

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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Delegates of 28 European Fair Play organizations took part at the 17th European Fair Play Congress organized in

Porec (CRO). The event took place under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees, the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE), the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport and Prof. Ivo Josipović, Ph.D., President of the Republic of Croatia. The topic of the event “Sport as a Part of Culture: Fair Play as a Part of Sports Culture” aimed at the exploration and promotion of new possibilities of development of sports culture. The event, showing sport as a part of culture and sport’s ability to strengthen good relations of children and the youth, as well as the power of sport to combat violence and bad manners, was successfully organized by the Croatian Olympic Committee and its Fair Play Committee. The Congress was enriched by different exhibitions of school children and photographs of deaf athletes.



The European Fair Play community was greeted by Androulla Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, EOC President Patrick Hickey and Margaret Talbot, President of ICSSPE, sending their best wishes via a special letter. Harald Bauer, President of the International Workers Sports Confederation, wished the participants all the best as well. Many high profile organizations were present, amongst them the European non-governmental sports organization, represented by Ms Birgitta Kervinen, its President, the European Union of Sport Press, represented by its President Yannis Daras, the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport, represented by its member Ilham Madatov, as well as the International Fair Play Committee, represented by its president Dr. Jenö Kamuti.



One major aspect of this event was the Round Table “Culture, Media and Sport” with excellent speakers and combining stimulating plenary presentations and debates, drawing on the latest researches, trends and good practices. It was led in an outstanding manner by Jura Ozmec, Chairman of the Croatian Sports Journalists Association, and joined by well known personalities, such as Miroslav Cerar (EFPM Executive Member), Gilad Weingarten, Zinman College for Physical Education and Sport at Wingate Institute in Israel, Franjo Prot, Professor at the Faculty of Kinesology in Zagreb, Dražen Lalić, Professor of the Faculty of Political Sciences in Zagreb.

Another essential part of the event was the Workshop for the EFPM delegates, when the representatives of the national Fair Play organizations shared their work, ideas, activities, visions. Needless to say, communicating success and failure is an indispensable part of developing new strategies in the fight for Fair Play. Both, the singular national Fair Play organizations, as well as the European Fair Play community as a whole, can profit from productive workshops like this one.

At the same occasion, the 17th General Assembly of the EFPM was held in Porec. During the General Assembly, information was provided about the activities of the Executive Committee Members, the financial situation, as well as different challenges for the future, such as making the work of EFPM more visible and impressive. The EFPM family grew by welcoming a new member, the Finnish Workers' Sports Federation (TUL), representing Finland, and adding to the high quality of member organisations. The EFPM now counts 40 proud and motivated members.

The Awards Jury of the EFPM lead by Miroslav Cerar announced the European Fair Play Awards under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees in 2010:

European Plaque of Merit and Diploma goes to

Jiri Prudil (CZE) - On the final circuit of the MTB cup, May 23, 2010, Leos Balak was second, when he got a puncture in his back wheel and could not continue racing. He decided to run the remaining 4 km to the finish line with the bike on his shoulder. He had a 10-minute lead on Jiri Prudil, third at that moment, but around 20 metres before the line Jiri Prudil caught up with Leos Balak. Then something unexpected happened: When Jiri Prudil saw Leos Balak's injured shoulder from carrying the bike, he stopped and waited until Balak had passed the finishing line. In doing this he even risked being overtaken by another competitor.

The Lithuanian Museum of Sports, for its exemplary educational and charity activities in the spirit of Fair Play. Since almost 20 years now, the Lithuanian Museum of Sports has been providing financial support to injured athletes, former athletes suffering from financial difficulties and handicapped athletes to cover their medical costs. In fact, not benefiting from any governmental financial support, the Museum has successfully established a system to raise substantial financial means, mainly thanks to volunteers work, expositions organized for local artists, schools, and public / governmental institutions. This extraordinary spirit and excellent work have been broadly recognized by the Lithuanian public.

European Diploma goes to

Edward Bugala (POL) - former outstanding Polish track and field athlete, who for many years has been a very well estimated and highly respected coach in Polish Athletics Association. He has become famous not simply for his successful career on, but equally off the sporting field. Currently he is working as a coach, contributing this way to the implementation of ethical values in sports and the education of youth in the spirit of Fair Play and Tolerance.

