



European  
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## **Minutes**

**of the 15th General Assembly of the European Fair Play Movement, held at the PARK INN Hotel in Baku, Azerbaijan, on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

### **1. Welcome and approval of the Agenda**

- 1.1. The quorum was confirmed with Twenty One (21) EFPM Members present (equal to 40% or better attendance) and the *General Assembly* was opened, in accordance with the requirements of the Statutes.
- 1.2. The President of the European Fair Play Movement, Dr. Carlos Gonçalves, welcomed the members and the special guests invited by the organizers, and presented the proposed *Agenda* to the *General Assembly*.
- 1.3. The EFPM Members approved the proposed *Agenda*.

### **2. Greetings from European Sports Organisations and Institutions**

Prof. Dr. Walter Tokarski, in his capacity as President of the European Network of the Sport Science, Education and Employment, sent his warm greetings to the *General Assembly* and expressed his wish for further collaboration between the organization he represents and the EFPM in engaging in common research projects and other activities in Europe.

On behalf of ENGSO, Dr. Carlos Cardoso sent the warm greetings of the organization he represents to the *General Assembly*.

CIFP President Dr. Jeno Kamuti communicated the hearty greetings of the organization she presides to all the members of the EFPM family.

### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> EFPM General Assembly (Nicosia, Cyprus, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2008).**

The Minutes were approved unanimously.

### **3. Nomination for Honorary membership**

Mr. I. Psilopoulos informed the *General Assembly* about the decision of the EFPM Executive Committee to propose the nomination of Dr. Georges Diderich, former EFPM Secretary General and Treasurer, as an EFPM Honorary Member, in accordance with the Article 3, Section 3.2 of the EFPM Statutes.

The *General Assembly* unanimously accepted by acclamation the proposal.

### **4. Presentation of the Proceedings Books of the 13<sup>th</sup> EFP Congress in Frankfurt and the 14<sup>th</sup> EFP Congress in Nicosia.**

Vice President Dr. Manfred Laemmer presented the Proceedings Book of the Frankfurt Congress, following the distribution of the associated DVD edition which he had presented during the 14<sup>th</sup> EFP Congress in Nicosia.

General Charalambos Lottas presented the Proceedings Book of the Nicosia Congress.

President Gonçalves congratulated all those that worked for the edition of said publications in such an excellent way and officialy closed the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> EFP Congresses.

### **6. President's report**

The President reported to the *G.A.* about how the work within the EFPM and the member organisations had progressed in the years 2008/2009. The report is included as an appendix to the *Minutes of the General Assembly*.

Gen. Secretary Ioannis Psilopoulos provided extensive information about the EOC - EFPM case and the meetings which he had with EOC President Mr. Patrick Hickey in Nicosia last July and with the same, EOC Gen. Secretary Rafaele Pagnozzi, EOC Treasurer Kikis Lazaridis and the former EOC liaison officer with the EFPM Mr. Togay Bayatli during the EOC E.C. meeting in Sofia last September. The case is expected to be settled after the EOC elections in November 2009.

Christian Hinterberger gave extensive information on his activities related to CSIT and the actions done in view of the re-affiliation of Switzerland and the affiliation of Finland to the EFPM, via their organizations SATUS and TUL respectively. These organizations are members of CSIT and Christian Hinterberger underlined the assistance of CSIT President Harold Bauer in view of these affiliations.

Prof. Dr. Vladimir Rodichenko expressed his view that the EFPM has to fight for the establishment of good relations with EOC and ENGSO. Moreover, he underlined the fact that the EFPM is a synthesis of theory, science and best practice and therefore the EFPM must try its best to affiliate all European Sports Federations as well as all National Sports Confederations in Europe.

## **7. General Secretary's report**

Gen. Secretary I. Psilopoulos, thanked the EFPM Members for their trust and support, as well as the Hellenic Olympic Committee for the continuous support for smoothly fulfilling the Gen. Secretary's duties. After that, he presented the relevant Report, which is included as an appendix to the Minutes of the General Assembly.

## **8. Financial Report as per 31-12-2008.**

The Treasurer Dr. Christian Blareau presented the current financial situation of the EFPM and the 2010 Budget which amounts to a total of 27.000 Euros. The General Assembly approved the Treasurer's report and the proposed budget.

## **9. Report of the Board of Auditors**

EC Member Mr. Christian Hinterberger explained the procedure for the introduction of the Report and called on Dr. Kveta Peckova, Chairwoman of the Board of Auditors, to present the relevant Report.

Dr. Peckova presented the Report, proposing the approval of the financial transactions by the EFPM in 2008. The General Assembly approved it unanimously.

