

European Fair Play Movement

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## **FLASH NEWS**

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 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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Christian Hinterberger, President of the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM), attended by invitation of the European Paralympic Committee (EPC) the 10<sup>th</sup> EPC Conference and General Assembly (4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October in Dublin, Ireland). One of the main items on the Agenda of the EPC General Assembly was the election of the EPC President and the members of the Executive Committee. For the next term of mandate the EPC will be led by John Petersson, reelected unanimously, and supported also by seven EC members, amongst them Ms. Petra Huber, Secretary General of NPC Austria.

Besides strengthening the relationship with the EPC and the respective members of the Executive Committee, the EFPM President took the opportunity to meet EOC President Patrick Hickey and to inform him about the EFPM activities and to discuss some main issues concerning the future cooperation between EOC and EFPM. Both agreed to continue the discussion during the EOC Meeting in Rome, November 2013.



<u>The International Workers and Amateurs in Sports Confederation</u> (CSIT) celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October, in Brussels and Gent, Belgium. EFPM President Ch. Hinterberger participated as honorary guest with other representatives of international sports organizations such as ENGSO President Ms. Birgitta Kervinen and the President of the International Catholic Sports Federation (FICEP), Gerhard Hauer.

The ceremonies included a historical recollection of the workers' sports history and the socio-economical circumstances of the last

hundred years, presented by Prof. Seppo Hentilä (FIN), and the contribution of sports, especially the workers' sports movement to the "progress of sports and peace in the world, discussed by Prof. Bruce Kidd (CAN). Receptions of the Mayors of Brussels, Freddy Thielemans, and Gent, Daniel Termont, and the presentation of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book of CSIT "Sport, Peace and Development – International Worker Sport 1913-2013" made the celebrations an even more special event. EFPM President Christian Hinterberger handed over the Plaque of Recognition on behalf of EFPM to CSIT President Harald Bauer, ensuring continuous cooperation for the future and invited CSIT to be present at the 20<sup>th</sup> EFPM Anniversary in Riga, October 2014.



A ceremony proclaiming the Secretary General of the Cyprus Olympic Committee, General Charalambos Lottas, as the Ambassador of Sport, Tolerance and Fair Play in Cyprus for the period of 1/09/2013 -31/08/2014 was held on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cyprus Olympic House in Nicosia. The President of the Cyprus Olympic Committee, Hon. Prof. Ouranios M. Ioannides, explained the rationale of the decision taken by the Cyprus NOC Executive Committee stating: "Mr. Lottas, with many years of activity in the

field of sport, society and his fight for the independence of Cyprus, was a natural choice, since we regard him as a role model." In reply, Mr. Lottas thanked everyone who gave him the opportunity to become actively involved in sport from different positions and especially the President of Cyprus NOC, Hon. Prof. Ouranios M. Ioannides: "Awards and titles like this one are an incentive to continue with all my strength and in close cooperation with all stakeholders to constitute 'fair play' as an everyday state of mind and behavior or way of conduct in all aspects of our lives," he concluded.



The EFPM represented by its Secretary General Ioannis Psilopoulos presented awards to the Honorary President of the Cyprus Weightlifting Federation and Treasurer of the Cyprus NOC, Damianos Hadzidamianou, and Canoe athlete Christiana Pavlou for their actions promoting fair play in sport.

D. Hadjidamianou has helped Turkish athletes participating in an international competition in Malta where Cyprus was participating,

too. D. Hadjidamianou was chosen to receive the award on the grounds that "given the relationships underlying the two countries, he demonstrated the noble action that sport unites people and became an excellent example for athletes, coaches and spectators." 15 years old Christiana Pavlou, member of the Cyprus Canoe Federation, was also awarded by EFPM because she demonstrated exemplary fair play behavior. She participated in the K2 200 m sprint event at the Cyprus Canoe-Kayak Championship and was placed 1st. After the race she went to the jury members and admitted that she had finished second and not first.





Fair Play activities within the Maccabi framework were initiated and inaugurated by Ms. Rivka Rabinowitz, Honorary Vice President of the Maccabi World Union Movement, during the 17<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah back in 2005. Since then, these activities are held at all Maccabiot and Maccabi Games. During the Maccabiah, "the Jewish Olympics", the world's largest Jewish athletic competition, Fair Play takes place with the participation of teams both from Israel and abroad. The competition culminates with an Award Ceremony, including the awarding of a prize of Fair Play, to the winning team. The Award Ceremony and the prize are named in the memory of the late Supreme Court Judge Dov Levin, who was also the Chairman of the Maccabi World Union Court of Honor and recipient of "Yakir Maccabi." It is he highest honor Maccabi can bestow on any volunteer. This year's ceremony took place on July 28 at "Yeshurun Hall" in the city of Netanyan in the presence of thousands visitors

watching the games. Amongst them were David Blatt, the head coach of the leading Israeli team Maccabi Tel-Aviv, and Tal Brody, the Israel Ambassador of Goodwill and Israeli basketball legend. The awarded team was the Junior basketball team of South-Africa. The players showed a professional level and were meeting the standard and behavioral guidelines. The Trophy was awarded by Dov Levin's sons, Eli and Assaf Levin to the captain of the South-African basketball team and the medals were awarded to each player by Maccabi Carasso, a member of Maccabi World Union Executive.





According to the decision of the Executive Board of the Russian Olympic Committee, dated October 25<sup>th</sup>, Nickolai Dolgopolov was nominated the Chairman of the Russian Fair Play Committee. Nickolai Dolgopolov is a well-known Russian journalist and writer, the Deputy Chief Editor of "Rossoiyskaya Gazeta", and International Sports Press Association vice-president as well as the president of the Federation of Sport Journalists of Russia. As one of the Russian leading specialists in the field of Fair Play for many years he has been taking part in the promotion of moral values of sport and the honesty in sport activities. He has been a member of

the Russian Fair Play Committee since 1992, the year when it was established. He has earned respect and has been awarded with the Diplomas of the International Fair Play Committee and the European Fair Play Movement.

## On behalf of the EFPM Family we wish Nickolai Dolgopolov and the Russian Fair Play Committee all the best, lots of success and are looking forward to future fruitful cooperation.



The Executive Board of the Russian Olympic Committee (EB ROC) awarded posthumously the Chairman of Russian Fair Play Committee, Honorary Member of EFPM, long term member of the Executive Committee of EFPM and a member of CIFP Council, Professor Vladimir Rodichenko, with the Honorary Diploma of the Russian Olympic Committee and the Russian Fair Play Committee. At the meeting of the EB ROC on October 25<sup>th</sup> it was Vladimir Rodichenko's grandson Nikita who received the award on behalf of the family, presented by

the Russian Olympic Committee President and IOC member Aleksander Zhukov.

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