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The year 2020 has been very disrupted by the health crisis linked to COVID. Many face-to-face events have been canceled and replaced by videoconferences.

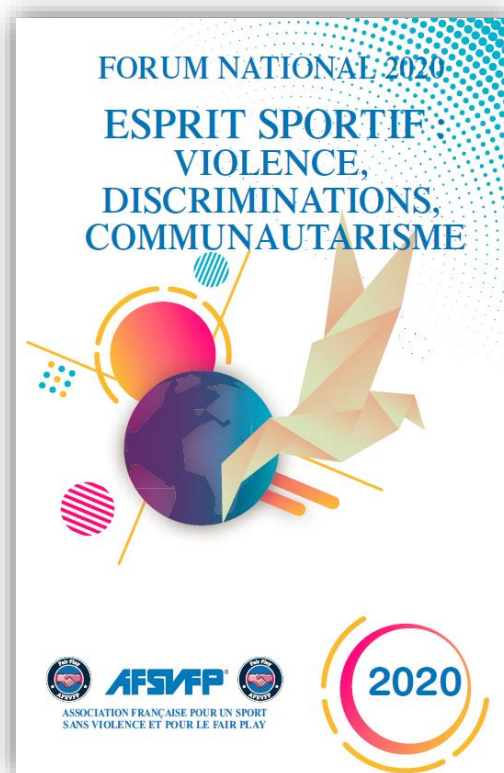
The General Assembly of the AFSVFP, chaired by Jean-Pierre MOUGIN, could be held face-to-face on September 16, 2020 at the French National Olympic and Sport Committee with the 400 members of the Association present or represented.

On the other hand, the National Forum on Violence, Discrimination and Radicalisation took place on November 24, 2020 by videoconference with more than 200 participants, including representatives of the State (Ministry of Sport, Ministry of the Interior) and of the Sport Movement (Olympic Committee, Federations, Clubs, etc.)

A book was published after the Forum and distributed widely.

It is difficult to make a synthesis of all the very rich interventions of the Forum, but the main conclusions on the 3 themes addressed were as follows:

- concerning the violence in the stadiums, solutions have been found thanks to the constant dialogue between the organisers and the supporters,



in particular those called "the ultras", and each one must remain in his/her role and respect the other;

- concerning discrimination, the solution requires a political will at the top of the sports federations. We must speak openly and fear must change sides. We also need to better train leaders and better communicate. Young people must also be educated from school onwards;
- as far as communitarianism and radicalisation are concerned, we all bear responsibility for turning a blind eye for too long, because sport is a vector of strong values that allow us to build ourselves individually and collectively.

Finally, professional sport must be exemplary in terms of values through the strong image it conveys.

In conclusion, the President of AFSVFP quoted Nelson MANDELA's statement: "Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, the power to unite people in a way that little else does. Sport can create hope, where once there was only despair".

The traditional IRIS du Sport ceremony, scheduled on November 25, 2020 could unfortunately not take place due to health constraints and was postponed to December 2, 2021.



Finally, it was decided at the end of 2020 to submit an Erasmus Sport+ file with 2 partner countries: France with AFSVFP and Italy with the Lazio Foundation of Rome to work on a "Guide to Recommendations for Ethics and Integrity in Sport", with a European dimension which could be carried by France in the context of the French Presidency of Europe in the first half of 2022.