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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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On 15-17 April 2016, the 55th EFPM Executive Committee Meeting was held in Vienna, Austria. Its topics were in particular the upcoming events, as unfortunately the European Fair Play Congress 2016 had to be cancelled. However, as replacement a European Fair Play Conference, under the title "Quo Vadis Sports – Manipulation and Corruption in Sports", in the course of which two high-profile key note speakers will deliver speeches on currently

relevant topics, will take place subsequent to the 22nd General Assembly of the EFPM on Saturday, 8th October 2016.

We hope to see many of you in Vienna because the General Assembly is an electoral one and statutory quorum of 40% of the members is obligatory. Nominations for candidatures of the Executive Committee must be received by the Secretary General / EFPM office at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the General Assembly.



Other issues of the 55th EFPM Executive Committee Meeting included President Christian Hinterberger's report, Secretary General I. Psilopoulos' information on current topics and Treasurer Katarina Raczova's presentation of EFPM's financial situation. Moreover, members of the Executive Committee reported on their respective past activities. In addition, another important topic of the

meeting consisted of the evaluation of last years' congress in Baku, Azerbaijan. Steve Town, Chief of Scientific and Advisory Committee of EFPM, presented the results of the online survey and on the basis thereof it was discussed how to ensure the maintenance of the high quality of EFP's congresses and how to improve them.



The Executive Committee members accepted Israel's application for the organisation of the 23rd EFP Congress and General Assembly. Furthermore, for the 24th EFPM Congress to be held in 2018, Stoke-on-Trent, a city in the United Kingdom and home of the football Premier League club Stoke City, stated its

interest of hosting the event. Finally, the EFPM Executive Committee Members were welcomed by CSIT-President Harald Bauer and discussed in particular the success story of the cooperation between the two organizations and future projects.



Patrik Spesny, goal keeper from Verva Litvinov Ice Hockey Club (Czech Republic), received the Fair Play Flame Award, which is regularly announced by EFPM for young people up to the age of 18. The prize was handed over in Patrik's home stadium, which was full of fans, waiting for the extraliga ice hockey league match against Pilsen, by Kveta

Peckova, President of Czech Fair Play Club and member of EC EFPM, accompanied by Martin Kysela, President of Ice Hockey Club Verva Litvinov.

Patrik Spesny received the award for having refused to participate in an act of betting during a match in the Junior Extra-League against HC Motor České Budějovice.



Novi Sad (SRB) hosted the European Juniors and Cadets Championships in Fencing in March 2016. The European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) undertook patronage of these events. Sport results aside, special focus was put on correct behavior of the participants and the values of Fair Play. The expectancy of Damir Baralić, President of the Serbian Fencing Federation, underlined prior to the event that a huge response from competitors and visitors alike, exciting matches and of course fair play was expected, turned out to be entirely true. Through sport, people from

different countries were connected and memorable moments were provided for.

The Fair Play Prize was handed over by Katarina Raczova, Member of EC EFPM, to Arianna Pappone for a remarkable act of fair play. In the finals against Serena Rossini she noticed that her opponent, leading comfortably, was injured. Instead of taking advantage of that injury, Arianna Pappone preferred to let the time run down and accepted defeat against a superior athlete. We sincerely congratulate Arianna Pappone not only for the excellent result but also and above all for the nice gesture of sportsmanship.



“Communicate Sport” was the title of the seminar which was held in Rome. The positive synergy between communication, education and Fair Play was underlined emphatically by the Secretary General of the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) Roberto Fabbricini. The event was attended by the Secretary General of CONI, Roberto

Fabbricini, Paolo Pirovano, Secretary of the Order of Italian Journalists, Rossana Ciuffetti, Director of the School of Sport, and Ruggero Alcanterini, sports journalist and President of the Italian National Committee for Fair Play, who acted in his role of supervising this very successful event that drew an audience of over two hundred journalists.



On 18 March 2016, the Fair Play Award Ceremony of the Club Fair Play of Slovak Olympic Committee (CFP SOC) took place. František Chmelár, President of the Slovak Olympic Committee, stressed the importance of having successful athletes, but even more of having athletes obeying the rules of Fair Play. He thanked the awarded athletes for decorating the Slovak world of sport. Katarina Raczova, Executive Committee Member of EFPM and National Ambassador for Sport, Tolerance and Fair Play, focused her speech on

reminding us about the importance of Fair Play, not just in the world of sport but also and especially in everyday's life. The Club Fair Play SOC under the leadership of its President Janka Stasova presented ten awards in three categories for long-life achievements, spreading the values of Fair Play and for a concrete act of Fair Play. The highest award, the Jan Popluhar Trophy, was awarded to Jan Michalko, the former doctor of the Slovak national football team.



On 04 April 2016, the Czech Fair Play Club organized its Fair Play Awards Ceremony. The main award was handed over to basketball coach Jan Bobrovsky. He was an active player in the seventies and subsequently a successful coach of the national female basketball team. He has supported fair behavior in the teams he played for and coached throughout his whole career.

The special prize was received by Polish

sportsman Adam Malysz, former famous ski-jumper, multiple Olympic medalist and the most successful ski-jumper in the history of individual competitions. Nowadays, he competes in motor rallies and during the Dakar Rally he helped the Czech crew to continue the competition, having spotted their bad accident after which the car landed on the roof.

Katarina Raczova, member of EC EFPM, was also invited to this session.



150 participants from 39 countries were present at the European Women and Sport Conference in Stockholm, Sweden, from 8-10 April 2016. This year's conference took place under the title "Moving towards gender equality in sports". EFPM, which signed a Memorandum on Understanding with EWS two years ago, starting a cooperation between the two organizations, was actively represented by Kveta Peckova, EC EFPM from Czech Republic.

The work programme contained four sessions:

- ✓ Gender balance and equality in decision-making in sport;
- ✓ Fight against negative gender stereotypes in sport and the role of media;

✓ Fight against gender based violence in and through sport;

✓ Gender equality in sport.

Arguably the most interesting report, entitled „*Fight against gender based violence in and through sport*“, was presented by keynote speaker Profesor emerita Kari Fasting (NOR). Also worth highlighting is a report presented by Lisa O'Keefe (UK) about the successful example of good practice, the report's title being „*This girl can*“.

This events gave us many possibilities to express our opinions and talk about work experiences in our organizations.



Napoli fans expressed a show of solidarity with Kalidou Koulibaly during a football match of the Seria A by wearing masks depicting the player after the Senegalese 24-years old had been racially abused by Lazio fans prior to the match.

The mid-week match at the Olympic Stadium in Rome was suspended for around three minutes after repeated booing by the Lazio fans whenever Koulibaly touched the ball. Napoli would go on to win the game 2-0 but

Lazio were subsequently fined €50,000 (£38,250) and a stadium ban for their supporters for the next two home league matches.

“Everyone in Naples is offended by what happened to our young star. Because of this, we want to show our full support to Koulibaly” read a statement from the group, who also displayed banners with further messages of support for the former Genk player, who signed for Napoli in 2014.



Let us, together, take care of sports and Play Fair!

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