



*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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European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) President Christian Hinterberger accepted the invitation of Jenő Kamuti, Committee International Fair Play President (CIFP), to attend the Executive

Council meeting of the CIFP, which was held on January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, in Budapest, (HUN). On that occasion Ch. Hinterberger presented comprehensive information about the work of EFPM and introduced the perspectives and aims for the future. The meeting was a great opportunity to strengthen the contact between these two organizations with common goals, to exchange opinions and to increase the power of collaboration. The key issues of the meeting were:

- Fair Play as a universal value of all sports is the focus of both organizations;

- The content of agreement for cooperation, Memorandum of Understanding, full of respect and responsibility, has to come into practice by
- Continuous development of the cooperation/collaboration/activities by regular meetings and especially by sharing information, news, ideas etc on the respective websites, flash news, reports, magazines;
- EFPM expertise and experience as support for a CIFP Seminar/Conference especially submitting the Guidelines for the EFP Congress Organization;
- Fair Play Activities for and at the European Games 2015 in Baku (AZE) under the responsibility of EFPM with support and cooperation of the CIFP.



We would like to take the chance to remind you that the 20<sup>th</sup> European Fair Play Congress under the title “The Fair Play values – bridge between sport and culture for Europe without discrimination” as well as the

20<sup>th</sup> annual General Assembly of European Fair Play Movement will be held on October 9-11, 2014, in Riga, capital city of Latvia.

The Congress will actualize the questions in the following subtopics:

- *Fairness in Environment and sports infrastructure*
- *Fair Treatment of athletes with disabilities*
- *Fair communication in sports*
- *Fairness in sport labor market.*

The 20<sup>th</sup> European Fair Play Congress organization team under the leadership of Raimonds Bergmanis, Vice President of Latvian Olympic Committee and President of Latvian Olympians Club is prepared to welcome you in Riga, the European Capital of Culture 2014 with more than 800 years history,

modern environment and significant potential for sports development. You will find more information about the event logistics on the official website [www.fairplayriga.lv](http://www.fairplayriga.lv)



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EFPM and the Association Internationale de la Presse Sportive Europe (AIPS)

launched a discussion regarding the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding during EFPM's General Assembly on 11<sup>st</sup> October 2014 in Riga, Latvia.

The signing of a joint venture would be a relevant step forward in the relationship between EFPM and AIPS Europe. By gathering and sharing information and ideas,

by developing and combining common initiatives and activities the AIPS Europe/EFPM-cooperation would undoubtedly lead to a successful reimplementation of ethical values, especially the Fair Play principles, in sports, in the media and in society, too.

Besides, the organizations prepare to work on a concept of a European Fair Play Media Award by representatives of the respective Executive Committees.



***We are delighted to inform you of some outstanding acts of Fair Play that took place recently:***

The Afghanistan Football Federation won the 2013 FIFA Fair Play award at the FIFA Ballon d'Or awards ceremony, which took place on January 13, 2014, in Zurich. They received this award after hosting their first international match in August 2013, after a long break of 10 years. The friendly against Pakistan was promoted as a symbol of football's ability to foster peace and unite countries in a shared love of sport.

The Afghanistan Football Federation which has continued to promote sport in a country ravaged by war won the award given to "persons or institutions for their fair play, an issue that has always been of crucial significance to world football's governing body". It is a great and crucial way of trying to reunite the Afghan people through football, which was honored by FIFA.

***The Fair Play spirit has permanently been present at the Olympic Games in Sochi 2014 - following extraordinary stories are a living proof:***

When Russia's Anton Gafarov crashed and broke a ski during a semifinal heat in the men's cross-country sprint, Justin Wadsworth, head coach of the rivaling Canadian cross-country team, jumped in to help. The Canadian coach ran onto the slope, spare ski in hand, and quickly fastened it to Gafarov's boot, drawing a cheer from the crowd. Thanks to Justin Wadsworth's action Anton Gafarov was able to finish the race in front of home fans. "I just couldn't let him sit there", Justin Wadsworth explained his decision to support the Russian athlete.

In similar fashion the Russian cross-country ski team came to the assistance of their German rivals after finding out that Germany's drilling machines were broken. Without hesitation and ignoring all rivalry the Russian team granted access to their own drilling machine allowing the Germans to prepare their skis. Without this generous act in the spirit of Fair Play it wouldn't have been possible for the German cross-country skiing athletes to compete at the Olympic Games.

***We hope you join us to share news, events, stories, initiatives about Fair Play!***

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