



European
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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 friends,

first and foremost let me wish you all a Happy New Year. 2012 will be an exciting year as it brings us big events, such as the Olympic Winter Youth Games, Olympic Games, Paralympic Games or the Football European Championships, just to name a few. Let's hope that we won't only see tough competitions, glorious victories and heart-breaking moments but as well many acts of Fair Play, showing the world that sports is about more than only results, it is a way of thinking, acting, living.

Doğan Şahin, the former Turkish swimmer and member of the Turkish National Olympic Committee was awarded with the European Fair Play Movement Chain of Merit in Istanbul on December 7-9, 2011. The Award ceremony was held at the main salon of the Olympic House and was honoured by the presence of Prof. Dr. Uğur Erdener, Turkish National Olympic Committee President and International Olympic Committee member, European Fair Play Movement President Prof. Dr. Carlos Goncalves, EFPM Vice-President Erdoğan Arıpınar and Chief of Turkey Fair Play Commission Murat Özbay.



Doğan Şahin is the second man awarded with the EFPM Chain of Merit after the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, İlham Aliiev. Doğan Şahin received this extraordinary award thanks to his ongoing and exemplary support of EFPM and its values

since its foundation and his contribution to sport and Fair Play in general. During the event, which was



organised by EFPM Vice President Erdoğan Arıpınar under the auspices and support from the Turkish Olympic Committee, European Fair Play Movement's work was praised and recognized for developing and spreading the values and principles of Fair Play in Europe. On the morning of December 9, EFPM President Prof. Dr. Carlos Goncalves and Vice President Erdoğan Arıpınar visited the President of the Turkish Olympic Committee, Prof. Dr. Uğur Erdener, at the Olympic House in Istanbul. Moreover, during the meeting President Erdener declared that Istanbul will be candidate for the EFP Congress in 2013.



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This year's first EFPM Executive Committee meeting will be held in Verona in April 20-21 2012.

The meeting will focus on the preparation of the 18th EFP Congress and EFPM General Assembly in 2012. The congress, which will be held under the patronage of the European Olympic Committees and the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education, is organized by the Italian

Olympic Committee (CONI), its Fair Play Committee under the leadership of Ruggero Alcanterini and supported by the municipality of Verona. As announced in previous communications the date of this event is October 25 - 27, 2012. A visit to the Congress and General Assembly venues is scheduled. Executive Committee Members will decide about the endorsement of the organisation of the XIX. European Fair Play Congress in 2013 and the XIX. EFPM General Assembly.



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The European Fair Play Movement invites all its members, the European National Olympic

Committees, Sports Organizations and Educational Institutions to promote the good examples of Fair Play and Tolerance and to submit their applications to the 2011 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.



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Traditionally the European Fair Play Movement, in cooperation with various European Sport Federations

and national Fair Play Organizations, announces Fair Play Awards at important European youth events. As a result, activities aimed at strengthening the ethical dimension of sport were integrated into the competitions. It is always

a pleasure and honour to decorate young athletes for their behaviour supporting and following the essence of Fair Play. We would like to ask the national Fair Play organizations, Sport Federations to keep us informed about the various important youth sports events so we can create more visibility for the Fair Play awards. And we hope to report about even more Fair Play acts and fair, tolerant behaviour in the future!

The Italian Fair Play Committee (CNIFP), in collaboration with the Regional Committee of Campania, organized a gala dedicated to Fair Play in the medieval Castel Nuovo of Naples. The meeting was attended by the Mayor of Naples, Luigi De Magistris, the Councillor for Equal Opportunities and Youth Policy and Sports Pina Tommasielli, the President of the

Italian National Committee for Fair Play, Ruggero Alcanterini, and many personalities from the world of sports, culture, politics and representatives of mass media. Sarah Izzo, the first Italian Miss Fair Play, a 20 years old student in Medicine, was also among the invited guests.

