

## ***EFPM NEWSLETTER 3 – 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 67<sup>th</sup> meeting via videoconference on 25 June 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 Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Fair Play Congress and the EFPM General Assembly will take place on 23-26 September 2021 in Vienna, Austria. The events will be organized by ASKÖ, the Austrian EFPM member organization. The topic of the congress is: "Education for Fair Play - Initiatives and Projects". The Congress is followed by the EFPM General Assembly. An important part of the General Assembly will be the election of the new Executive Committee.

The events will be held in compliance with the Austrian COVID-19 prevention and precautionary measures.

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The EFPM Award Jury, consisting of Katarina Raczova, Biserka Vrbek, Baiba Veisa and Kveta Peckova, under the leadership of Miroslav Cerar, has decided to award several personalities for their behaviors this year.

*The European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma made under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees for an individual goes to:*

**Štefan Svitko (SVK)** for exemplary behavior inspired by the values of humanism and Fair Play

*The European Fair Play Diplomas*

*made under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees for individuals go to:*

**Sevim Güllü (TUR)** – for promotion of the importance of the ethics in sports

**Alexander Sobolev (RUS)** - for a remarkable act of Fair Play

*The EFPM “Spirit of Fair Play” Award goes to:*

**Demba Be** - the French-born Senegalese professional footballer *on behalf of all athletes*, who stand against discrimination and racism on the field and in everyday life

*The European Fair Play Special Award goes to*

**Simon Kjær (DEN)** - for his exemplary leadership and act of humanism, responsibility, and team spirit

*The EFPM “Fair Play Flame” Award (to an athlete or a team under 18) goes to:*

**Žiga Lin Hočevár (SLO)** - for a remarkable gesture of Fair Play

Congratulations to your well-deserved awards!

The laureates will be notified when and where the award ceremony will take place.

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The 50<sup>th</sup> EOC Anniversary and General Assembly took place in Athens (GRE), on 10 and 11 June 2021. Christian Hinterberger, EFPM President, and Ioannis Psilopoulos, EFPM Secretary General, actively participated and took the opportunity to contact representatives of several NOC's there.

Numerous reports and a lot of information, instructions and regulations, especially concerning the Tokyo Games 2020, the EYOF 2022 summer edition in Banská Bystrica (SVK), winter edition in Vuokatti (FIN), the EYOF 2023 summer edition in

Maribor (SLO), the winter edition in Friuli Venezia Giulia (ITA) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Games 2023 in Krakow and Malopolska (POL) filled the agenda of these two days.

One of the main aspects has been the election. Mr Spyros Capralos (GRE) was elected President, Mrs Daina Gudzineviciute (LTU) Vice-president, Mr Peter Menzel (AUT) Treasurer and Mr Raffaele Pagnozzi (ITA) was again elected Secretary General. The composition of the new Executive Committee existing of twelve members shows a quorum of 40 % women.

“I’d like to reinstate how honoured I am to have this opportunity to lead the European Olympic Committees, and pledge to do my best to further elevate European Sport in challenging times,” Spyros Capralos said. “I have listened to you, and I am confident we will all join forces to ensure we keep the wheels turning by enriching and establishing European sport high in the global sports chart”.

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The EFPM has been invited to attend the ENGSO General Assembly online on 17 June 2021 and EFPM President Christian Hinterberger took the opportunity to address the GA briefly. In his speech he underlined: “The whole world, the society and sport as well have been facing really challenging times,

*very much blocked by the coronavirus pandemic and it will for sure take some more months to achieve life as we are used to it.*

*Nevertheless, this crisis on one hand shows a tendency to divide society, on the other hand makes undoubtedly clear the importance of sport activities for physical and mental health, its contribution to friendship and brotherhood, equality and solidarity, respect and integrity, to a harmonious life filled with fun and pleasure. The key in that case, in my opinion, is cooperation and inclusion at all levels of sport. The ENGSO as organization is a relevant platform for cooperation and support of grassroots and voluntary based sport in Europe. EFPM very much appreciates to be part of that important instrument of sport development.”*



The Ordinary General Assembly of Members and Elective Assembly for the four-year period 2021-2024 of the San Marino National Fair Play Committee (CNSFP) took place on 27 May 2021; the Assembly proceedings, called in compliance with the Statute, were introduced with the Annual Report of President Gian Battista Silvagni, which was followed by the illustration of the items in the 2020 Final Budget and the 2021 Budget by the Secretary Treasurer Antonio Stolfi, which were approved unanimously by those present.

