



# **Report of the President**

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## **Introduction**

The whole world has been shocked by the Corona Pandemy and almost completely changed and blocked the world of sport. A lot of sport events on top level, like the Olympic Games and the UEFA Euro 2020, have been postponed to 2021, grass roots sport has to stop all it`s activities, training, tournaments and championships.

This unexpected and really complicated situation has been responsibly discussed within the Executive Committee and finally led to the postponement of our 26<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and Congress. The Report of the President aims to present the main activities of the Executive Committee members, to deepen and increase cooperation with our members as well as with European and International sport entities.

## **Executive Committee Meetings**

The Executive Committee met several times, once in Vienna, January 2020, and six times online.

The main items being discussed have been the EFPM Vision and Stratgey matter, the realization of the World Fair Play Day, date and venue of the 26<sup>th</sup> Fair Play Congress and General Assembly.

## **Tasks accomplished**

The Executive Committee Members in the fulfillment of their respective tasks attended the following events:

### **Christian Hinterberger**

63<sup>rd</sup> EC-Meeting, Vienna, January 2020

Inauguration of World Fair Play Day, Brussels, September 2020

EC-Meetings (online) 2020/2021

Consultative Meetings of Scientific Advisory Committee

CSIT General Assembly (online) October 2020

EOC General Assembly (online) November 2020

Consultative Meetings of World Fair Play Day

Working Group (online)

EUSA General Assembly (online), February 2021

ENGSO General Assembly (online), June 2021

EOC General Assembly, Athens, June 2021

### **Ioannis Psilopoulos**

63<sup>rd</sup> EC-Meeting, Vienna, January 2020

EC-Meetings (online) 2020/2021

EPAS Consultative Committee Meetings (online)

Consultative Meetings of World Fair Play Day

Working Group (online)

EOC General Assembly, Athens, June 2021

### **Katarina Raczova**

63<sup>rd</sup> EC-Meeting, Vienna, January 2020

EC-Meetings (online) 2020/2021

Consultative Meetings of World Fair Play Day

Working Group (online)

Project “100 Days for Fair Play”

**Erdogan Aripinar**

63<sup>rd</sup> EC-Meeting, Vienna, January 2020

EC-Meetings (online) 2020/2021

Fair Play Award Ceremony of Turkish Laureates

**Miroslav Cerar**

63<sup>rd</sup> EC-Meeting, Vienna, January 2020

EC-Meetings (online) 2020/2021

Inauguration of European Olympic Academies

**Kveta Peckova**

63<sup>rd</sup> EC-Meeting, Vienna, January 2020

**Biserka Vrbek**

63<sup>rd</sup> EC-Meeting, Vienna, January 2020

EC-Meetings (online) 2020/2021

**Baiba Veisa**

63<sup>rd</sup> EC-Meeting, Vienna, January 2020

EC-Meetings (online) 2020/2021

**Philippe Housiaux (coopted)**

63<sup>rd</sup> EC-Meeting, Vienna, January 2020

EC-Meetings (online) 2020/2021

Inauguration of World Fair Play Day, Brussels,  
September 2020

Consultative Meetings of World Fair Play Day  
Working Group

**Vision and Strategy**

The Executive Committee started to discuss and elaborate the EFPM 2020 Vision and Strategy. The final version (attached) can be the basis for the EFPM activities in the future.

## **World Fair Play Day**

The year 2020 has been a very complicated one, but nevertheless, by the initiative of Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles and in cooperation of Panathlon International, International Fair Play Committee and European Fair Play Movement the “World Fair Play Day” has been inaugurated and for the first time celebrated in Brussels City Hall, September 7<sup>th</sup> 2020.

For this occasion a “Manifesto” has been elaborated – with big support of Steve Town – and is already signed by more than 70 signatories.

For support and promotion of the second edition of this annual celebration EFPM (Katarina Raczova) created the project “100 Days for Fair Play”, a teamsport activity (cycling, running, walking) to achieve the distance of 1275 km (Brussels to Budapest) till September 7<sup>th</sup> 2021. Many teams from all over Europe have been registered and almost all have reached the goal.

