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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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The Executive Committee of the European Fair Play Movement held its 63rd meeting on 24-26 January 2020 in Vienna at the invitation of ASKÖ, the Austrian EFPM member organization.

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 relating to the achievements of EFPM's goals during the last period.

The Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the 26th edition of the European Fair Play Congress and the EFPM General Assembly will take place in September 2020 in Vienna, Austria. The events will be organized by ASKÖ. The 1st announcement including the relevant information will be published by the end of February.



Moreover, Steve Town and Romana Caput-Jogunica representing the EFPM Scientific Advisory Committee presented an EFPM Strategy Plan 2020–2024 according to conclusions from the last European Fair Play Congress in Budapest (HUN) in October 2019. This Strategy Plan will be sent to all members of EFPM for comments, suggestions and remarks as soon as possible.



On 18-20 November 2019, the New Leaders Forum was held in Helsinki with the aim to close the gender gap in Europe. This Forum is a legacy project by Birgitta Kervinen, the 2017 IOC Women and Sport World Trophy winner. It was organized by the NOC of Finland, in collaboration with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and European Olympic Committees (EOC). Over 200 participants came together, including young game-changers and sports leaders from Europe and many other parts of the world in order to share and discuss best practices and

progress made in advancing gender equality in their respective organizations.

Amongst them were IOC President Dr. Thomas Bach and EOC President Mr. Janez Kocijančič.

The representatives of the Olympic Committee of Israel in the Forum were Eytan Barak, Chair of Finance Commission and Member of the EFPM, Suzy Yogev, Chair of Gender Equality Commission and Yarden Har Lev, Coordinator of Education Programs.



On 23 January 2020, the BMW IBU World Cup Biathlon competitions took place in Pokljuka on one of the most beautiful mountain plateaus in the Republic of Slovenia. This traditional venue of the Biathlon World Cup is one of the most recognized sporting events in Slovenia.

EFPM is pleased that this is beautiful environment was witness to the award ceremony, in which Alex Cisar accepted his well-deserved EFPM **'Fair Play Flame' Award**.

During the National Cup for Juniors in Biathlon at Pokljuka

plateau on 23 March 2019, Alex accidentally stepped on the ski pole of his opponent Tilen Gregorka, who lost the pole. Alex stopped, gave his own ski pole to Tilen and then went back to take the ski pole of Tilen and continue the race with it. He showed a very responsible attitude towards his colleague and he performed an act which many athletes noticed. This notable act of Fair Play was also well reported on in the media. The award was handed over by Miroslav Cerar, EFPM Vice-President and Olympic Champion in 1964 and 1968 in gymnastics, accompanied by Jakov Fak, Slovenian Olympian medal winner 2010 and 2018 in biathlon.



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 years of age);
- The EFPM “Fair Play Vox” Award, under the auspices of AIPS Europe.

The candidacies for Fair Play Awards can be submitted until 31 May 2020 to the address below:

Ioannis Psilopoulos, Gen. Secretary
European Fair Play Movement,
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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 under the section “Awards”.

DEAR FAIR PLAY FAMILY,

We would like to inform you that the EFPM’s Facebook is back up and active again!

We invite you to share photos and videos, send messages and get updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/EuropeanFairPlay/>

Moreover, we would like to draw your attention to the newly created EFPM YouTube channel.

Please do not hesitate to send your videos for publication!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChQCzLVgC-q2EQ_hcPoSRLA

Enjoy your read and feel free to provide EFPM with information on your organizations, activities, and events.