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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 EFPM family has to sadly accept that European Olympic Committees (EOC) President Janez Kocijancic has passed away.

The Slovenian had been a long-term official at the EOC, joining the Executive Board in 2005. He later served as EOC Vice President from 2013 to 2016, before becoming Acting President in 2016 and having been elected EOC President unopposed in 2017.



He was the first president of Slovenia's Olympic Committee upon independence in 1991 and remained in this position for 23 years, and a council member of the International Ski Federation since 1981. Under his leadership, the EOC were taking positive measures aiming to secure the fundamental ethical values of sports. "He has left a huge void in the heart of the Olympic movement of Europe," EOC secretary general Raffaele Pagnozzi said. "He will be remembered for his professionalism and wise vision in profoundly understanding the diversity between the European countries. His cultural and historical knowledge was of great benefit to the sport movement in Europe and helped lead it to a prominent

position globally."

On behalf of EFPM, Christian Hinterberger, EFPM President, expressed: Janez has always been an ambitious supporter and friend of EFPM. A great personality, a real sportsman, gentle, fair, open minded, and optimistic. In our memories Janez is still alive and we keep him in mind. Our condolences are firstly dedicated to the family.



The EFPM has decided to extend the deadline to accept nominations for the 2020 FAIR PLAY AWARDS. The new deadline is June 30.

Also in 2020, the EFPM will award fair and tolerant behaviour and relevant contribution to the preservation or implementation of ethical values in sport.

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 June 2020 to the address below:

Ioannis Psilopoulos, Gen. Secretary
European Fair Play Movement,
31, Kodringtonos Str. GR – 10343 Athens
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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.”

The Olympic Committee of Israel engages fans and athletes through a series of online programmes.

The Olympic Committee of Israel has been keeping fans and athletes engaged during the COVID-19 pandemic by delivering a series of compelling programmes across its social media channels. While the Olympic athletes are at the core of the activities, a significant cultural discourse was stimulated among the Israeli public.

Amongst the programmes, the NOC hosted a number of Olympic quizzes which have reached hundreds of thousands of people. They have also hosted live chats with Olympians, including the first Israeli to ever win an Olympic medal, Yael Arad, as well as experts from a variety of fields, including sports medicine, physiology, nutrition, mental counselling and sports sciences. Weekly interviews with Olympic athletes, coaches and referees were also conducted, as were video lessons by Olympians on Olympic values and other characteristics associated with the Olympic Games.

In the picture an Egyptian judoka declined to shake hands with his Israeli opponent, Ori Sasson, at 2016 Rio Olympics. This image appeared alongside a quote by Ernest Hemingway “*Sport teaches us to win honestly and to lose with head erect. Therefore sport teaches us everything*”, as part of the activity Quote of the Day.





Philippe Housiaux, President of the Panathlon Wallonie Bruxelles (PWB), EFPM member organization, informed us that despite the awful situation in our respective countries due to Covid-19, the Panathlon Wallonie Bruxelles was able to secure a nice event on the 7th of September in the Brussels Town Hall and on the « Grand Place » in presence of the Mayor, the Alderman in charge for Sport and numerous Ministers.

This event, the inauguration of the International Fair Play Day, was initiated by PWB and presented by CIFP & EFPM. Speeches highlighting the significance of the event will be held by Christian Hinterberger, EFPM President, Jenö Kamuti,

CIFP President, the Mayor of the City, the Alderman in charge of sports and key ministers, as well as by Philippe Housiaux himself. In addition, the presentation of the official logo and the spirit of the project as worldwide event will take place. A small working group consisting of CIFP, EFPM & PWB representatives will finalize the scenario.



The Fair Play Commission of the Turkish National Olympic Committee, under the leaderships of EFPM Vice President Erdogan Arıpinar and Prof. Dr. Bilge Donuk, decided to have two new projects to be implemented at the end of the pandemic:

Fair Play Academy of Turkey

The National Olympic Committee of Turkey and the Istanbul University Faculty of Sport Sciences will jointly realize a Fair Play Academy at the Istanbul Olympic House. 40 students and 10 administrators or teachers from sports faculties of universities will be invited to Istanbul every month. In the course of two

semesters, they will receive training by experts at the Olympic house. Those who complete the training will receive a Fair Play Diploma. At first, this training will take place for one year, with the possibility of its extension, depending on the situation.

Fair Play Honor Flag

Turkey's National Olympic Committee Fair Play Commission will sign a protocol with the Sports General Directorate of Turkey. Accordingly, one club of those which complied with Fair Play rules will be selected from among several sports clubs in Turkey and will be granted the right to carry the Fair Play Honor flag for one year. Such granting will be accompanied with a ceremony. The public will be kept informed via press conference and through internet.



We would like to continue to encourage all of you to participate at the European Fair Play Movement and the Fair Play Club of the Slovak Olympic and Sports Committee initiatives!

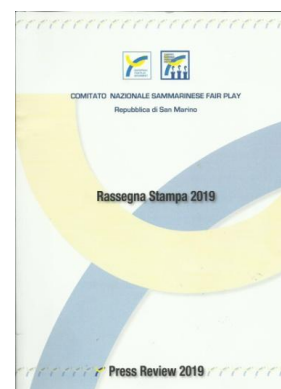
In times of social distancing, it is even more important to share common values. Common values which will help us to overcome the difficulties many of us are facing and will continue to face still for some time, whether it is on the sporting fields, not able to continue training sessions, not able to meet your team, not able to be together with your trainers, or off it, having to distance yourself from family and friends, worried about our health and

the situation of our loved ones. Common values can help to overcome these tough times. Reach out a hand and share with us the values you cherish most! Take a picture or a video of your hand with a value that is important for you (**any language is welcome**) and post it on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EuropeanFairPlay/> or send it to efpmoffice@gmail.com. Tag a friend or an organisation you want to share your thoughts and spread hope, friendship, tolerance, togetherness across the world and across languages.



The San Marino National Fair Play Committee (CNSFP) recently presented its Press Review for 2019, a year which featured many initiatives and activities.

The CNSFP has always been strongly committed to promoting the universal concept of Fair Play and to preserving the founding values of Sport at all levels. Standing out among the important initiatives are the World Fair Play Day, the Move on Fair Play True Colors and the Red Bench, events which were highly appreciated and followed with considerable interest. The CNSFP will continue with passion and enthusiasm to collaborate on educational and training projects dedicated to the people of all ages.



intellectual disability.

The Belgian association Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles wanted to concretize the will of the Belgian sports world to say “Thank You” to the heroes of the COVID-19 crisis. This cry will be carried loud and clear with pride on all sports grounds by our athletes and all those who wish to support this project.

Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles produced protective fabric masks on which the word ‘THANK YOU’ is printed (‘MERCI’ in French). This word includes the professions of the heroes of this crisis.

1€ per mask sold will be donated to Special Olympics Belgium, the association which provides sports activities for people with an



This Campaign supported by many personalities including our two great ambassadors of the Belgian Sport (the young ju-jitsuka Amal Amjahid and the table-tennis champion Jean-Michel Saive) will last to September 12 with an apotheosis during the operation "1000km du Fair-Play" that will relay symbolic places of the Crisis in the French part of Belgium.

For further information please visit the website <http://www.panathlon.be/merci/>.

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.