During the evening, the CNSFP Elective Assembly for the four-year period 2021-2024 was also held for the renewal of the Statutory Bodies, with the following result: President Gian Battista Silvagni, Vice-President Maria Rita Morganti, Secretary Treasurer Antonio Stolfi and Vladimiro Renzi, Giuseppe Maria Della Balba members of the Board of Directors.

The Assembly of Members discussed and argued the programmatic lines, which the CNSFP will have to implement with initiatives and activities in the year 2021. These characterize the constant action and the presence of the non-profit Cultural Sports Association of Volunteers in San Marino since 2017, with the aim of promoting the sound principles of Fair Play and the founding values of sport, which represent the mission of the National Fair Play Committees belonging to the International Organizations European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) and International Fair Play Committee (CIFP).

On behalf of the Fair Play family, we wish the CNSFP Executive Committee best success, and we are looking forward to further fruitful cooperation.



On 23 June 2021, when the Olympic Day is celebrated across the world, the 2020 EFPM Awards were presented to the Turkish laureates. They were handed over by the Fair Play Commission of the Turkish National Olympic Committee (TNOC). The ceremony took place at the Olympic House and was a well-deserved reward for all the honorees. The Awards were presented by Prof. Dr. Uğur Erdener, TNOC President, IOC member and World Archery Federation President, accompanied by Neşe Gündoğan, TNOC Secretary General, and Erdoğan Arıpınar, TNOC Fair Play Commission President and CIFP Council Member and EFPM Vice-President.

The 2020 EFPM “Spirit of Fair Play” Award was presented to Melih Esen Cengiz for promoting the importance of ethics in sport.

The 2020 EFPM “Fair Play Vox” Award under the auspices of the AIPS Europe was presented to Remzi Yilmaz for the contribution made to support the ethical values in sport.

The 2020 EFPM “Fair Play Flame” Award (to an athlete or a team under 18) was given to Beknaz Almazbekov, U 14 captain of Galatasaray’s youth team for a gesture of Fair Play.

Unfortunately, due to sport activities he could not attend the ceremony. The award was sent to his club.



The Olympic Committee of Israel marked Olympic Day 2021 with two notable events. On 9 June, an Olympic Day Webinar was held as part of the 6<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Exercise and Sport Sciences at the Academic College at Wingate in collaboration with the US Embassy in Israel and the European Olympic Academies (EOA). The remarks on behalf of the NOC of Israel at Opening Ceremony were

made by Eytan Barak, Member of the NOC Executive Board. The webinar featured 22 different lectures related to Olympic history, Olympic education and the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, among others. The speakers included IOC Member Richard Pound, IOA Dean Konstantinos Georgiadis, EOA President Manfred Lämmer and seven-time Olympic medalist in gymnastics Simona Amanar. The last session of the Webinar, which was opened by Ms Yael Arad, the first Israeli medalist in Barcelona 1992 and Chair of the Sports Commission at NOC of Israel, dealt with the legacy of the legendary basketball coach Pat Summitt. The event was attended by participants from all five continents, including sports managers, coaches, athletes, journalists, academics, students and physical education teachers. On 23 June, the NOC conducted an interactive Olympic Quiz on social media channels, which was hosted by Ms Yarden Har Lev and included the participation of Israeli athletes who will compete in Tokyo. About 80,000 people were reached with Olympic Day’s content via the NOC’s social media. The Olympic Day was opened with a message by the Israeli Chef de Mission Gili Lustig and closed with a special greeting from the President of Israel, Mr Reuven Ruviv Rivlin. In addition, the departure ceremony of the Olympic and Paralympic delegations to Tokyo was held at the President’s House in Jerusalem. More info on [www.olympicsil.co.il](http://www.olympicsil.co.il).