Dominik Hrbatý (SVK) - former top tennis player, leader of the finalist Slovak Davis Cup team in 2005 and member of the Slovak team that won the World Cup in 2000. Dominik Hrbatý is a team player with extremely high sense of responsibility and fair play. He respected his rivals and even after being defeated he did not search for excuses but appreciated the good performance of other players. Already during his active sports career he showed interest in leveraging his experience in the Olympic movement, working with youth and devoted to active participation in the development of Olympic ideas. He is the main ambassador of the Slovakia Children and Youth Olympic Festival.

Further details of the 17th EFP Congress and General Assembly will be provided in the next Play Fair! magazine

As the XVII EFP Congress is already history, the European Fair Play Movement is now getting ready for the next EFP Congress which will take place in Verona, organized by the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) and its Fair Play Committee under the leadership of Ruggero Alcanterini and supported by municipality of Verona. The date of this event is 25-27 October, 2012. The first announcement will be published by December, including the most important information.



The conference, 'Sport and Integration: Challenging social exclusion in and through sport', was held in Vienna on 19-20 September 2011, and attracted representatives from 21 European countries. It brought together NGO's, football associations, sport bodies, migrant organizations, fans, players' unions and European governing bodies including the European Commission, UEFA, FIFPro, Council of Europe, the Fundamental Rights Agency and ENGSO. EFPM was represented by Katarina Raczova, EC EFPM Member. Key issues discussed included the

involvement of migrants and ethnic minorities in mainstream sport institutions and overcoming exclusion and discrimination in and through sport. Ongoing projects to support the inclusion of minorities in sport were also highlighted. The conference was organized by the Austrian FARE partner FairPlay - VIDC in collaboration with the six partners of the project "SPIN-Sport Inclusion Network", funded by the European Commission under the Preparatory Action in the field of sport. The conference was hosted by the Austrian Ministry of Sport at the House of Sport.



The international conference "Sport as a Mediator between Cultures" was held September 15-17, 2011, by the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Germany, and the Ministry of Culture and Sport, Israel, in co-operation with ICSSPE, Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sport, Israel, and other partners. Projects using sport as a means for peace, cultural approach, social development and reconciliation were analyzed and further strategic steps for efficiently applying knowledge and experience in this field were discussed. During a panel discussion, Wilfried Lemke, UN, Elizabeth Longworth, UNESCO, Manfred Lämmer, German Sport University Cologne and official representative of EFPM, and Gudrun Doll-Teppe, Freie Universität Berlin, emphasized the need for sport to play an essential part in the development of a strong, solidarity community in order to advocate tolerance, friendship, equality. During the conference participants had the opportunity to take part in workshops presented by Budo for Peace (Martial Arts), Football 4 Peace, Mifalot (Football) and Kickfair (Football).



At the occasion of the 13th edition of the IAAF World Championships in Daegu 2011, the International Fair Play Award has been awarded to World Hammer Throw champion Koji Murofushi of Japan. The trophy was accepted on his behalf by Susumu Takano, Head Coach of the National Team of Japan in the presence of IAAF President Lamine Diack and Dr. Jenő Kamuti, President of the International Committee for Fair Play. Murofushi visited schools after the horrific earth quakes and tsunami, showing solidarity with the victims and giving them hope. Commenting on the award he said: "The people of the Tohoku region of Japan suffered so much after the earthquake and tsunami. So many people lost their homes, lives, and loved ones, but continue to live with a spirit as strong as ever. They inspired me so much during my recent visit. I want to dedicate this award to them. I believe that my mission is to encourage them and keep reaching out to the people."



More than 1.000 people participated on Sunday, October 9, 2011, in Palestrina, ITA, at the traditional cycling meeting entitled "I am with Telethon" to support researchers in their fight against genetic diseases and muscular dystrophy and show solidarity to those suffering from these diseases. Guests of honor included the Mayor of Palestrina, Rudolph Lena, the former World Champion in Long Distance Swimming, Valerio Cleri, as well as the young cycling professionals Valerio Agnoli and Stefano Pirazzi. After a cycling tour this beautiful event came to an end with a traditional and tasty pasta party. Not only did all participants have fun, importantly, approximately 4.000 € were raised for a good cause.



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