## **Statutes**

The Executive Committee had to realize that there are some unclear formulation of statutory regulation, especially concerning the date of General Assembly (term of mandate). Therefore the modification of article 9.2 has to be confirmed by the General Assembly in Vienna 2021.

## **Public Performance**

EFPM public performance was mainly concentrated on EFPM Newsletter (Katarina Raczova as responsible editor) and webpage offering actual news, reports about several activities and Fair Play initiatives in Europe. A vivid communication platform like this is substantially based on the content of reports and especially on activities, initiatives, support and cooperation offered by the members.

EFPM is also on facebook now with promising reaction, recommendation and postings.

Big thanks to Baiba Veisa and Katarina Raczova, you are steadily taking care of update.

Katarina Raczova and Steve Town created the EFPM Fair Play Card Toolbox, an educational tool offered for relevant use by our members.

## **EFPM Cooperation**

The long term relationship with International/European organisations have been intensified with common fair play activities set up within championships and by consultations with relevant representatives.

The EFPM has attended some events represented by it`s respective members.

We also continue our bilateral relation and cooperation with all associated members, like EOC, EPC, EUSA, CIFP, CSIT, ENGSO, EPAS, Panathlon International, EFC, JJEU, etc.

## **EFPM Affiliation**

The Executive Committee tried hard to reactivate the relations with some “sleeping” members and on the other hand to endorse affiliation of new members, especially NOC`s as well as European and International Sports Organizations

We cordially welcome:

European Olympic Academies (EOA) chaired by Prof Manfred Laemmer as 20<sup>th</sup> associated member.

## **European Fair Play Awards**

The GA in 2015 unanimously confirmed the modifications of the Award Regulation.

Based on that and after consultation within the board the EFPM Award Jury finally announced the Award Winners for 2020/2021.

### **European Fair Play Plaque of Merit:**

(under the patronage of the EOC)

Franz Klammer Foundation

Stefan Svitko (SVK)

### **European Fair Play Diploma:**

(under the patronage of the EOC)

San Marino Fair Play Committee

Valentina Pereglin (CRO)

Sevim Güllü (TUR)

Alexander Sobolev (RUS)

### **EFPM SPIRIT Award:**

Supporters Preußen Muenster Football Club (GER),

Natasa Muzdola (CRO),



Magdalena Reijf (POL)

Melih Esen Cengiz (TUR)

Demba Ba (FRA/SEN)

**EFPM VOX Award:**

Remzi Yilmaz (TUR)

**EFPM FLAME Award:**

Dinis Costa Pereira Paulo (POR)

Beknaz Almazbekov (KGZ)

Ziga Lin Hocevar (SLO)

**EFPM SPECIAL Award**

Diego Mentrída (SPA)

Simon Kjaer (DEN)

## **European Fair Play Congresses**

The 25<sup>th</sup> European Fair Play Congress in Budapest, September 2019, created in cooperation with CIFP has again been a significant one with excellent presentations and interactive discussion groups finally leading to to the basement of EFPM Vision and Strategy.

Top professional organization, great hospitality and generosity of our Hungarian friends made these days in Budapest unforgettable.

The EFPM celebrated it`s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by presenting a short video “25 Years EFPM – a big success”, by awarding the Fair Play Laureates 2019 and finally with the life performance of “Fair Play Song” by Alexander Mezek.

## **Conclusion**

Although the Corona Pandemy has almost completely blocked any activities at all levels of sport the Executive Committee has been continuously working on the main issues, matters and aims to strengthen the Fair Play principles in the world of sports.

Enthusiasm and a common spirit, cooperation in daily work and individual initiatives keep the EFPM running.

With the full support of our members the ethical values of sports, the idea of fair play and it`s principles will preserve the fascination of sports. Last but not least, I want to express my gratitude for the outstanding ambition and initiatives of my colleagues in the Executive Committee.

Your contribuitions make this organization run in the best possible way.

Finally, let me remind you of this years elections and I invite all corporate members to present candidates for the Executive Committee.

Many thanks to all of you!

Let us take care of sports and

Play Fair

Christian Hinterberger

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