

8th EBL NBO Officers' Seminar

BRIDGE SPORT And The International Organizations

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International events

- **1979 - Lausanne**

First appearance and election to the EBL,

First thought of International Olympic Committee

- **1982 - Biarritz**

All the new technologies were used

- **1986 - First Epson** : World Wide Bridge Contest inaugurated in 1986, this is an annual event, with no limit to the number of centres, all playing the same boards across the world.

Biarritz 1982 – Gold medal



European Bridge League

- **1987 – Elected to the EBL presidency**

Change of concept in the championships organization

- Technically : EBL
- Hospitality NBO
- First trip in Soviet Union

- **1989 Promotion week – trip Estonia and Finland (Turku)**

- Golden age of the sponsorship : Philip Morris
- Image and the players

- **1991/1993 Development**

- 42 countries – 400 000 members

World Championship - Geneva - 1990



World Bridge Federation

- **1994 – Elected to the WBF presidency**
 - Creation in 1996 of the World Transnational Mixed and 1997 of the World Transnational Open team,
 - The **Generali World Masters** is an invitation event and all invited players hold a Zonal or a World title. It is an individual championship ,
 - The **IOC Grand Prix**, the first three editions of this event were staged at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne. In 2002, the 4th IOC Grand Prix was held in Salt Lake City (USA) in the run-up to the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

2002 – Salt Lake City



Seminar - Rome 2016

1999 – I O C

- The WBF received recognition as International Sport Federation (I.F.), pursuant to rule 29 of the Charter, from the IOC during the 109th Session in Seoul, March 1999
- In October 1999 in Monte Carlo the WBF was accepted as a member of GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations) SportAccord now.



IOC Museum – IOC Grand Prix





National Olympic Committees

- **Warsaw**
 - Presentation to the European National Olympic Committees, General Assembly presided by Jacques Rogge,
- **ARISF**
 - Non Olympic International Federations
 - Recommendation to the National Olympic Committees

With IOC President - 2009



International bodies

- **FISU** : Fédération International du Sport Universitaire
 - The 1st World University Bridge Championship took place in 2002 in Bruges, Belgium, and welcomed 65 players from 13 countries. Then after : 2004 - Istanbul, 2006 -Tianjin, 2008 – Lodz, 2010 – Kaoshiung, 2012 Reims and 2014 Opatija.
- **UNESCO**
 - Unesco and numerous Ministries of Education recognized the education value of bridge

World Bridge Federation

- **2001** : organization of the World Championships at the Stade de France (instead of Indonesia).
- **2005** : Creation of the International Mind Sports Association (IMSA)
- **2008** : 1st World Mind Sports Games
 - 110 youth teams from 74 countries

1st World Mind Sports Games



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IMSA

- 2011/2014 : SportAccord World Mind Games
 - Renault Nissan
- 2016 The IMSA Elite Games
 - The egames sponsors

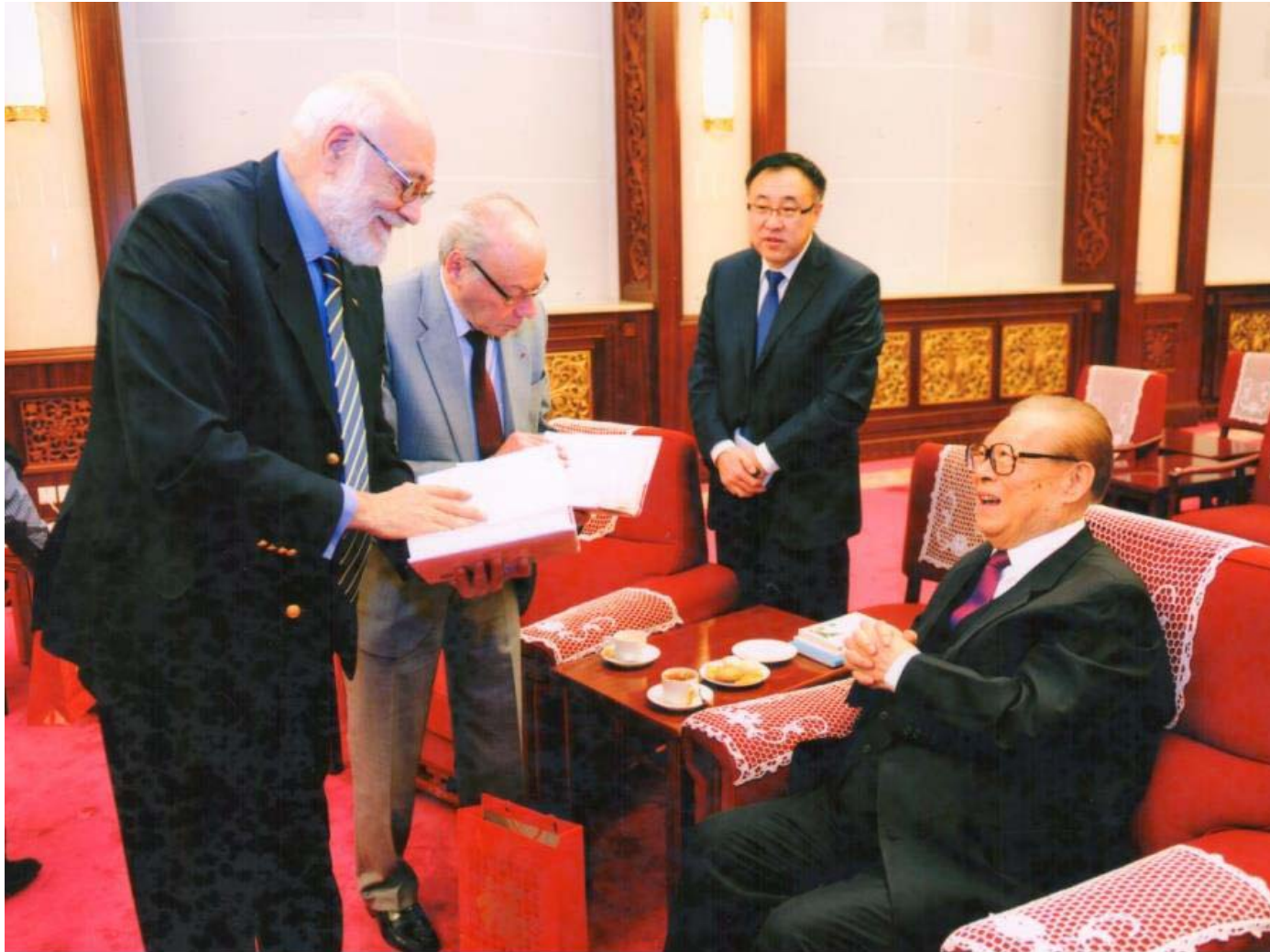
2011 – in Chinese school



With SportAccord president - 2011



Meeting with Jiang Zemin - 2014



With the Mayor of Beijing

