

# EFPM NEWSLETTER 1 /2018



*The European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) is a European non-governmental organisation, established in 1994 in the FIFA House in Zurich. National Fair Play organisations from 40 European Countries have been a part of the EFPM since 1994. The main goal of the EFPM is to promote Fair Play and Tolerance in sports and everyday life at the European level. The EFPM seeks to achieve this goal by supporting its members, by helping to promote Fair Play campaigns where sports organisations take the initiative, by co-operating with the authorities to foster Fair Play themes and by facilitating regular contacts between the various European sports organisations.*

*The goal of EFPM Flash News is to keep people informed on EFPM's activities and to establish closer contact not only with all the EFPM members but also with all European governmental and non-governmental sport institutions and organisations aiming to support and to contribute to the promotion of Ethics in Sport and encouragement of the Fair Play values and principles in all sporting activities as well as in daily life.*

*All EFPM members, the above mentioned organisations and institutions, and associations with the same principles, are invited to communicate information relating to EFPM's goals (conferences, congresses, special events or initiatives, Fair Play prizes, books, etc....).*

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In 1996, the European Fair Play Movement established the European Fair Play Awards aiming to promote the principles of Fair Play in Europe. In this respect, EFPM annually invites all its members, European National Olympic Committees, sports organizations and educational institutions to submit their applications to the Fair Play Awards in following categories:

- The European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma, under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees;
- The European Fair Play Diploma, under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees;
- The EFPM "Spirit of Fair Play" Award;
- The EFPM "Fair Play Flame" Award (to an athlete, or a team UNDER 18);
- The EFPM "Fair Play Vox" Award, under the auspices of AIPS Europe.

**The candidacies for Fair Play Awards can be submitted until 30 April, 2018 to the address below:**

European Fair Play Movement, Ioannis Psilopoulos, Gen. Secretary  
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The Regulations for the Fair Play Awards including the conditions and details as well as the Nomination Form can be found on the EFPM website [www.fairplayeur.com](http://www.fairplayeur.com) under the section "Awards".

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On 15 December 2017, the celebration of the Croatian Fair Play Committee's (CFPC) activity was held in Zagreb (CRO). Miroslav Cerar, Vice-President of the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM), Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia for Sport, Tolerance and Fair Play and Vice-President of the Slovenian Olympic Academy, and Sonja Poljšak, Member of the Slovenian Olympic Academy, were present as special guests. From the very beginning, they supported the activities of CFPC. Another special guest of the celebration was Darko Dujmović, one of EFPM's founders.

In a touching welcome speech, Miroslav Cerar reminded everybody of the cooperation with CFPC, the importance of Fair Play in sport, and on behalf of the Olympic Committee of Slovenia he awarded an acknowledgement to the CFPC for its successful participation in the promotion of Fair Play. Following this, Biserka Vrbek made a short presentation on the CFPC's activities in the last ten years.

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A special tribute for her activity in the last ten years was paid to Mrs. Biserka Perman, the former CFPC President from 2007 to 2016.

The current CFPC President, Danira Bilić, announced Fair Play activities planned for the coming period: continuation of cooperation with EFPM, local partners such as the Central State Office for Sport and the Agency for Education, the Croatian School Sport Federation, the Croatian academic Sports Federation and the Croatian Olympic Academy. The Croatian Olympic Committee President, Zlatko Mateša, commended the CFPC activity and also promised that COC will provide further support and assistance to CFPC's activities. Jura Ozmec, Chairman of the Croatian Sports Journalists Association, said that Fair Play was the most beautiful thing in sport and that he was delighted that the Sports Television would soon begin broadcasting the so called Fair Play minute.



For the 5<sup>th</sup> time the "*Athlete with Heart*" award was announced in the course of the Sporthilfe-Gala of the Austrian Lotteries. Neither goals nor victories counted in order to be nominated for this award. Rather, Fair Play, moral courage and willingness to help were the relevant aspects considered. This year, Erich Artner was the well deserving winner, receiving EUR 5.000 and a trophy specially built for him. Erich Artner, who lost both of his legs, regularly organizes charity events, helping people in need. This year, he took part at a charity cycling event of 2.400 km from Vienna to Barcelona, organized by himself and friends, to collect money for a farmer family in need in Carinthia. "Everything is possible, if you do it with passion", he said, having collected over EUR 46.000.



