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Between 2004 and 2008, two first french people were independently introduced to Roliball : Stéphane Trompe-Baguenard (“5 Animaux” club in Toulouse) and Joel Panhelleux (“Aktizen” club near Angers). Each of them started to develop this new activity within their Qìgōng and Tàijíquán (respectively) associations.

In 2008, “Tàijí Báilóng Ball Association” (T.B.B.A.)’s leader Xiaofei Sui supervised a Trainer Seminar at the end of which three french players were certified : Stéphane Trompe-Baguenard (“5 Animaux” club in Toulouse), Bruno Serquera (“TCC Camargue” club near Nimes) and Carole Cren (“Lotus Energy” club near Montpellier). Bruno had too few students at that time to develop Roliball beyond his regular Tàijíquán practice. Carole specialized into training with disabled and senior people, while Stéphane started to train his students toward the goal of being certified themselves.

One of those latter, Claudine Jullien-Aptel, who got her TBBA Assistant Trainer certificate in 2012, in turn created a new club (“ASPTT Roliball” club in Toulouse) in 2019 to help develop this activity in this pioneering region.

Meanwhile, in 2014, Philippe Marty also discovered the Roliball while teaching Gōngfū Wǔshù at Paris-Saclay and Paris-Sorbonne Universities, and in Ecole Polytechnique (“ASESCO AMC Fac Orsay” and “CSX Wushu” clubs). Being born in Toulouse, he easily started collaborating with Stéphane there, who in turn introduced him to TBBA and to Xiaofei’s german team. Philippe also got his TBBA Assistant Trainer certificate in 2018.

Philippe trained friends and colleagues from Epinal (“MPT Darney Taichi” club), Orsay (“Tao Factory” club), Paris (“ACSPN Taichi” club), Le Havre (“UST Taichi” club) and Aubenas (“AS.VdB.LN” club) in 2015, 2017 and 2019 (and also probably later in Lyon) who support as best as they can the Roliball within their Tàijíquán or Wǔshù or Qìgōng clubs. Lena Meszaros, from Orsay, prepared a joint seminar in Orsay with Joel and Philippe in 2017. Stéphane gave a fruitful Roliball seminar near Agen (“TCC Mezin en Albret” club) in 2018.

In 2017, Liqin Yang from Qìgōng “ACSEC” club in Rouen, invited Quanwei Duan from Beijing Sport University to give a two-days Roliball seminar, teaching to students from as different cities as Rouen, Paris, Orsay, Orléans, Metz and Bordeaux.

In June 2018, Philippe and Stéphane co-designed a Roliball exhibition during the famous Europa Taichi competition, organized in Paris by the french “Federation for chinese energetic and martial arts” (**F.a.e.m.c.**), which was the occasion to gather also one pan-european TBBA team with Liqin Cheng, Fabrizio Monga and Claudine.

Stéphane, Philippe and Claudine then went to train for one week in Hungary with the Mediball team, before participating in the 4th Jinzhong international competition as the first “TBBA France” team in history (it was second participation for Stéphane who already attended alone to the 2nd Jinzhong tournament in 2014). Philippe also took part in two Hungarian tournaments in 2018 and 2019, and will participate with Claudine and two other french players from Toulouse at the 2nd Beijing international competition at the end of May 2019.

All french clubs leaders regularly involve throughout the country into various sports festivals, public schools or cities recreational events, french olympic committee promotional events, etc., during which they contribute to make Roliball known to the public.

Philippe, also being a local committee member of the **Faemc**, supported the Roliball as a promising and transverse chinese artistic sport, related to Tàijíquán, Wùshù and Qìgōng.

All these successful events led to the first great political achievement in France : the **Faemc** announced officially on May 19th 2019, during its annual general assembly, that the Roliball is now supported as an associate activity, subsequently making Roliball an official sport in France, being recognized by one of the sporting federations acknowledged by the french government, ministry of sports and french olympic committee.

On June 29th 2019, a kickoff meeting of this new **Faemc**'s National Assembly of Chinese Rackets will be held in Paris, with the goal to design a roadmap that will allow Roliball to be developed in France through this supporting federal frame, before it can reach the point where it is considered as a standalone sport in itself.

In July 2019, Roliball will be fully part of the **Faemc**'s summer university program in Biarritz.

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