## **10. European Fair Play Awards**

Mr. M. Cerar, President of the EFP Awards Jury, presented the Report of the Jury for the year 2009. The Awards proposed by the Jury and accepted by the General Assembly are:

### **1. Plaque of Merit and Diploma (Organization)**

To the **Royal Dutch Hockey Federation** for its remarkable contribution which it made, to disseminate the values and the principles of Fair Play (proposed by the Dutch Olympic Committee).

### **2. Diploma (Organization)**

To the **Cyprus Basketball Federation**, for strongly and decisively supporting numerous initiatives for the preservation of ethical values in sports and for the promotion of the Fair Play ideals (proposed by the Cyprus Olympic Committee).

### **3. Plaque of Merit and Diploma (Individuals)**

To **Jan - Peter Peckolt and Hannes Peckolt** from Germany, winners of the Bronze Medal in the 49er class in the Olympic Sailing Contest in Qingdao for their

remarkable gesture during the said event, promoting this way the ethical values of sport (proposed by the German Olympic Sports Confederation)

#### **4. Diplomas (Individuals)**

4.1 To **Prof. Dr. Josef Lipiec** from Poland, for his contribution to the implementation of the ethical values in Sports and the education of youth in the spirit of Fair Play and Tolerance (proposed by the Polish Olympic Committee).

4.2 To **Zdenek Hruby and Radek Jaros** from Czech Republic, mountain climbers for the remarkable gesture during an ascent of the 8.000 m Dhaulagiri peak in Himalayas (proposed by the Czech Olympic Committee)

#### **11. EFPM Communication**

11.1. The Magazine: **PLAY FAIR!** The report was presented by Vice President Mr. E. Aripinar, who asked once more for the contribution by all EFPM members in respect of reports, papers, news, photos etc. for the magazine PLAY FAIR! Furthermore, Mr. Aripinar explained that the cost of the Magazine covers mostly its distribution (posting etc.) as well some editing expenses. Vice-President Prof. Dr. Manfred Laemmer underlined the good work that has been done in relation with the Academic Supplements of the magazine PLAY FAIR!, something that strengthens the bonds with the European Academic Institutions and the individual Academics.

11.2. **EFPM website.** Mr Aripinar underlined the necessity of the EFPM website and the importance of having it constantly and duly updated.

11.3 **EFPM Flash News.** Mrs. Katarina Raczova informed the Gen. Assembly about this initiative and the importance of having the Flash News always up-to-date with news on all the Fair Play activities and regularly distributed in Europe.

#### **12. 16<sup>th</sup> EFPM Congress and General Assembly 2010**

President Gonçalves informed the General Assembly about the decision of the Executive Committee to award the 2010 EFP Congress and the associated EFPM Gen. Assembly to the Olympic Committee of the Czech Republic and its Fair Play Commission chaired by Dr. Kveta Peckova. The latter, accompanied by members of the organizing group, gave details of said event to be hosted in Prague under the title "Fair Play Education at School: A Shared Responsibility" and presented a video of the host city. At the end of the presentation, President Gonçalves and Dr. Kveta Peckova signed the associated Contract for the organization of the event.

### **13. 17<sup>th</sup> EFP Congress and EFPM General Assembly in 2011**

Gen. Secretary I. Psilopoulos informed the General Assembly that the National Olympic Committee of Croatia was the only member to have submitted an official application for this event within the deadline and to give grounds for this application. Consequently, the EFPM Executive Committee decided to award the 2011 event to the Olympic Committee of Croatia. The representative of the latter Mrs. Biserka Vrbek thanked the Gen. Assembly and gave some preliminary information about the event and their plans.

### **14. Candidatures for the organization of the 18<sup>th</sup> EFP Congress and EFPM General Assembly in 2012**

Gen. Secretary I. Psilopoulos informed the Gen. Assembly that the deadline for the applications by candidate organizations is 31 March 2010. He underlined the importance of said event and the associated difficulties, resulting from the fact that 2012 is an Olympic Year and the Gen. Assembly will be an elective one. Therefore, he proposed that the Gen. Assembly look into holding the event prior to the Olympic Games and call it a pre-Olympic Congress, something that might also help in finding sponsors.

### **15. EFPM Declaration**

President Gonçalves thanked ICSSPE President Prof. Dr. Margaret Talbot for her decisive assistance in formulating the 2009 EFPM Declaration. He informed the Gen. Assembly that the distributed Declaration is a Draft Document to be reviewed and/or commented on by the Members by the end of November.

### **16. EFPM flag passed on to the delegation of the Czech Olympic Committee**

The Azerbaijan NOC Vice-President Khazar Isayev handed over the EFPM flag to Dr. Kveta Peckova, head of the Czech Olympic Committee Delegation, responsible for the organization of the 2010 EFP Congress and EFPM Gen. Assembly.

Having dealt with all the points of the Agenda, the President declared the General Assembly closed.

For the records

Ioannis Psilopoulos, EFPM EC Member