



European  
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Movement

## Flash News – 04/2011

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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**The European Fair Play community is regretting the loss of one of its long-serving and true members, Mr. Christian Blareau. He passed away at the age of 60 years. Born in 1951, he obtained his Ph.D. in History from the University of Paris in 1975 and also obtained Master degrees in geography and sport law, economy and sports organization management. He was a professor of sports law, economy and management at the National Institute of Sports and Physical Education (INSEP) and at the same time he was the director of their continuing education program. Since 1999 he worked for the Minister of Health as a professor preparing future teachers for the national sports exam in various disciplines. He also taught sports law, economy and management at the University of Evry and Paris. Mr. Blareau**

**was a former Judo National Champion (1982), an international judge for Ju Jitsu and was elected until 2012 as President for the European Union of Ju Jitsu. Since 2004, he was the French delegate to EFPM and was elected as Executive Committee member of the European Fair Play Movement, during the 14th EFP Congress, held in Nicosia, 2008, being appointed as Treasurer of our Organisation. He fulfilled this task with great enthusiasm and affection, despite his progressive illness. Mr. Blareau was also the co-author of several books on sports education and contributed to the symposium collection published by AFSVFP.**

**May the EFPM organisation express its deepest sympathy with Mr. Blareau's family. The EFPM movement will truly miss a valuable member.**



We would like to remind you that the deadline for the 17th European Fair Play Congress, held in Porec (CRO) from September 28 to 30, 2011, is quickly approaching! 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. 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 we invite you to join us, attend these events and therefore actively participate in the promotion of Fair Play values and principles.

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In the modern areal of the city of Verona the 5th annual **Sport Expo**, organized for children in Verona and nearby, took place on May 28 and 29, 2011. During the two days children were offered an entertaining and rich program by sport federations, clubs, associations, universities. Children did not only have the unique possibility to try diverse Olympic disciplines and untraditional sport disciplines under the guidance of experts and to learn about the healthy way of living. Also, they took the chance to meet famous Italian sport personalities. The success of this event is proven especially by the number of participants: in 2007, at the first **Sport Expo**, about 9000 children participated, while this year around 40000 attended this special event. At the end of the event the former Italian football represent *Damiano Tommasi*, now President of the Italian Football Players' Association, was honoured with the Fair Play Award for his outstanding behaviour during his sport career. The award was handed over by Vice-Secretary for Economy and Finance *Alberto Giorgetti*, the Bishop of Verona, *Giuseppe Zenti* and *Ruggero Alcanterini*, President of the National Italian Fair Play Committee. Following the invitation by the National Italian Fair Play Committee this extraordinary event was attended by *Ioannis Psilopoulos*, General Secretary of EFPM, and *Katarina Ráczová*, Member of Executive Committee of EFPM. Their attendance was a welcome opportunity to discuss details about the possibility of organizing the 2012 European Fair Play Congress in Verona.



The Joint Meeting of the EPAS Governing Board and the Consultative Committee took place at the Council of Europe Headquarters in Strasbourg, on June 7-8, 2011. EFPM participated for the first time as a full member of the Consultative Committee, represented by its Gen. Secretary, *Mr. Ioannis Psilopoulos*, who is the EFPM appointed liaison officer to the EPAS.

Present were as well other member organizations such as ENGSO, ICSSPE, SPORTACCORD, UEFA, ESCAN-TAFISA, ISCA, EGLSE and PEACE & SPORT. UNESCO was present as a special guest to extend their views regarding the topic "Children in high level sports". The meeting was presided by *Mr. Jean-Luc Janiszewski*, Chair of the Governing

Board. The meeting and the following discussions and the presentations were very interesting and crucial.

The EFPM representative *Mr. Psilopoulos* took the opportunity to discuss the perspectives of a forum in Cyprus under the topic "Ethics in Sport". This forum is planned to be organized by the EPAS and the EFPM, with the cooperation of the European Union and is to be – hopefully - organized in Cyprus during the Cypriot Presidency of the European Union in the first half of 2012. It was agreed that EPAS and EFPM would start preliminary negotiations with the Cypriot authorities and the European Union Commissioner *Mrs. Vassiliou* in order to investigate their position.

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***It is always a great pleasure for us to inform you about Fair Play Award ceremonies aiming to promote the good examples of Fair Play outstanding behaviour or fair acts during different sport events which are honoured with prestigious Fair Play awards. Here we offer you some extraordinary examples:***



The Czech Fair Play Club awarded prizes for the year of 2010. There were indeed numerous examples of chivalrous sportsmanship behaviour.

