



## EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) – NEWS (October 2023)

Dear boxing friends

While we had lots of EBU-title-contests in spring, there was a summer gap, which is definitely over now as we can announce seven (7) EBU-title-fights, nine (9) EBU-Silver contests and six (6) female EBU-title contests to take place in autumn. We are as well waiting for the defence of the EBU-Heavyweight-title by the champion **Agit Kabayel** which is already overdue, and we hope **Tony Yoka** (F) may agree to fight for this title.

The French Federation (FFB invited us for the yearly EBU-Council-meeting, which took place at the hotel Mercure de Pantin in Paris. We had lots of animated discussions and some votings. We finalized the conditions for the new EBU-Silver-title, the list of recognized EBU-gloves, the proceeding in case of doping, the list of EBU-ring officials, the new book written by **Carlos Utrilla** and edited by the EBU about its 75 years history and many other matters. The discussions were interesting but always polite and decent. This book, reflecting the EBU-history will soon be available.

**Dominique Nato**, the President of the French Federation showed us the generous offices of the FFB at the 8th floor of the Essor tower.

For the evening the French Federation organized a beautiful riverboat-tour on the Seine with a delicious dinner and accompanied by a live singer who made us enjoy some of the most famous French chansons while we passed along the Orsay museum, the Eiffel tower and many other famous monuments. Some of the songs reminded us of **Edith Piaf**, whose relation with the French World champion **Marcel Cerdan** is unforgettable.

Please allow me to add the following boxing anecdote:

In June, 1993 I had the honour to supervise the EBU Superfeatherweight championship contest which took place in Cayenne, French Guyana between **Yacobin Yoma** (F) and **Regilio Tuur** (NL, Dutch Guyana). The scoring referee was Bob Logist (B), the judges were Franco Ciminale and the late Adrian Morgan (GB). We stayed one night in Paris and had then a long flight to Cayenne. At our arrival we agreed to put our luggage in our bungalows and then to meet for dinner at the hotel restaurant. Adrian Morgan joined us late, he was pale and had a red spot on his forehead. On my question he replied: «I was very tired after this long flight and happy to sit in my privacy in the bathroom; then something jumped against my backside» ..... there was a big black frog in his toilet that wanted to leave, and as Adrian had his trousers on the knees, he fell on his forehead. Since then I always look before sitting down.

**Please show responsibility and care for all boxers not only for those that are licensed with you!**

I thank you for having read these EBU-News; your comments are always welcome

With my warmest personal regards

**Peter Stucki, EBU-President**

