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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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One of the most important sport events on the Slovenian Coast was the 24th International Handball Festival, which took place July 2-7 July, 2016. The event surpassed all expectations. It was organized by the EuroFest sports agency in collaboration with the City of Koper and the Handball Federation of Slovenia. It hosted no less than 150 handball teams from 16 European and Asian countries with over 3,000 participants. The opening ceremony was attended by Miroslav Cerar, Slovenia's Sports Ambassador and serving member of the European Fair Play Movement. During his opening remarks, he addressed the participants and emphasized the importance of Fair Play and mutual respect. He also announced that EFPM would present a special Fair Play Award during the closing ceremony to an individual or a team that exemplified the rules of Fair Play in the best way. Finally, the Fair Play Award was presented to UODL Tassin, a French group made up of 5 teams, all attending EuroFest with a total of 74 participants. All the teams, however, displayed exemplary Fair Play behaviour.



59th Table Tennis European Youth Championships took place between 8 and 17 July 2016 in Zagreb. It was organized by the Croatian Table Tennis Association under the competence of the European Table Tennis Union. The championships consisted of various categories for juniors and cadets. It hosted over 500 young athletes from 45 countries.

The ETTU accepted cooperating with EFPM in promotion of Fair Play and awarding young athletes for an act of or behavior in the spirit of Fair Play during these Championships in Zagreb. Representing EFPM were Biserka Vrbek, EC Member of EFPM, Miroslav Cerar, EFPM Vice President, accompanied by Sonja Poljsak, Member of Slovenian Fair Play Movement, Ivo-Goran Munivrana, ETTU Deputy President, and Richard Scruton, ETTU Secretary

General. Young athletes Hoffman Tom from Luxembourg and Ho Tin Tin from England were awarded with the Fair Play Awards during the Championships in Zagreb. The 59th Table Tennis European Youth Championships were a successful opportunity for establishing a better cooperation between ETTU and EFPM in promotion of Fair Play.





The conference “Education Through and in Sport” and the Informal Meeting of Directors of Sport, two important events in the world of sport, took place in the course of Slovakia’s Presidency of the Council of European Union in Bratislava on 18-20 July 2016. Delegates of governmental and non-governmental organisations of the EU-member states and outside of the EU came together to discuss how to better use the potential of sport in external relations and for the development of everybody’s personality, be it an athlete or not. EFPM was represented not only by EC Members K. Ráčzová, M. Cerar, B. Vrbek and K. Pecková, but also by other members of the Fair Play family, such as National

Ambassadors for Sport, Tolerance and Fair Play Z. Yordanova, D. Idzi, J. Kamuti and European Fair Play laureate D. Iraschko-Stolz. These sport idols took part at the workshop “*Successful Athletes – Special Envoys of Sport Values and Good Will*”. Sport, it was agreed on, can contribute to today’s challenges in and also outside of a sporting arena. However, it has to do so in a better, more efficient way. This is a challenge without alternatives to be embraced and accepted by all of us.

Similarly, but focusing on the view of such challenges from the perspective of governmental authorities, at the Informal Meeting of the Directors of Sport on 20 July 2016 the topic mentioned above was discussed, too. In particular, the subject of the meeting were questions such as the impact of the Olympic Games on socio-political events in the world, the use of the potential of sport by the Council of Europe in appointing its Ambassadors for Sport, Tolerance and Fair Play and the question, why top athletes rarely take top management positions in sport associations and in sports diplomacy. Representing EFPM was Katarina Raczova, who presented historical milestones of sport diplomacy based on her own, rich experience in the world of top-level sport and especially in the Olympic movement.



The 3rd edition of the European Universities Games took place from 12 July to 25 July 2016 in Zagreb and Rijeka. More than 5000 participants representing 400 universities from 40 European countries competed in 21 sport disciplines. For the first time in the history of the European Universities Games, students with disabilities - but with a strong sporting spirit - competed as well. Representatives of the EFPM, Miroslav Cerar, Vice President of EFPM, Biserka Vrbek, EC Member of EFPM, and Sonja Poljsak,

Member of Slovenian Fair Play Movement, were present at the events.

EFPM continues its successful relationship with the European University Sports Association in promoting Fair Play and awarding student athletes for acts of Fair Play during the European Universities Games in Zagreb and Rijeka in all sports at the Games. For example, the Men’s Fair Play trophy in beach volleyball was awarded to the University of Warsaw.



EFPM, represented by President Christian Hinterberger and EC Member Katarina Raczova, has been invited by the European Commission and the Slovak Olympic Committee to attend the Opening Ceremony of the European week of Sports 2016 in Kosice in order to award the International Kosice Peace Marathon, the oldest marathon in Europe, with the European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma 2016.

