



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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The 19<sup>th</sup> European Fair Play Congress in Istanbul (TUR), under the patronage of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE) hosted by the NOC of Turkey for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the Olympic House, turned out to be an excellent event. Istanbul welcomed delegates from 24 EFPM member countries as well as many international guests, representatives of distinguished sport organizations such as the European Paralympic Committee (EPC), European

University Sports Association (EUSA), International Workers and Amateurs in Sports Confederation (CSIT), Committee International of Fair Play (CIFP), International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA), European non-governmental sports organisation (ENGSO) and European Union of Sports Press (UESP). Together with more than 200 participants, most of them sportsmen and students from the universities of Istanbul, highly interesting discussions and presentations took place on the event's topic "*The Olympic and Paralympic Movement – An Alliance for Fair Play*".



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Subsequently the 19<sup>th</sup> Fair Play Congress the General Assembly of the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) took place. The main focus was on discussing the EFPM Masterplan 2012 - 2016 presented by Christian Hinterberger, EFPM President, and adopted by the delegates. Amongst other topics, the transfer of the official seat of EFPM to Vienna was announced. Moreover, the General Assembly appointed *Carlos Goncalves*

(EFPM President 2001-2012) and *Manfred Lämmer* (EFPM Secretary general as of 1994 and later Vice-President till 2012) as EFPM Honorary Members. Both are founding members of the European Fair Play movement and under their leadership the EFPM has benefited from important growth and recognition.





The signing of the “Memorandum of Understanding” between **EFPM** and the

**European University Sports Association (EUSA)**, represented by its Secretary General **Matjaz Pecovnik**, and the signing of the “Memorandum of Understanding” between **EFPM** and the **European Paralympic Committee (EPC)**, represented by its President **John Petersson**, and EPC Executive Board Member **Petra Huber** marked the next important steps on the agenda of the General Assembly.



The organizations declared to join forces in promotion of the ethical values of

sports in the broadest sense, in sport activities and daily life at European level. Furthermore the organizations agreed to establish and coordinate common activities in matters of Fair Play, tolerance, peace and understanding. We are convinced that the signing of the Memorandum means a relevant step for establishing a much needed Fair Play Network in Europe.



**Manfred Lämmer**, **Honorary Member of the EFPM** participated at the **5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Sport Ministers and Senior**

**Officials Responsible for Sport and Physical Education (MINEPS V)** which was organized by UNESCO and the German Federal Ministry of the Interior with the support of ICSSPE in Berlin on May 27-29, 2013. Ministers, senior government officials and NGOs from UNESCO Member states convened on three key themes:

- Access to Sport as a Fundamental Right for All,
- Promoting Investment in Sport and Physical Education Programmes and
- Preserving the Integrity of Sport.

On the final day representatives from over 137 countries unanimously adopted the Declaration of Berlin which has incorporated the major ideas and conclusions of the Conference and will be presented to the next 37<sup>th</sup> General Conference of UNESCO to be held in November this year.



The **Italian National Committee of Fair Play** and the **National Association of Italian Municipalities** presented an agreement between these two organizations for proper

collaboration on national territory, intending to promote culture among the citizens of Fair Play. This agreement shows one possible way to establish a close cooperation by supporting aims and goals of both organizations.



The European Fencing Confederation held its General Assembly on 17 June 2013 in Zagreb, Croatia. **Frantisek Janda** was re-elected for four more years in

the course of the General Assembly. The European Fencing Confederation was the 1<sup>st</sup>

European sport federation signing the "Memorandum of Understanding" with EFPM. We are looking forward to our fruitful co-operation with the EFC under the leadership of **Frantisek Janda and Max Geuter, Secretary General EFC**, who was re-elected as well.

The XX European Fair Play Congress and GA of the EFPM will be held in **Riga on 9th – 11th October 2014**. The event will be organized by Latvian Olympians Club in cooperation with the Latvian Academy of

Sports Education and supported by Riga City Council. As Riga - a city with more than 800 years history - was granted the title “European Capital of Culture 2014”, the Fair Play congress will be held in the vibrant

atmosphere of urban culture. Thus, the event will also focus on directing its attention to global environmental issues research, on the potential of city development through sports and what are sports opportunities in modern urban environment.

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The beautiful scenery of the Golden room of the castle of Bojnica was welcoming this year's Fair Play Awards of the Club Fair Play of the Slovak Olympic Committee. The main award for life-long activities following the principles of humanity and fair play was presented to **Anton Urban**, one of the best known Slovak football players. Later, he was recognized as a successful trainer and especially for his year-long activities to promote fair play. The Club Fair Play award was presented to **Jan Plachetka**, international chess master, trainer and official in the world of chess. He raised many young chess players and has always been a great defender of his sports and fair play spirits. **Anna Blahutova-Droppova** was recognized for spreading the

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spirit of fair play: a former successful alpine skiing champion she promoted fair play not only on the pistes but also as a teacher and member of her regional Olympic club. Finally, Fair Play Award for a remarkable act of fairness was presented to **Stefan Svitek**, basketball coach. As coach of the female basketball team Good Angels Košice (SVK), his team was facing the French champion Montpellier: winning by four points would have been enough for his team to avoid the tough Russian team of Yekaterinburg in the play-offs of the FIBA EuroLeague. The general manager was literally begging the trainer to "arrange" the result but the trainer ignored the guidance. As a result, the club's management fired Svitek for ignoring their guidance during the match.

Out of 11 proposals submitted, and related to the Games of Small States of Europe Luxembourg 2013, the jury decided to award the prizes offered by the European Fair Play Movement. For the best individual to **Guillaume Ereseo** (MON), judoka. The athlete had already received the silver medal but had to give it back, without protest, because an error in the logistics was discovered after the medal ceremony. The award was given to Guillaume Ereseo by Georges Diderich, founding member of the EFPM and honorary member of the EFPM and of the NOC Luxembourg. Another Fair Play award was presented for a team effort of all those who joined their efforts to make it possible that the Cyprus NOC was able to participate with a full team at the 15th Games of Small States of Europe. Representing participants from Cyprus, Luxembourg and other EOC countries the

price was given to **Grand Duke Henri**, member of the IOC, for his kind gesture and



support in this matter. The participation of Cyprus has always been very important for these Games but there was a risk they could not participate because of the financial crisis in their country - which has nothing to do with sports and with athletes. So, the organizers tried to show solidarity, from the Luxemburgish side of course, but also from the Olympic family. The award was presented by General Lottas Charalambos, member of the Executive Committee of the EFPM and General Secretary of the NOC Cyprus.

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