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## INSEP celebrates its champions

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*After 3 years of absence due to the COVID-pandemic, Fabien Canu and INSEP were delighted to organize again the emblematic « Soirée des Champions », which rewards all INSEP's junior or senior athletes for their performances at the World and European Championships of the past year.*

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On Tuesday, January 24, 2023, the French sports world met in the mythical INSEP's Halle Maigrot to celebrate the 180 « INSEPian » champions who distinguished themselves in 2022 by winning (at least) one international medal in Olympic and Paralympic events.

The athletes took to the stage to receive their trophy, symbolically represented by the famous red INSEPian "brick»:

"The Graduates»: the champions who also received a diploma this year

"The Revelations»: the athletes who won their first senior international medal

"The Masters": the athletes who have confirmed their status as favourites on the international scene by winning another medal

"The Come-Backs": the athletes who return to the forefront of the scene after a life event (injury, accident, pregnancy/paternity, etc.)

"The rising stars", the medallists in junior championships

The senior world medalists

The senior world champions

The highlight of the evening (and a new feature in 2023 !), the "Champion of the Year 2022" prize, sponsored by VISA  
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(INSEP's new partner) which was awarded to Romane Dicko ! The French judoka was elected by a large number of voters among the audience and on our social networks and beat out other great champions who would have also deserved this distinction: Romain Cannone (fencing), Hugo Boucheron (rowing) and the French men's epee team !

The minister of Sports and Olympic and Paralympic Games, Amélie Oudéa-Castera, who attended the « Soirée des Champions », was keen to pay tribute to the commitment and performance of INSEP's athletes ! She also insisted on the major role played by INSEP in the individualized support of these champions to guide them in their preparation before and during the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

To note: the presence of the TV show "Tout Le Sport" which devoted a special program to our event. You can watch the replay [here](#)