"We award those who realize the importance of humane behaviour in sports. Their actions are worth more than

sports results.” said *Kveta Pecková*, the President of the Czech Fair Play Club. Students and pupils were awarded with School Fair Play Awards for 2010. A large number of celebrities took part in the meeting of the Czech Fair Play Club, such as the Olympic Champions *Mrs. Dana Zátopková* and the Honorary Chairwoman of the Czech Olympic Committee, *Mrs. Věra Čáslavská*.

Main Award for Career Achievement was handed over to *Mr. Jiří Daler*, a cyclist:

His bronze was the first Czechoslovak medal to be won on the cycling track and he won the first Olympic Gold Medal for Czechoslovak cycling in Tokyo 1964, when the individual pursuit was included for the very first time at Olympic Games. He was also the first Czechoslovak cyclist to be listed in the annals of world records, at the pre-Olympic races in Mexico he set the fastest times for 4km and 5km. In total, he established 14 Czechoslovak records, won the National Championships in the individual pursuit 8 times and added 3 more titles for Dukla Brno in team road racing. At this time he works as coach of his successors in Dukla Brno.

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The European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma announced annually by the European Fair Play Movement under the patronage of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) goes to “*Kronen Zeitung*”. For the first time in Europe a newspaper received the European Fair Play Award. The sports department of the “*Kronen Zeitung*”, an Austrian newspaper, decided in 2009 to create a campaign for fairness in sports. The aims were to fight against doping and every kind of cheating. Besides many popular athletes, supporting the campaign, a huge number of active sportswomen and sportsmen (more than 20 thousands) responded by signing the “*Fairness in Sports*” – Declaration.

On June 25 the *Kronen Zeitung* was honoured by members of the EFPM Executive Committee, *Katarina Raczova* (Slovakia), *Miroslav Cerar* (Slovenia) and *Christian Hinterberger* (Austria).

*Christoph Wikus*, head of the “*Kronen Zeitung*” sports department, received the European Fair Play Award. The Awarding Ceremony took place in the context of a social ASKÖ-Event in Eisenstadt, where more than 400 representatives of economy, sports, culture and politics took part.

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The European Fair Play Diploma for 2010, under the patronage of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) was awarded to *Roman Bernotas*, President of the Lithuanian Association of Running Amateurs, and professor of Physical Education. *Mr. Bernotas* received the distinction during the General assembly of the Lithuanian Olympic Committee for his contribution to the implementation of ethical values in sports and the education of youth in the spirit of Fair Play and Tolerance. He has been a long-standing supporter and benefactor of sports clubs for street

children, orphan athletes and young athletes in the rural area. He also organized various historic running competitions, such as “*Help saving the Baltic Sea*”, and has proven exemplary behaviour throughout his career as sports coach. The award ceremony was conducted by *Arturas Poviliunas*, Lithuanian National Olympic Committee President and by *Arvydas Juozaitis* President of the Lithuanian Fair Play Committee in the presence of numerous guests, Olympic Family members and mass media representatives.

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As sign of a successful cooperation between the European Handball Federation and the European Fair

Play Movement *Katarina Ráčzová*, EC EFPM member, accompanied by *Kveta Pecková*, President of the Czech Fair Play Club, visited the Women’s U17 European Handball Championships in the Czech towns Zlín and Brno in July 2011. 16 teams competed under the EFPM flag for



the prestigious European Championships title while bringing strong proof that clean and fair competition and good results go very well together. Part of the closing ceremony was the European Fair Play Movement Award, handed over to the *Spanish team* for being punished with the fewest penalty minutes throughout the whole tournament.

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For an exemplary act of fair play during the Youth World Championships in Gangneung, South Korea, the Slovak Ice Skating pair *Nikola Višňová* and *Lukáš Csölley* received the award of the International Fair Play Committee. The award was handed over by the President of the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP) *Jenő Kamuti* from Hungary, being accompanied by *Katarína Raczova*, National Ambassador for Sport, Tolerance and Fair Play of the Council of Europe and member of the EC European Fair Play Movement, at the Fair Play Award Ceremony of the Fair Play Club of the Slovak Olympic Committee, held on July 9 in Liptovský Mikuláš (SVK). *Nikola Višňová* and *Lukáš Csölley* fully deserved this award. They offered their help to

the Czech opponents *Karolína Procházková* and *Michal Češko*, whose luggage and therefore equipment got lost on the way to the Championships, by suggesting them to use *Nikola Višňová's* and *Lukáš Csölley's* skates. While in the end unfortunately their good will didn't pay off, as both pairs were later drawn into the same starting group and therefore *Nikola Višňová* and *Lukáš Csölley* had to use their equipment themselves, the Czech athletes gratefully thanked their opponents for this true act of Fair Play and friendship, as can be seen by the fact that the suggestion to award the Slovak athletes was handed in by the father of *Karolína Procházková*.

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***We hope that you will visit the EFPM website and enjoy your read!***

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***See you soon and don't forget: "Do sports, play and cheer honestly"!***