



Dear Sirs,

Billiards in general and Carom have changed a lot during the past decades. We can be happy about certain evolutions and others are less encouraging.

We as UMB are strongly convinced that time has come to think and discuss about the future of Carom and the possible development in and of our Sport.

UMB is organizing, following her own Statutes, every two years a General Assembly that allows all Confederations and Federations to express their opinion on the general points provided by the agenda of this meeting but this time our aim is to extend and expressly to préparé such an important discussion besides such statutory General Assembly.

Therefore we support the idea of holding a Congress that reassembles all people interested in ourSport: Confederations, Federations, clubs, individuals, educational personal, sportive, sportive companies, etc. Subjects as Carom and Youth, players training systems and financing of different projects and organizations are main subjects to be discussed.

As we already had the honor to announce to you during the celebration of the 50th Anniversary ofUMB in our session in Lausanne on 14th of November last year, we have now the pleasure to officially inform you that the Royal Spanish Billiard Federation and her President Mr. Fernando Requena will host under the auspices of the Spanish Olympic Committee the Congress "Horizons ofBilliards" on 28th and 29th of October 2010 in Madrid.

We invite all interested persons from now on to participate into the preparation of this Congress and to the Congress itself.

This Congress can only be successful if we can trust on a large support from many interested persons, I'm very hopeful that this initiative will contribute to the best of our Sport and the broadest development of it.

Sincerely Yours

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President UMB