

WBC International Championships

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We have now concluded a wonderful 2022 WBC International boxing season and it is time to summarize what we have managed to achieve. Some title bouts, regularly dated and sanctioned, were cancelled at the last moment for various reasons, above all of economic nature or due to injuries. We counted at least eight title bouts called suddenly off. Perhaps the most striking was the one in Dubai dated December 17th where the vacant lightflyweight championship should have taken place. Many sources have reported it was a sort of fraud against the involved fighters. The Committee has not obtained sufficient elements to prove that thesis.

Another championship we were very happy to see taking place was the one we had approved for the vacant Middleweight Silver title in Zanzibar, Tanzania. That was supposed to happen at the end of the year, but the promoters eventually cancel the full event due to unspecified economic reasons.

In any case, forty-six championships promoted in 2022 in every part of the world. A real success, both from a spectacular point of view and statistically speaking.

We are now preparing to face the new season with the usual seriousness, having already planned some championships for the beginning of 2023.

To all ... my best wishes for happiness.

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The current status of the WBC International titles

January 22nd 2023

Heavy-weight **Zhan Kossobutskiy (Kazakhstan)**

Silver champion

Silver vacant

José Larduet relinquished this title on voluntary basis (December 21st)

The fight for the vacant belt on February 4th in Germany.

Mourad Aliev vs Ali Kiydin.

By Universum Box Promotion and Arena Boxing in Ludwigshafen, Germany, next February 4th

Bridger-weight **Kem Ljungquist (Denmark)**

Silver vacant

Cruiserweight **Yamil Alberto Peralta (Argentina)**

Silver champion

Serdar Avci (Turkey)

Lightheavy **title vacant**

This vacant title bout will take place in London next January 28th (Queensberry) with local Karol Itauma against Ezequiel Osvaldo Maderna (Argentina).

Silver champion

Rostam Ibrahim (Germany-Turkey)

Rostam won the vacant title last November 5th in Oberhausen against Armenak Hovhannisyan

Supermiddle **Ivan Zucco (Italy)**

Silver champion

Luka Plantic (Croatia)

Luka outpointed much more experienced Khoren Gevow to win this vacant belt

Middle **title vacant**

Silver champion

Silver vacant

This vacant Silver title bout was to take place in Zanzibar (Tanzania) at the end of December but suddenly called off.

Superwelterweight **Ermal Hadribeaj (Albania)**

Silver champion

Mirko Natalizi (Italy)

Welterweight **Omar Juarez (US)**

He might be rated at Superlightweight or make a title defence in 2023. Status under review.

Silver champion

title under review

Kongo lost by MD12 to Ekow Essuman on January 21st in Manchester. It was previously agreed that our champion would not fight for Essuman's IBF regional belt, only for our title and British and Commonwealth, instead. Now that Kongo lost to Essuman, the situation is under review, waiting for the winner to decide whether to keep our title or the IBF Europe one.

Superlight **Pierce O'Leary (Ireland)**

Silver champion

Henry Turner (UK)

Henry Turner scheduled to make a voluntary defence next February 17th at the York Hall. More to come

Light weight **Artem Arutyunyan (Armenia-Germany)**

Silver champion

Sam Noakes (UK)

Superfeather **Jadier Herrera Montero (Cuba)**

Silver champion

Eduardo Hernandez Perez (México)

Featherweight Louie Lynn (UK)

Silver champion **title vacant**

Former champ Dennis McCann dropped down in weight.

The vacant title bout next February 17 in Italy between Davide Tassi (14-0) and Jose Antonio Sanchez Romero (15-0-1) . Good contest, indeed.

Superbantam Liam Davies (UK)

Silver champion **Andrew Cain (UK)**

Andrew Cain had to give up with a much anticipated title defence against Ivan Morales due to a training injury.

Bantamweight title vacant

Nordine Oubaali, former WBC World champion, asked to fight for this vacant title . Mexico's promoter Mariana Caballero. More to me

Silver champion **Silver vacant**

Superflyweight Elton Dharry (Guyana)

Silver champion **Isaac Arias (Venezuela)**

Flyweight Galal Yafai (UK)

Silver champion **Silver vacant**

Lightfly title vacant

Tibo Monabesa vs Alex Winwood

after the above fight did not eventually take place in Dubai last December due to some non-clearly-reported financial issues, the promoters have now confirmed the following date

March 3rd 2023 Metro City Perth Western Australia Promoter is Dragon Fire Boxing

Silver champion **Hekkie Budler (South Africa)**

Budler won an Eliminator

Straw-weight Reyneris Gutierrez (Nicaragua)

Silver champion **Silver vacant**

