



## FLASH NEWS 2/2014

*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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We would like to remind you of the upcoming



20<sup>th</sup> European Fair Play Congress under the patronage of the European Olympic Committees (EOC), the International Council of Sport Science

and Physical Education (ICSSPE), followed by the EFPM General Assembly. The topic of the congress is *"The Fair Play values – bridge between sport and culture for Europe without discrimination"*. It will be held on 9-11 October 2014 in Riga's new National Library called Castle of Light, which is a national symbol of Latvia.

The patron of the event, Jānis Lūsis, is one of Latvia's most remarkable personalities. He won a full set of Olympic medals and was the top javelin thrower of the world in the 1960s and early 70s.

We are convinced that the Congress will be a huge success due to the confirmed well-known keynote speakers, the opportunity to discover the richness of Latvia's history and culture, as well as the professionalism, warm attendance and friendliness of the Organizing Committee under the leadership of Raimonds Bergmanis, Vice-President of the Latvian Olympic Committee, and Baiba Veisa, Executive Director of the Congress. All interested participants are requested to send their short papers, national reports and requests for information concerning exhibitions and other organizational questions by 30 August 2014 to the Organizing Committee.

We hope to see many of you in Riga. More information about the event is available on the official website [www.fairplayriga.lv](http://www.fairplayriga.lv).



With respect to the above mentioned Congress, Riga was as well host of the 51st session of the Executive Committee of the European Fair Play Movement, which was held on 8-10 May 2014. The Executive Committee members visited the Latvian Olympic Committee, the Ministry of Education and Science and the Municipality of Riga. Remarkably, all three Institutions are financially and operationally



supporting the organization of the 20th EFP Congress in Riga. In particular, the meetings



were focused on exchanging ideas and new steps with regard to the Congress in October. Other issues included President Christian Hinterberger talking about the development of the Master Plan 2013 and Treasurer Katarina Raczova presenting the financial situation of EFPM. Moreover, the Executive Committee unanimously on the draft of EFMP's Flame Award and Spirit Award, introducing new awards honoring acts of Fair Play and spreading its values.

As the Congress in Riga will mark the 20<sup>th</sup>



anniversary of EFPM the Executive Committee is planning to create a CD / DVD, highlighting the most important, exciting and beautiful moments in the life of EFPM.

Thus, we sincerely call on everybody to help us put together this CD / DVD and to forward photos, videos and other material with regard to EFMP's highlights on a media device (USB-stick, CD) to *EFPM General Secretary Iannis Psilopoulos (Address: 31, Kodringtonos Str. GR - 10343 Athens.*

The EFPM Awarding Committee announced



the European Fair Play Awards, issued annually under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees for the year 2013.

European Plaque of Merit and

Diploma goes to:

European University Sports Association (EUSA): governing body for university sport in Europe for its continuous and remarkable contribution to the implementation of ethical values in sports.

Tomas Slovak (SVK): The Slovak ice-hockey player showed maturity and honesty in the decisive match in the Czech Extraliga final,

making the referee change his decision to the disadvantage of Thomas' team.

European Fair Play Diploma goes to:

Play Fair Code (AUT): The Association for Protecting the Integrity in Sports aims to preserve clean and fair competition, free of manipulation and closely cooperates with the Austrian Sporting Associations.

Anthonín Bělik and Vít Auermüller (CZE): mountain climbers where ascending "Broad Peak", an 8000 m mountain in Pakistan, when they witnessed the fall of another mountaineer, who remained lying motionless. Anthonín Bělik and Vít Auermüller decided to stop their ascent and instead descended to successfully save the life of the young mountaineer in urgent need of help.

On behalf of EFPM, Vice-President Miroslav



Cerar followed the invitation of the European University Sports Association

(EUSA) to attend the annual session of the General Assembly, which took place in Denizli (TUR) on 3-6 April 2014. At the end of the

Assembly, which was attended by over 150 participants coming from the entire world, the Enno Harms Fair Play Award was granted to Cormac Sharvin, Stirling University golfer. It follows an exceptional piece of sportsmanship by the 21 year-old Irishman at last year's European Universities Golf Championship in France. He called a two-shot penalty on

himself with three holes left to play in a 72-hole tournament, despite still being in contention for an individual medal. "Obviously I would have liked to have won the tournament

outright, but thankfully we still won the team title and it's nice to be recognized by EUSA for playing in the spirit of the game."