“The long tradition of 92 editions of this marathon is evidence of the unique spirit of sports to contribute to a more peaceful world”, EFPM President Hinterberger mentioned at the ceremony. The award was given to the organizers of the marathon, Stefan Dano, President of the Marathon Club Kosice, and Branislav Koniar, Managing Director of the International Kosice Peace Marathon.



Since 2003, Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles has been working hard in the French-speaking area of Belgium for the promotion and the dissemination of positive sports-ethics values among young people. The organization and its President Mr Philippe Housiaux, in close cooperation with its member municipalities, invites every year on September 7th all athletes to demonstrate their commitment to Fair Play across Wallonia and Brussels. Through the slogan and the visual “Fair Play is a Sport“ this sport promotion campaign is open to all athletes of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels, regardless of their discipline and age. This campaign encourages sportsmanship, exemplary behaviour and the principles of Fair Play, focusing also on young people. The 4th edition, “The International Fair Play

Days”, was a huge success and has, among others, resulted in more than 2 million citizens informed and made aware through 70 participating municipalities and more than 7,000 events branded under the image of fair play all through Wallonia and Brussels.

More information on this beautiful event can be found at www.facebook.com/PanathlonWB, www.panathlon.be and www.befairplay.be.



The Club Fair Play of the Slovak Olympic Committee in collaboration with the city of Kosice, the Self-government of Old City and under the auspices of EFPM, in cooperation with Katarina Raczova, National Ambassador for Sports, Tolerance and Fair Play of Slovak Republic and EFPM EC Member, organized a photography competition titled A Moment for Fair Play. The supervisor of the project was the Secondary School of Applied Arts in Kosice.

The submitted photographs represented not only moments of sports but covered daily life and environment, covering

lots of areas of interest of young people. The winners were voted via our Facebook page with the picture with most “likes” having been awarded as winning picture. The awards were handed over at the opening ceremony of the European Week of Sports 2016. EFPM was represented by its President Christian Hinterberger and Katarina Raczova.





The POC's Fair Play Club hosted its annual awards ceremony for the 49th time. Right in her opening speech, the Club's Chairman, Mrs. Ph. Dr. Associate Professor Halina Zdebska-Biziewska, emphasized the importance of Fair Play in modern sport.

The 2015 "Fair Play Act of the Year" was awarded to the European Rallying Champions Kajetan Kajetanowicz and his pilot Jarosław Baran. During the Czech Rally, seeing the

accented of a competing crew they stopped the car and continued the race once they made sure that their rivals were alright, only. A distinction award was handed over to 15-year old biathlete Dawid Woźniak. While competing for victory Dawid stopped to help a rival having fainted.

Awards for "Outstanding Sports Career and Honorary Life Post-Career" were handed over to:

- Lech Koziejowski, two-time Olympic medalist (gold and bronze), currently coach and P.E. teacher;
- Zygfryd Kuchta, Olympic bronze medalist and former handball team captain, currently coach and vice-president of the Polish Handball Federation;
- Prof. Jerzy Młynarczyk, Olympic basketball player, currently a prominent scientist specializing in maritime law;
- Tomasz Wójtowicz, Olympic and World Champion, currently a private business man and TV volleyball commentator.

The "Promoting Fair Play Awards" were handed over to:

- Ph. Dr. Andrzej Dąbrowski, former women's basketball coach of the national team and Wisła Kraków;
- Ludwik Mięta-Mikołajewicz, President of Wisła Kraków;
- Bożentyna Pałka-Koruba, Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship Governor, who supports events promoting Fair Play;
- Renata Susańko, sports journalist, Polish Radio reporter and an active member of the POC's Fair Play Club.

Finally, the *Honorary Statuette Fair Play* was awarded to Kajetan Hądzulek, member of CIFP since 2004 for her outstanding contribution to the Olympic Movement and Fair Play.

More information on the Polish Fair Play Award Ceremony can be found at: www.fairplayeur.com



The 13th Sport and Cultural University Students Games were held in Mashhad, Iran, from 1 to 10 August 2016. The event was hosted at the Ferdowsi University of Mashhad in the north-eastern part of Iran. The event, under the slogan "Education, Refinement and Sport", involved more than 3,500 students from 150 universities of the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology. The event was organized in 8 sport disciplines, *i.e.* Volleyball, Basketball, Futsal, Table Tennis, Badminton, Taekwondo, Swimming and Athletics. In addition, the Iranian Fair Play Organisation

"Fatian Fair Play", under the leadership of Roohollah Mohammadi Mirzaei, presented short films, handbooks and banners on this very special occasion during the event.

On behalf of the European Fair Play Movement we kindly invite you to the 22nd General Assembly, which will be held in Vienna, Austria on October 7th /8th 2016!