Aim of the Fair Play gala was to strengthen the cooperation between the city of Naples and the CNIFP to underline the validity of the project "Ethics Alliance and National Territorial Diffusion". The project promises to become a fruitful collaboration. It launches important messages to politicians to emphasize the big challenge of the right to practise sports in a safe environment and the right to protect health and culture. The alliance with the CNIFP is aimed at activities to improve the social environment and also at

concrete projects related to the revival of socio-cultural tourism in Naples. Last but not least, it also aims at making the European Fair Play movement more popular and promotes the XVIII European Fair Play Congress taking place in Verona in October 2012.



Herebelow, we would like to share some positive examples of fair behaviour, that will hopefully inspire athletes, trainers and fans around the world.

During the men's alpine skiing World Cup slalom race in Wengen (SUI), on January 15, the Canadian Olympic and World Cup skier Brad Spence showcased an exemplary behaviour: He wore a helmet with a special logo bearing the name of Gage Ferguson, an eight-year-old from Calgary, who suffers from Asperger Syndrome. After seeing Brad's call for a new sponsor, Gage offered to be Spence's personal sponsor and support his hero's career - donating money from his piggy bank. "I was quite taken aback Gage wanted to spend his piggy-bank savings to help me follow my dreams. In a world where generous people often

aren't rewarded to the extent they deserve, I wanted to do my best to return the favour", the 27-year-old Spence said. So in return, one of the sponsors of Canada's Alpine team invited the 8-year-old and his mother to an all-inclusive stay at the race in Wengen. Gage even had access to the area usually reserved only to athletes and their trainers. The money Gage saved in his piggy bank — a total of \$149, 39 — will be donated to the Branch Out Foundation for research into therapy for neurological disorders to find a cure for the various complications of the nervous system.

The Italian second division defender Simone Farina has been showcased as an example by FIFA after refusing a 200,000-euro offer to fix an Italian Cup match between Cesena and his club Gubbio in November.

"He displayed model behaviour for young players; he resisted significant money to fix what many players would consider an unimportant fixture. He resisted and rejected a corrupting offer but, more importantly, he reported it," FIFA Head of Security

Chris Eaton said, praising Simone Farina. The player was appointed a FIFA Fair Play Ambassador by its president Sepp Blatter and received a special FIFA Award at this year's FIFA World's Player of the Year ceremony. There is no doubt about the growing concern of people trying to manipulate games. Therefore it is highly significant to emphasize Simone's act, who didn't just show courage identifying this problem but refused to give in.

Yes, football gentlemen still do exist. The most recent proof for Fair Play comes from the Czech

Republic. His team was losing 0:1 against Meteor Praha, when the player Petr Mikolanda refused the opportunity to equalize the score thanks to a

penalty. Why? The 27-year-old admitted that he had touched the ball with his hands and not his opponent, so there was no reason for a penalty. His team ended up losing 1:3 but Mikolanda was satisfied with his decision. He said: "I knew that I

had touched the ball with my hand, so I was very surprised when the referee decided for a penalty. I didn't hesitate a second to admit my fault. I did the right thing. I'm not a pig that needs to cheat to score."

The International Ski Federation (FIS) has launched 'Clean as Snow' at its Nordic World Cup event in Finland and joins the list of WADA stakeholders to adopt the anti-doping awareness model '**Say NO! To Doping**'. FIS is the 14th International Federation to incorporate 'Say NO! To Doping' into its overall anti-doping program and aims to spread the message to all skiers and snowboarders over the forthcoming winter season. "Clean as Snow" was launched with the support of the FIS Athletes' Commission, and

athletes at the FIS event in Ruka have been asked to show their support by sharing anti-doping leaflets and signing a special branded glass in the finish area. "W athletes are role models for thousands of young sports-motivated people," explained Kikkan Randall, the FIS Athletes' Commission representative for ladies' cross-country skiing. "We have to give best examples. Teach them the value of a clean sports performance for their future career and future health. That is my message."

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

See you soon and don't forget:

Play Fair!