



EFPM NEWSLETTER 1 – 2021

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 66th meeting via video conference on 19. February 2021.

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.

The most important topics discussed were as follows:

European Fair Play Congress and EFPM General Assembly

The ExCom members discussed the case and decided to postpone the date these events after the Olympic Games in Tokyo 2021 (September or October 2021). It will take place in Vienna either with the physical presence of our members or by teleconference, depending on the pandemic situation at the time. The Organisers will be prepared to have the elections performed either by secret ballot or by televoting. The date of the General Assembly and the various procedures will be fixed in June 2021 at the latest, during the relevant ExCom meeting. The Topic of the Congress remains as scheduled: "*Education for Fair Play - Initiatives and Projects*".

Scientific Advisory Board

President Christian Hinterberger informed the ExCom about the new composition of the Scientific Advisory Board as follows: Chair: Steve Town (GBR), Members: Romana Caput – Yagunica (CRO), Bilge Donuk (TUR), Thierry Zientz (BEL) and Otmar Weiss (AUT), representing the 2021 Vienna Congress Organisers. I. Psilopoulos, EFPM general secretary will be the coordinator of the SAB for the Vienna Congress.

2020 Fair Play Awards Ceremony

The EFPM will inform the Laureates of the new procedures and options. We are confident that despite the ongoing pandemic we will find a way to celebrate these persons and their exemplary behaviours and give them the recognition they deserve.

World Fair Play Day



President Christian Hinterberger informed the ExCom about the steps that have been taken on the subject matter. A working group was established, consisting of the four founding organisations. The members are on EFPM part: Christian Hinterberger, Ioannis Psilopoulos, Katarina Raczova, Steve Town. Philippe Housiaux represents Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels. The first on-line meeting was held on January 2021, with the topics: activities scheduled for 2021 and the next WFPD ceremony, which will be held in Budapest on September the 7th 2021.

The President sent to the ExCom members the WFPD Manifesto, which promoted world- wide, in order to be signed by as many as possible sport stakeholders.



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 2021 to the address below:

Ioannis Psilopoulos, Gen. Secretary
European Fair Play Movement,
31, Kodringtonos Str. GR – 10343 Athens
ioannispsilopoulos@gmail.com

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”.



Under the influence of the successfully Olympic Values Education Program (OVEP), which was created by the International Olympic Committee aiming to use the universality of sport in the Olympic context to support delivery of curriculum in and outside of the classroom, the Slovak Olympic and Sports Committee (SOSC) has prepared a Slovak version of these official educational materials. Besides that, the SOSC has produced its own materials through which it intends to inspire – not only - young generation in Slovakia

to moral and ethical conduct through sport. Moreover, from January til July 2021 webinars complement the materials. These are focused on different important themes, such as Sport without doping, Environmental education, Olympic values as well as Fair play. The content is focused on children, students as well as pedagogues.



The Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels (PWB), EFPM member organization, shared a summary of its activities realized in the last month:

- Philippe Housiaux, PWB Preasident wrote a white paper following the heavy Covid-19 crisis and the consequences on sports
- PWB had the honor to give a Fair Play Award to a jogger who preferred to accompany another 82-year-old runner (suffering from Parkinson's disease), instead of reaching his own time goal.
- PWB made its website more activist than ever
- PWB launched the 15th Graphic Arts Contest on the theme "Fair Play Makes Connections".
- PWB have widely communicated the WFPD Manifesto and received about 30 commitments from political, public and sport institutions.

You can find more on the website: www.panathlon.be or on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PanathlonWB/>



Alexander Sobolev, the 23 year old centre forward of "Spartak" Moscow (RUS), and the national team, is highly respected by his teammates and adored by the fans for his easy going friendly life style.

The noble gesture of Alexander carried out on the 14th of August 2020 in the match of the Premier Football League versus "Akhmat" (Grozniy) was highly praised by everybody. Suddenly the "Akhmat" player Zoran Nizhich lost consciousness. Later brain concussion was diagnosed. It was so all over the sudden that even the medical stuff of both clubs got lost and immobile. In this non standart situation Sobolev rushed to the rescue of the opponent and gave him the first medical aid required. Not waiting for the ambulance to arrive he turned Zoran to his side. Then he prevented Nizhich from closing his jaw and then prevented tongue sinking. In this way no dangerous consequences critical to the opponent's health followed.

It's interesting that Sobolev admitted after the game that he had never given first medical aid to anyone. And everything that was done spontaneously was targeted to the only aim – to save life of the player of the opponent team. Alexander Sobolev was praised by his gesture by the fans. He was awarded the Diploma of the Russian Fair Play Committee.

[Encouragingly, the beginning of the year was dominated by two wonderful acts of Fair Play in the Italian football league, the Serie A:](#)



First, Lazio Rom's Manuel Lazzari admitted that he had not been fouled when stumbling in the penalty box. Initially, the Referee awarded his team a penalty, when Lazio Rom was leading by the narrow margin of 1-0 against Atalanta Bergamo, their direct competitors. However, upon intervention of Manuel Lazzari himself, the referee withdrew his decision. Lazio Rom went on to win the match 3-1. You can watch a clip of this act of Fair Play here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPGzTOwOYFU>.

Just a couple of days later, Andrea Belotti of FC Torino appeared to having been fouled in his team's match against Atalanta Bergamo. At this stage, FC Torino were trailing 3-0. Despite this, after the referee had awarded a free kick in a dangerous position to FC Torino, Andrea Belotti objected and advised the referee that he had not been fouled. The referee stuck with his decision, because of which Andrea Belotti simply kicked the ball to his opponent's goalkicker, "wasting" a good chance to score. In the end, FC Torino equalized and the game ended 3-3. You can watch this act of Fair Play here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6q6OsQq6aj8>.

We are happy to be able to share clips such as these and hope that they inspire others to follow.

Take care of yourself and the ones around you!

***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/>

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