



The European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) is a European non-governmental organisation, established in 1994 in the FIFA House in Zurich. National Fair Play organisations from 40 European Countries have been a part of the EFPM since 1994. The main goal of the EFPM is to promote Fair Play and Tolerance in sports and everyday life at the 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 keep people informed on EFPM's activities and to establish 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 encouragement 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 with the same principles, are invited to communicate information relating to EFPM's goals (conferences, congresses, special events or initiatives, Fair Play prizes, books, etc....).

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First and foremost we would like to call the attention of the European Fair Play family to the 19th European Fair Play Congress and General Assembly, which will take place in Istanbul, June 5-8, 2013. Already confirmed are speeches by internationally known and respected personalities on the topic "**The Olympic and Paralympic Movement - an Alliance for FAIR PLAY**". For more details

please visit the website of the European Fair Play Movement www.fairplayeur.com.

We are looking forward to an interesting and exciting event in the beautiful city of Istanbul, candidate for the Summer Olympic Games 2020.



EFPM President Christian Hinterberger, accompanied by EFPM Treasurer Katarina Raczova, took the opportunity of meeting the representatives of the European Fencing Confederation (EFC), President Frantisek Janda

and General Secretary Max Geuter during the Cadet and Junior Championship 2013 in Budapest, HUN.

Previous contacts between Katarina Raczova and the EFC lead to this remarkable moment and to the signature of a "**Memorandum of Understanding**", proclaiming close cooperation between EFPM and EFC with regard to Fair Play promotions and initiatives in the future. This memorandum constitutes the first contract of cooperation with a European Sports Federation.

We are in concrete discussions with some other federations in Europe to cooperate in the same way.



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Moreover, at this occasion, Christian Hinterberger and Katarina Raczova met with CIFP President Jenő Kamuti discussing some crucial

topics, especially concerning the first European Olympic Games, which will take place in Baku, AZE, in 2015. Both EFPM and CIFP underlined their will to cooperation as agreed

on in the "Memorandum of Understanding". Moreover, both organizations made it clear that Fair Play activities in the course of EOC-events will be established under the leadership of EFPM, supported by CIFP. Similarly, events within the responsibility of IOC will be lead by CIFP with support of EFPM.





The Executive Committee EFPM is happy to announce that the 20th European Fair Play Congress

will take place **in Riga, LAT, in October 8-10, 2014**. The event will be organized by the Latvian Olympians Club under the leadership of its President Raimonds Bergmanis, supported by project manager Baiba Veisa.

In 2014, Riga will be European Capital of Culture and it is our honour that the congress will be part of the celebrations. The event will take place in the conference hall of Latvia National Library, one of the brightest projects of recent times. Having booked rooms for all participants in the beautiful Hotel Radisson Blu Daugava, situated in front of the Old Town, we are sure this will be a wonderful time for everybody.

A few years ago, the 16th European Fair Play Congress took place in Prague. Its main topic "**Fair play in schools - we are all responsible**" has been put into practice by now and presented by Chairwoman of the Czech Fair Play Club, EC EFPM member Květa Pecková at different events. The first lecture was addressed to students of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport. It could also be heard at the seminar of teachers of physical education, held on an annual basis as an inspiration for further practice. The University of Hradec Králové was also interested in her lecture as part of the

"Pedagogical Days" programme. Her speech was met with great interest and obtained considerable media coverage. Further topics treated – and presented at the Faculty of Sports Studies of the Masaryk University in Brno – concerns of athletes at the end of their sporting career and also questions such as "Where and how to start another life stage", "How to cope with life without sporting load", "How to find a suitable job position".



The Division of Pediatrics in Ljubljana, SLO, hosted the opening ceremony of the 21st Hospital Olympics for children in the hospital school and hospital wards to lighten up their everyday routine.

This year's opening ceremony took place in the lobby of the new Division of Pediatrics in Ljubljana and was attended by numerous top athletes as well as the President of the Slovenian Olympic Academy, Miroslav Cerar, and the Vice-President of the Olympic Committee of Slovenia, Bogdan Gabrovec. During the ceremony the organizers received the **European Plaque of Merit and Diploma**,

issued annually by the EFPM under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees, for their long-standing organization of this wonderful humanitarian sport event. The organizers were nominated for the award by the Deputy Ambassador for Sport, Tolerance and Fair Play, Stanislav Pinter. The award was presented on behalf of the EFPM by Vice-President Miroslav Cerar.



From February 25 until March 7, 2013, the European Cadet and Junior Championships took place in Budapest, HUN. Fencers from 37 countries

participated at this wonderful event. The European Fair Play Movement and the European Fencing Confederation are both

aware of the importance of fair behavior and feel honoured to award fencers for exemplary acts of Fair Play. Therefore, as traditionally, Fair Play Awards were handed over at this event. This time, **Hungarian fencer Zsombor Banyai** was awarded for correcting the referee's decision to his own detriment in a bout against French fencer Louis Vervoitte. Being a clear sign that it is possible to fence successfully as well as in the spirit of Fair Play, Banyai was crowned European champion

and won the first place in the ranking of men's epee cadet circuit. The Fair Play Award was handed over by Katarina Raczova, EFPM

Executive Committee Member, accompanied by Jenő Kamuti, Honorary President of European Fencing Confederation.

UEFA reiterated its **zero-tolerance policy on racism** at a meeting in Sofia, BUL, on March 28, 2013. UEFA explicitly encouraged referees to stop matches if acts of racism occur and moreover encouraged teams to denounce racism among fellow players and fans.

UEFA's executive committee said it "recommends and fully supports referees to stop matches in cases of racism and calls on national associations and leagues to do the same" in a resolution drawn up by the Professional Football Strategy Council. The resolution's ratification on March 28, 2013, is

hopefully an important step towards eliminating racism from the uniting world of football. UEFA also called "on the players and coaches – namely those with most influence on the perpetrators of racist acts – to speak out, even if this may mean criticising their own fans or players." The document was jointly adopted with the European Clubs Association and the world players' union FIFPro.



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