



European
Fair Play
Movement

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The European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) was established in 1994 in the FIFA House in Zurich and is a European non-governmental organisation. National Fair Play organisations from 40 European Countries have joined the EFPM since 1994. The main aim of the EFPM is to promote Fair Play and Tolerance in the broadest sense (in sports and everyday life) at 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 inform about EFPM activities and to establish a 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 to the spreading 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 following the same goals, are invited to communicate information relating to EFPM aims and to these goals (conferences, congresses, special events or initiatives, Fair Play prizes, books,...).

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Dear colleagues, dear friends,



It is a great honour and pleasure to forward to you a short comment from Mrs. Olga Fikotova-Connolly.

Olga Fikotova-Connolly competed for Czechoslovakia in the 1956 Olympic Games held in Melbourne (AUS) in discus where she won the gold medal. She took part in every Olympics till 1972 competing for the United States. In 2008 she received a lifetime award for Fair Play from the Fair Play Club of the Czech Olympic Committee.

Sharing EFPM's concerns of what humankind may be missing by devaluating physical education of youth in order to make room for acquiring skills thought of as the only necessities useful in technologically competitive world, Olga wrote:

"I am very glad and grateful that EFPM values sport as integrally important to education. There is no doubt that P.E. and sports instruction in primary and secondary grades improve self-knowledge, self-discipline and an objective view of reality that starts with one's Self. They give a tangible measure of the participant's strengths and weaknesses, and teach methods of how to enjoy or improve those and apply the best of oneself in mutually respectful communication with others.

Athletic contests are not conflicts. They are opportunities in which one evaluates his/her own momentary ability with those in his/her peer group. Their value lies in the measure of how well one's performance improved from that in the previous contest; in personal experience of how much work it had taken to improve; the practice of setting a goal and achieving it; and, consequently, in the development of mutual acquaintances and respect.

Baron Coubertin advocated Sport for All, and schools are the best opportunity we have to achieve that. If schools abandon physical education and instruction of sports fundamentals, other interests may step in, but hardly sufficiently and equitably. Should sport be left adrift from education of human fitness and character, the majority of the world's kids would not receive the wholesome, humanity elevating experiences, which enable the upcoming generations to build sustainability and excellence on Earth."



On 15-17 April 2011 the 43rd EFPM Executive meeting was held in Porec (CRO), in the host city of the 17th edition of the European Fair Play Congress and the EFPM General Assembly. It was focused on the preparation of these important events. The members of the Executive Committee had the opportunity to visit the venues, to assure of the facilities' availability and were deeply convinced that the capability

of the Organizing Committee under the guidance of Mrs Biserka Vrbek, project leader and Mrs. Biserka Perman, Chairwoman of the Croatian Fair Play Committee, is a guarantee for the success of the Congress.

During the stay in Porec it was also a great honour to meet with Mr. Zlatko Mateša, the President of the Croatian Olympic Committee, and Mr. Janez Kocijančič, President of the Olympic Committee of Slovenia. Dr. Mateša underlined that Croatia is proud to organize such an extraordinary event, which is very important not only for the Croatian sport but for the whole European sport community. Both gentlemen conveyed their appreciation to the EFPM and its work and expressed their full support to fulfil its essential role, because sport can only utilise its full potential to enhance a more humane society and a peaceful world if Fair Play and Tolerance are an integral part of it.

The European Fair Play Congress will be held from September 28 to 30, 2011, under the patronage of the European Olympic Committees, the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education, as well as the President of the Republic of Croatia, Prof. Ivo Josipović Ph.D., the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport of the Republic of Croatia, Radovan Fuchs Ph.D. and the Mayor of Porec Mr. Edi Štifanić. It will be organized in cooperation with the Olympic Committee of Slovenia and the Macedonian Olympic Committee. The topic „**Sport as a Part of Culture: Fair Play as a Part of Sports Culture**” is aimed at the exploration and promotion of new possibilities of development of sports culture, as a part of culture and good relations of children and the youth in sport, in order to combat violence and bad manners.