The Hungarian 117 years old Ferencvárosi Torna Club (FTC) established the Fradi Fair Play Committee in the spirit of the club's motto Morality, Strength, Unity. The main aim of this Committee is to raise attention to Fair Play and the preservation of the so called "fradism", its values and traditions, with special attention to morality, respect and violence- and doping-free sport. The committee consists of nine members, with Andrea Gyarmati, swimmer and Olympic silver medal winner, Péter Bácsi, World Champion and 2-time European

Champion in wrestling, Sándor Sas, multiple-time Paralympic athlete of FTC, and Deregán Gábor, Secretary General of the Hungarian Fair Play Committee. „I am glad that FTC being the oldest club in Hungary decided to establish a Fair Play Committee. The club with great traditions has had many great athletes following the spirit of Fair Play, and I am sure this will continue in the future as well, - said Jenő Kamuti, President of the International and Hungarian Fair Play Committee. In December 2017, the Fair Play Committee handed over the Fradi Fair Play Awards during a gala night. Awards were given in two categories. The "True Green-White Hero" award was given to the eight year old swimmer Olivér Patlók, who collected hundreds of thousands of forints for the treatment of his friend Csaba. The "Fradi Heath Award" went to József Kékesi, who has been a hardcore fan of FTC for decades but has as such never ignored the values of respect and Fair Play.



Following the initiative of the regional office of the Olympic Committee of Slovenia in Koper, managed by Sonja Poljšak, the ceremony for the Best Athlete of the Primorska Region in 2017 was held on 28 December 2017 in Kozina. At this occasion, the Fair Play Move Award was awarded for the first time.

The Fair Play Move Award was awarded to two runners: On 18 February 2017, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Valentine's Mountain Running Race at the Mt Kokoš for the Primorska Cup, it had become obvious halfway through the race that one of the younger competitors had overestimated his abilities. His difficulties and

subsequent collapse were noticed by the runners Urša Trobec, a member of the Slovenia Olympic Team, and Stojan Rodica, a long-time organiser of running events. They stopped to check the condition of the young runner and helped him get back to his feet. They then accompanied him towards the finish line, which the youngster was determined to reach despite his difficulties. Luckily, the incident left no serious health consequences for the runner. In their attempt to help the young athlete, both runners gave up their own chances to achieve the best results and a good place in the race. They received the Fair Play Move Award from Miroslav Cerar, the Ambassador for Sport, Tolerance and Fair Play in the Republic of Slovenia.

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Tíra Pavuk, a young athlete from Békéscsaba (HUN), happily accepted the European Fair Play Movement's Fair Play Flame award in Budapest on 17 January 2018. She was handed over this special award just before the start of the Coincidence Ballet Theatre show „Fair Play - The Legend of Sports Giants” at the MOM Cultural Center. A ballet show demonstrating the power of sport and Fair Play was the perfect entourage for Tíra Pavuk to appear on stage, together with Katarina Raczova, EFPM

treasurer. Tíra deserved both, the warm applause by the public and the European Fair Play Flame award. In addition, on behalf of the Hungarian Fair Play Committee, Secretary General Gábor Deregán greeted the winner. What had she done to deserve this? At the U20 European Championships in Grosseto (ITA), the event's favorite runner and Youth Olympics bronze medalist Lili Anna Tóth stumbled over one of the hurdles and fell. Tíra Pavuk immediately stopped her race and tried to help Lili to get back up. Unfortunately, Lili was not able to continue her race. After her attempts to help Lili, Tíra continued her race and still managed to finish 12<sup>th</sup>. Without no doubt, this great result was also achieved thanks to the support Tíra received from the audience, who supported her loudly, appreciating her gesture of Fair Play.

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Ghana and Eintracht Frankfurt midfielder Kevin-Prince Boateng has called on associations and clubs to institute tighter measures in the fight against racism in football. "It's not enough to have just a 'No to racism' video before Champions League matches, and it's not enough to wear a T-shirt with 'No racism' on it and 'We show racism a red card," said the star in a conversation with Süddeutsche Zeitung magazine. The 30-year-old was recognised by a German radio station for his long-standing work in fighting racism. He "sent out a signal fighting racism, which extends beyond football," according to the jury who voted him as the winner of WDR radio's 1Live Krone.

"To be given this award means that people are taking note and that there are still a lot of people who care about this issue," said Boateng. "That's really a pleasure and I'm delighted to be getting through to more and more people and, with them, we are continuing the fight against racism."

The award is being announced for the 18<sup>th</sup> time and for the first time to a footballer.

Boateng started the fight against racism during his days as an AC Milan player, when he left the field during a pre-season friendly after having become the target of racist slurs. His team-mates joined him and the game was consequently abandoned, with the message conveyed around the world that racism in any shape and form is unacceptable. A few months later, the son of a Ghanaian father and German mother spoke at the United Nations about his exemplary actions, and he recently called on more to be done to identify and punish the minority who still make racist chants. Moreover, Kevin-Prince Boateng wants racist fans to be identified by video technology at stadiums. Read more:

[www.bundesliga.com/en/news/Bundesliga/kevin-prince-boateng-honoured-leading-fight-against-racism-eintracht-frankfurt](http://www.bundesliga.com/en/news/Bundesliga/kevin-prince-boateng-honoured-leading-fight-against-racism-eintracht-frankfurt)



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