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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 7-8 October 2016, the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) held its 22nd General Assembly in Vienna. To mark this occasion, the representatives of the partner organizations (CIFP, AIPS Europe, EUSA, EHF, ETU and CSIT) as well as the observing delegate of the European Chess Union devoted their warm greetings to the EFPM General Assembly and confirmed their intention to continue the fruitful and close cooperation with EFPM. During

the first day, delegates and invited guests attended the conference with the topics “*Manipulation and Corruption – Quo Vadis Sports?*” of which the keynote speech was held by Anja Martin (GER), and “*Safeguarding Integrity in Sports – Play Fair Code*”, of which the keynote speech was held by Severin Moritz (AUT).



In the evening, a gala dinner was organized to celebrate the EFPM award winners of 2016. The following personalities, projects and organizations were awarded:

- *EFP Plaque of Merit* under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees was awarded to the International Kosice Peace Marathon (SVK).
- *EFP Diploma* under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees was awarded to Jan Bobrovsky (CZE).

- *EFPM Fair Play Spirit Award* was awarded to the National Plan for Ethics in Sport (POR) and to the Homeless World Cup Austria (AUT).
- *EFPM Fair Play Vox Award* in association with AIPS Europe was awarded to Michalis Mertzianidis (GRE).



The main topic of the EFPM General Assembly was the election of a new board of EFPM.

Christian Hinterberger from Austria was re-elected and starts his next period as EFPM President. The results of the elections lead to the following new Executive Committee:

- Vice-Presidents: Erdogan Aripinar (TUR) and Miroslav Cerar (SLO);
- General secretary: Ioannis Psilopoulos (GRE);
- Treasurer: Katarina Raczova (SVK);
- Members: Biserka Vrbek (CRO), Kveta Peckova (CZE), Baiba Veisa (LAT) and Halina Zdebska-Biziewska (POL);

The EFPM family expresses its congratulations to this new EFPM board and wishes a fruitful and active working period.

President Hinterberger informed the General Assembly that the 23rd European Fair Play Congress and EFPM General Assembly 2017 will take place in October in Israel, in Haifa, which is one of the Middle East's most picturesque cities. The topic of the event will be: "Sport as a means for Reconciliation".

The Israeli delegation Eytan Barak and Gazi Nujeidat presented Haifa's infrastructure and a respective video, which were warmly welcomed by the General Assembly. Subsequently, Khazar Isayev, President of the Azerbaijan Fair Play Committee, accompanied by EFPM President Ch. Hinterberger, handed over the EFPM flag to Eytan Barak and Gazi Nujeidat, who are responsible for the organization of the 2017 EFP Congress and EFPM General Assembly.



The International Workers and Amateurs in Sports Confederation (CSIT) held its 38th Congress on 17-23 October 2016 in Riga, the capital city of Latvia, the host city of the World Sports Games 2017. The CSIT Congress appointed Bruno Molea from Italy as CSIT's new president. B. Molea took over the presidency of the Austrian Harald Bauer, who resigned due to business reasons. At the invitation of CSIT,

EFPM President Christian Hinterberger and Katarina Raczova, EFPM Treasurer, were present at this valuable and interesting event. In his introduction speech, Ch. Hinterberger took the opportunity to briefly introduce EFPM, congratulate CSIT to its successes reached so far and express his hope for a further fruitful and productive cooperation. Together with CSIT's Sports Director Henk Bouchoms, K. Raczova reported on the importance of the Green Card project. Green Cards will be actively used again at the CSIT World sport games 2017. Subsequently, real physical Green Cards will be used by referees at different sports events. Moreover, social media will be used to promote the Green Card project and make it more popular and Facebook users will be able to vote to whom a Green Card should be awarded. In addition to the organizing committee's judgement, the public will vote for the act worthy of a Green Card. This way, as explained by K. Raczova, it is planned to promote this nice activity and fair and tolerant behaviour.



On 20-23 October 2016, the 45th European Olympic Committees (EOC) General Assembly in Minsk (BLR) brought together more than 300 delegates – including the EFPM delegation – represented by Secretary General I. Psilopoulos and Executive Committee Member B. Vrbek. The participants heard reports, presentations and discussions about EOC's activities over the past year as well as important information concerning future activities. The highlight of the event was the election of Minsk as host of the second edition of the European Games in 2019. Furthermore,

Vuokatti in Finland was approved as the host of the 2021 Winter EYOF, whilst Košice in Slovakia was awarded the Summer edition. Some nice awards were also part of this event: The delegates decided that the Piotr Nurowski prize for the Best European Young Athlete of the year would go to Emmanouil Karalis (GRE).