International and national experts will contribute to 4 subtopics:

- Sport as an agent of moral change and transfer
- Fair Play and supporter behaviour
- Ethical conduct of sports coaches
- The media and sport violence

Moreover all national delegates, as well as representatives from European sports organizations, universities, youth organizations, are invited to make an oral presentation on the Congress topic, thus providing an excellent opportunity for sharing experience and acknowledging the projects, programs and campaigns being developed all over Europe. Furthermore, organizations are welcome to present their projects by posters, exhibition of materials, photographs, works of school children on the theme of fair play and prevention of violence on sports grounds. Panel discussions organized with the participation of distinguished individuals will surround the rich program.



At the end of the Congress, the 17th General Assembly of the EFPM will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011.

On behalf of the EFPM and the Croatian Olympic Committee as organizing bodies of the 17th European Fair Play Congress and the EFPM General Assembly, we invite you to join us and attend these events and therefore actively participate in the promotion of Fair Play values and principles. Each EFPM member has a relevant contribution to

make in the attainment of these goals and in making our Movement well known and accepted by the European sports community.

For more detailed information, please contact the project leader, **Mrs B. Vrbek** by phone: **00385 1 3659 610**, e-mail: **fairplay@hoo.hr** or **biserka.vrbek@hoo.hr** and visit our website.

The European Fair Play Movement invites all its Members, the European National Olympic Committees, Sports Organizations, Educational Institutions in recognition of the importance to promote the good examples of Fair Play and Tolerance, to submit their applications to the 2010 European Fair Play Awards. The annual European Fair Play Awards, issued by EFPM under the patronage of the European Olympic Committees are granted to National Fair Play Organizations, Sports Organizations or Educational Institutions, as well as to individuals, in accordance to the EFPM Regulations. The Awards are given annually in accordance with the following categories:



- The European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma
- The European Fair Play Diploma

All applications must be submitted to

Mr. Ioannis Psilopoulos, EFPM Gen. Secretary, by fax **+30 210 6878940** or e-mail **hoc@hoc.gr** followed indispensably by original letter (Address: **31, Kodringtonos Str. GR - 10343 Athens**).

Thanking you in advance for your contribution to the success of this initiative.



The Slovak Olympic Committee, in cooperation with the Slovak Olympic Academy and the Fair Play Club SOC, organizes a literature competition for children and teenagers entitled "**Fair play - competing honestly, living honestly**" as a part of the Olympic education program in Slovakia. The competition is meant for a broad generation of today's youth, divided into two categories: for children under 12 years and teenagers between 12 and 18 years. The main aim is to raise awareness towards the Olympic spirit and ideas of Fair Play, as well as make references to negative examples, such as doping, unfair behaviour, cheating, violating the principles of Fair Play, statements of intolerance, racism and xenophobia on and off the sporting fields, hooliganism and corruption and crime in the world of sports.



The EFPM was invited by the ICSSPE to participate at the first International Israeli-German Sport Science Conference entitled "**Sport as a Mediator between Cultures**", that will be held on the campus of the Wingate Institute, Israel's National Centre for Sport and Physical Education, on next September 15-17. An attractive agenda embracing the entire range of themes highlighting the importance of sport as a means for social development and peace among different

cultures has been developed by the organizers. The conference, including both lectures and workshops, will provide research based knowledge, as well as pedagogic and didactic learning for those being involved with the development of sporting programs for intercultural approach and peace building in the Israeli region and other crisis areas. The EFPM will be represented at the event by its Vice-President, Prof. Dr Manfred Lämmer.

For more information, please contact the organizers at **czinler@icsspe.org** or by the phone: **+49 30 36 418850**.

We hope that you will visit the EFPM website and enjoy it: www.fairplayeur.com

See you soon and don't forget:

Play Fair!