The beautiful scenery of the Mirror Hall of the Primatial Palace in Bratislava (SVK) provided the adequate location for this year's Jubilee Awards Ceremony of the Fair Play Club of the Slovak Olympic Committee and the Evaluation of the High Schools Olympism Contest on 5 June 2014. Fair Play Trophies in three categories were awarded in the presence of the Minister of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic, Dušan Čaplovič, Jana Stašova, President of Club Fair Play of Slovak Olympic Committee and other leading personalities and representatives of sport and society. In the course of this valuable event the

European Fair Play Plaque of merit and Diploma was handed over to ice-hockey player Tomas Slovak (SVK) for his fair and exemplar

y behavior by Katarina Raczova and Kveta



Peckova, EC EFPM members, accompanied by František Chmelár, President of Slovak Olympic Committee and EOC EC member.

EFPM covered the patronage of the 18th



"International Fair Play Mecenate Awards". This initiative was born with the aim of growing and setting an idea of sport that gives more importance to the respect of

people, non-discrimination, good competition, non-violence and the fight against doping.

The "International Fair Play Mecenate

Awards" focus primarily on "Fair Play" as universal notion and bridge linking sport and civil society. Many different awards are presented every year in a gala organized by the local institutions in Castiglion Fiorentino in Arezzo, Tuscany. This year's event will be held on 23 July 2014.



World Champion Swimmer Katinka



Hosszu was awarded with the Hungarian Fair Play Trophy.

Hosszu's performances during the 2013

season were of course extremely impressive claiming two titles in the women's 200 and 400 metres individual medley at the World Championships in Barcelona. But she was

honoured by the Fair Play Committee of the Hungarian Olympic Committee under the leadership of its President Jenő Kamuti for her work in helping to secure the 2021 World Aquatic Championships for Budapest, awarded to the city by the International Swimming Federation (FINA) in July last year. Katinka Hosszu interrupted her schedule during the Barcelona World Championships to join the Hungarian bidding team to present to the FINA Bureau the merits of Hungary hosting the 2021 championships.

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

Already leading 2-0 in a Bundesliga match versus Nuremberg 2-0, Werder Bremen-striker Aaron Hunt fell in Nurnberg's box and the referee awarded a penalty. Hunt, who only tripped without any contact from the defender, explained to the referee that he had not been fouled by Nuremberg defender Javier Pinola and caused the penalty decision to be overturned. "Out of instinct, I wanted to provoke the penalty, but that was wrong," Hunt, 27, told afterwards. Asked about Hunt's Fair Play, Pinola said, "I take my hat off to him." The Bundesliga has rightly awarded Aaron Hunt with its Fair Play-Plaque for this exemplary act.

Showing solidarity, willingness to help and cohesion, the sport world came together to help those hit by the floods in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The International Olympic Committee, the European Olympic Committees and many national Olympic committees donated money in order to support food-relief efforts and to help those who suffered from the catastrophic situations. Similarly, not having forgotten his origins, Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic has donated the entire prize money from his win at the Italian Open in Roma to his foundation, aiming to build new kindergarden and schools.

Based on the initiation of sports reporter David Szántó (HUN), the 28th SPAR Budapest Marathon hosted a very unique and special event. Representing the 42 participating countries of 5 continents, 59 children were running a relay to stand out for the goal of UNICEF that zero children should die of preventable causes. It was a world premiere relay and the most exciting kilometer certainly was the running of a 9 years old Palestinian and a 14 years old Israeli boy. They ran hand in hand on the famous Chain Bridge, showing the world that nationalities, origins, skin colours and religion are not reasons for separation.

***Dear friends, finally we would like to draw your attention to our new EFPM logo. Please take care that from now on this is the only official EFPM logo and only this logo should be used in the future.***



***Enjoy your read and feel free to provide EFPM with information on your organisation, activities, and events.***

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