The presence of the EFPM delegation in the EOC General Assembly as an officially invited European Organization, together with the ENGSO and the European Paralympic Committee, reinforced the presence of the EFPM on the European sports family scene and offered the opportunity to have fruitful discussions with various European sports entities and personalities. The EFPM representatives focused mainly on the EOC subsidy for the annual Fair Play Awards as well as the EFPM participation in the EYOF events. Janez Kocijančič, acting president of the EOC, welcomed the idea of reviving the cooperation with the EFPM and proposed to organize a meeting with the EOC Executive Board.



Over the weekend of 14-16 October 2016, the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP) held its Council Meeting, the World Fair Play Awards Ceremony and its bi-annual General Assembly in Budapest, the beautiful capital city of Hungary. The CIFP Executive Committee confirmed Jenő Kamuti to be its president for an additional term, effectively honouring his work. On behalf of the EFPM, K. Raczova congratulated J. Kamuti as well as the entire CIFP family for their enthusiasm and expressed her hope that CIFP and EFPM would continue their excellent collaboration to spread the spirit of Fair Play and tolerance in sports and beyond.

The events were enriched by the International Fair Play Cartoon exhibition of the Turkish National Olympic Committee's Fair Play Committee, dedicated to promote Fair Play - sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct.

At the occasion of an exceptional ceremony, the following personalities of the sporting world were rewarded with the three most prestigious trophies of the worldwide Fair Play movement:

- Pierre de Coubertin World Fair Play Trophy for an Act of Fair Play was awarded to Ruth Chebitok (KEN) & Ashley Liew (SIN);
- Willi Daume World Fair Play Trophy for Promotion of Fair Play was awarded to Tadeusz Olszanski (POL);
- Fair Play Award for the Youth under the auspices of the IOC President was awarded to Denis Samoilov (RUS).

In addition, Diplomas in the above categories were also presented. For more information, please see: www.fairplayinternational.org.



Lets now turn to some remarkable acts of Fair Play: For Czech fencer Jiri Beran the Olympic Games in Rio have come to an early end. In the first duel he lost to Athos Schwantes of Brazil 3-6. However, fans noticed the gesture of Fair Play with which the Czech fencer distinguished himself at the Olympics. The score was 3-5 and the fencers came very close to another point 18 seconds before the end of the duel, when a green light confirmed Beran's hit. The Czech

international, however, corrected the referee saying that he, in fact, had hit himself, not the opponent. *"If I were a bad fencer, I would have said it was a hit, but I love my sport. It was a very important hit, but this is how all of us should behave. I would never allow a referee to give me a point for a hit that wasn't there,"* said Beran.



The Austrian organisation Österreichische Sporthilfe organised the „Sports Night“ on 27 October 2016, the most important fundraising event for Austrian sports. The funds will be entirely used to support Austria's young and top level athletes, including handicapped athletes. As part of this event, the award "Athletes with a Heart" was announced. In 2016, the former football player Peter Hackmair was awarded for the initiative "Play together now" that he created in 2015. His association offers immigrants, mostly unaccompanied minors, regular leisure-time activities to facilitate their integration. *"Get rid of borders in your minds – we all are citizens of this world, we were just born in different places"*, Peter Hackmair said in his speech.



The 2nd International Mamanet Seminar took place in Eilat, Israel, on 30 October-2 November 2016. Mamanet is a social, community-based sport league specifically for mothers, started in Israel. The organizers's vision is to bring more women from all over the world closer to sports, to a healthy, active way of life & increase their involvement in the

community. The league was established in 2005 and has since spread to thousands of players all across the country. The league is associated with local schools, so the entire project is community based. It intends to demonstrate school pride, good sportsmanship, friendly and professional competition, Fair Play and positive physical activity. All this serves as a personal example for children, who attend the games cheerfully. However, Mamanet is not only limited to Israel. In recent years the project has expanded to several countries in Europe and America, where thousands of mothers are adopting this unique Israeli model.

For more information, please see: <http://www.mamanet.org.il/International.asp>



The European Championships in Kickboxing (Light Contact, Low kick and K1 rules) took place from 22 to 30 October, 2016 in Maribor, Slovenia, with 40 participating countries, 523 competitors and many important guests from international sports establishment. It was also the most important event in this year for the K1 rules athletes since it was the qualifying event for IWGA World Games in Wroclaw (POL), next year. The event was opened by the acting president, Roy Baker, Janez Kocijančič, European Olympic Committees acting president, and Bogdan Gabrovec, president of the

National Olympic Committee of Slovenia. EFPM was represented by Miroslav Cerar who leveraged this great opportunity to lay the grounds for a hopefully fruitful cooperation between the two organizations.

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

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