible for the billiards competitions at the World Games.

The following is a list of the presidents of the associations from 1923 onwards.

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**Union Internationale des Amateurs de Billard (FIAB) /  
Union Internationale des Fédérations des Amateurs de Billard (UIFAB)**

17.12.1923 (Brussels) - 1958 (1957/1958 dissolution process)

**Presidents**



Raymond de Drée (FR) 1923-1926  
\* 30.8.1866 / + 24.5.1926



Charles Darantière (FR) 1926-1928  
\* 14.5.1865 / + 1.8.1933



Charles Faroux (FR) 1928-1956  
\* 20.12.1872 / + 9.2.1957

## Fédération Internationale de Billard (FIB)

19.8.1956 (Liège) - 1958

### Presidents



Georges Troffaes (BE) 1956-1958

\* 4.8.1894 / + 9.4.1986



## Union Mondial de Billard (UMB)

from 1.6.1959

### Presidents



Eduardo Martin Martin (ES) 1959-1965

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Georges Troffaes (BE) 1965-1980

\* 4.8.1894 / + 9.4.1986



Albert Trillat (FR) 1980-1985

\* 20.2.1910 / + -.1.1988



André Gagnaux (CH) 1985-1994

\* 9.10.1921 / + 26.2.1996



Henrique Marques (PT) 1994-1996  
\* 4.8.1926 / + 27.2.1997



Jean-Claude Dupont (BE) 1996-2015  
\* 23.11.1952 / + 19.2.2023



Fernando Requena (ES) 2015-2016  
\* 13.1.1956



Farouk El Barki (EG) from 2016

# Confédération Européenne de Billard (CEB)

from 12.7.1958

## Presidents



Georges Troffaes (BE) 1958-1965  
\* 4.8.1894 / + 9.4.1986



Marcel Bocognano (FR) 1965-1971  
\* -.-.-.- / + -.-.-.-



André Gagnaux (CH) 1971-1984  
\* 9.10.1921 / + 26.2.1996



Jean Graus (NL) 1984-1988  
\* 20.2.1936 / + 25.9.2002





Wolfgang Rittmann (DE) 1988-2016  
\* 24.3.1947 / + 29.1.2016



Bennie Degens (NL) 2016-2017  
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Diane Wild (CH) from 2017  
\* 24.4.1961