On 3-4 June 2021, a very special project, called “SKILL FOR YOUTH” (SEY), promoted by the National Youth Agency with the Italian National Fair Play Committee, a Meritorious Association recognized by CONI and committed to sport and health, with the task of spreading the fundamental values for a better quality of life in civil society. The project will be implemented in the framework of Key Action 2: Partnerships for cooperation with a partnership that unites 7 European countries: Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Slovenia, Poland, Latvia.





The aim of the SFY project is to encourage the exchange of good practices and knowledge between organizations of different levels, to build an informal education methodology that, through the values of Fair Play, promotes the personal empowerment of young people in the field. social and community.

The project constitutes an element of innovation, as it promotes the application of Fair Play as an educational tool outside the sports field, highlighting its civic and social values +and its potential in combating violence, extremism, and illegality in modern society.

The partners will collaborate in the coming months to offer 3 international training opportunities for youth workers and volunteers of youth associations, in order to provide them with adequate tools for the application of Fair Play in their daily activities.



The Panathlon Wallonie Bruxelles is pleased to inform you about its activities in the past period:

Here is a summary:

- Thanks to Arnaud de Meester (Belgian ultra-triathlete), who made a challenge for the benefit of inclusion through sport notably thanks to the development of handisport, an inclusive approach that Panathlon totally shares, we have won a bonus of 1,000 km on our virtual Fair-Play world tour which will take place from 8 to 12 September 2021. A challenge to promote inclusion through sport, particularly through the development of handisport, constitutes an inclusive approach that Panathlon fully shares.

- The values of Fair Play have been passed on to the new member, the Pierpont Golf Club.

- The cubic exhibition “Spirit of Sport” took place in the commune of Wavre for 2 weeks and the panel version was set up in the natural setting of the Villa Hortense with sculptures and works of art by 3 artists.

- Students from the Jean Jaurès Provincial Institute in Charleroi were honoured for their work on the Panathlon visual “Fair Play is a Sport”.

- The 15<sup>th</sup> Graphic Arts Competition was closed with several hundred participants

- A new sports area in Fléron was inaugurated in the colours of Fair Play

- New Belgian institutions ratified the World Fair Play Day Manifesto in May: the City of Seraing, the Office of the Parliament of the Walloon-Brussels Federation and the political party Ecolo.



Following the official launch of the Malta Fair Play Movement, the Standing Committee formed by Joe Borg Cardona, Kevin J Azzopardi, Pierre Cassar, Dr Adele Muscat and chaired by Charles Camenzuli, have announced the first TGS Malta Fair Play Award in conjunction with the Malta Sports Journalists Association and sponsored by Together Gaming Solutions (Bethard Group Ltd).

Zurrieq FC Futsal have been awarded the first award covering the January - April 2021 period.

The act of sportsmanship by Zurrieq FC Futsal occurred in the league match held on the 23 January 2021 against St. George's. Zurrieq FC Futsal allowed the opponents to score to compensate for a goal they had scored when one of St. George's players was injured while play continued. There is also a video on social media which documents this act. The award was given to Zurrieq FC Futsal's Head Coach Alexei Saliba and Vice-Captain Luke Bugeja, both were on the court on that date.



The presentation of the TGS Malta Fair Play Award was attended by Andrea Critien from the Finance & HR Department, Edward Licari Director and Benjamin Delsinger Managing Director at their offices in St. Julian's as well as by Sandro Micallef, President of the Malta Sports Journalists Association and Charles Camenzuli Chairman of the Malta Fair Play Movement.

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