



## ***EFPM NEWSLETTER 1 /2019***

*The European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) is a European non-governmental, non-political organization, established in 1994 in the FIFA House in Zurich. National Fair Play organizations from 40 European Countries have been a part 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 organizations take the initiative, by co-operating with the authorities to foster Fair Play themes and by facilitating regular contacts between the various European sports organizations.*

*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 organizations 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 organizations 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 2019 to the address below:**

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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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EFPM is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The celebration of this wonderful event is scheduled to take place together with the European Fair Play Award Ceremony in October 2019 and preparation is under way. Christian Hinterberger, EFPM President, invited Janez Kocijančič, EOC President, as honorary guest to address the EFPM family at this occasion. In his letter, the EFPM President underlined that the Fair Play family welcomed the EOC's initiative to establish a new platform „European Sport Model“, aiming to protect the fundamental ethical values of sports and the core cells of sport family, the athletes and the NOCs. He assured Janez Kocijančič that EFPM was ready with all its power to cooperate with EOC as close as possible to achieve a successful development of this platform, either by taking part in a relevant working group or by undertaking well-coordinated activities in parallel. Moreover, the EFPM is ready to be an active partner of the upcoming EYOF summer edition in Baku, July 2019, together with our friends of the Azerbaijan Fair Play Committee, chaired by Khazar Isajew.

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The Executive Committee of the European Fair Play Movement held its 61<sup>st</sup> meeting on 5-7 April 2019 in Vienna at the invitation of ASKÖ. The program included President Christian Hinterberger's report, Secretary General I. Psilopoulos' information on current topics and Treasurer Katarina Raczova's presentation of EFPM's financial situation. Moreover, members of the Executive Committee provided information on their active participation at different European events related to the achievement of the EFPM goals during the last period. Biserka Vrbek presented the EFPM Privacy Policy and Baiba Veisa the Stylebook that provides guidelines to use the EFPM logo: [FP brandbook EN copy.pdf](#)

The Executive Committee raised attention to the evaluation of the 24<sup>rd</sup> EFP Congress, which was held in Brussels (BEL) in November 2018. Steve Town, Chief of Scientific Committee of EFPM, presented the results of the online survey and on the basis thereof it was discussed how to ensure the maintenance of the high quality of EFP's congresses and how to improve them.

Moreover the ExCom members paid close attention to establish a new 5 years vision of the EFPM and to determine its key strategic aims.

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Michal Buček (SVK) has become a true hero during the international competitions in Tianjin, when competing in triathlon, at Olympic distances. During the opening discipline, swimming at 1,500 meters in the Yellow Sea, the Slovak racer bumped into a still-lying body of a drowning man 500 meters away from the shore. He immediately shouted at the speedboat crew. As the ship of the organizers could not reach Michal, he had to come to them, keeping the man above the water.

It was literally about seconds. "I immediately pulled his head out of the water and put his arms around his neck. I saw that he wasn't breathing, his face was turning all purple, there were no signs of life," the athlete described the moments. Once on the boat, lifeguards started CPR immediately and so Michal could continue with the race. He later admitted that he had been unable to get rid of the image of the ash face. Just on the finish line he found out that the man had been saved and was alive. Despite Michal Buček ending up at the unpopular fourth place, his personal victory was much bigger – saving a real life. He was awarded the highest Slovak Fair Play prize, the Jan Popluhar Trophy.

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In Maribor, the European Cup in Ju-Jitsu took place on 2-3 March 2019. It was organised by the Ju-Jitsu Association of Slovenia under the patronage of the European Ju-Jitsu Federation, led by Robert Perc, President of the European Ju-Jitsu Federation.

The event was a great success involving 514 competitors from 15 countries. As the honourable guest, Miroslav Cerar welcomed the competitors at the solemn opening, wished them great success and asked them to respect Fair Play.

At the venue of the competition in the Tabor Sports Hall, a panel of the EFPM was displayed throughout the competition, since the European Ju-Jitsu Federation will soon become a member of the EFPM.

The San Marino National Fair Play Committee would like to congratulate the young players of the San Marino Under 12 Championship who have distinguished themselves during the game phases for the correct interpretation of the rules in fair and fair gaming inspired by the sound principles and values of fair play with virtuous and exemplary examples. Here are the protagonists who saw the Green Cards assigned by the Competition Director:

- **El Attar Karim** (Tre Fiori Fiorentino 2)
- **Riccardo Monteduro** (Folgore)
- **Colonna Filippo** (Juvenes Dogana)
- **Lorenzo Fantini** (Libertas San Giovanni) and **Simone Salvi** (Tre Fiori Fiorentino 2)

For more information about the outstanding behavior of the young players please visit the website: [www.fairplayeur.com](http://www.fairplayeur.com)



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