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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 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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On 21 April 2017, the European Chess Union (ECU) board welcomed the president of European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) Christian Hinterberger during the European Individual Women's Chess Championship 2017 in Riga, where a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between both organizations. Christian Hinterberger introduced the ECU board with the main aims and activities of EFPM, including the interest to cooperate in order to promote Fair Play principles in chess.

With the MOU signed, the ECU and the EFPM declare a joint venture in matters of sports, tolerance and Fair Play mainly in following aspects:

- to have a close cooperation by supporting the aims and goals of both organizations, for example with common activities, seminars and workshops on several topics of sports and Fair Play;
 - to support each other in publishing articles and information in their respective official publications, webpages and papers;
 - to nominate a member of its Executive Committee as regular contact persons;
 - EFPM will support the ECU to sensitize its members to the importance of ethical values and Fair Play principles of sports;
 - ECU will help to promote the strengthening of Fair Play, tolerance, peace and understanding through and within sports.
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For the sixth year in a row, Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles rewarded acts and projects linked to fair play. The event was a great occasion to shed light onto those promoting fair play, made even more special thanks to the presence of 400 people applauding the nominees and winners. The ceremony was also attended by M. Ioannis Psilopoulos, Secretary General of EFPM, and M. Asterios Zois,

President of the Youth Commission of FIBA Europe, honouring the winners of the 'Promoting Fair Play' category. M. Philippe Housiaux, President of Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles, was very pleased about the presence of these two notable guests and the collaboration of the two organisations pursuing the same objective that is promoting fair play.



On 10-13 May 2017, the EFPM delegation consisting of Ch. Hinterberger, President, I. Psilopoulos, Secretary General, K. Raczova, Treasurer, and M. Lämmer, Member of the Scientific Committee, visited Haifa, the host city of the 23rd European Fair Play Congress and EFPM General Assembly. This year's event will be organized, in surely a spectacular manner, by the Olympic Committee of Israel, the Israeli Ministry of Culture and Sport, supported by the Academic

College at Wingate, and the municipality of Haifa. The congress topic, "*Sports as a Means of Reconciliation*", will be further divided into 4 sub-topics, enabling participants of the congress to deal with the main topic from various angles. Such sub-topics will be:

- Sport as a tool for co-existence across religious beliefs;
- A global game – using sport for development and peace in multicultural societies;
- Promoting economic and political inclusion through sport;
- Fair play on and off the pitch – promoting reconciliation through athletes.

Further, by presentation of some of the local projects it will be made evident how community cohesion could be promoted through sport.

You will receive more details about accommodation and venue, agenda etc. together with the official invitation soon. Details are published on the webpage:

<http://events.eventact.com/EventsList/EFPM2017>

On behalf of the organizing Committee under the leadership of Ghazi Nujeidat, Eytan Barak and their very qualified and welcoming staff we are looking forward to welcoming you in Haifa.

Save the date 24-27 October 2017, the date of the 23rd European Fair Play Congress!



The EFPM delegation also visited the final match of the *Sport for Life project (S4L)*, in the course of which Jewish and Arab children played football together. S4L is a movement using sports as a tool for social



empowerment, creating cultural bridges and connection between children through sport from different communities.

The Polish Fair Play Awards ceremony took place on 22 February 2017 at the Olympic Centre, the headquarters of the NOC of Poland (POC). The annual contest organized by the POC Fair Play Club had this year a very special meaning, as it was its 50th jubilee. The President of the POC Fair Play Club Prof. Halina Zdebska-Biziewska (acting also as a member of the CIFP council and EFPM Executive Committee member) welcomed all the



guests and recalled the history of the contest. POC Secretary General Adam Krzesiński pointed out the importance of the Fair Play rules in contemporary sport as well as in daily life.

At this event, Tadeusz Olszański was awarded with the Trophy of Fair Play named Willi Daume for the promotion of the Fair Play by the International Fair Play Committee.

Tadeusz Olszański was the initiator of the Gentleman of

Sport Fair Play awards in 1963. It was the beginning of the contest which is still being continued.

Daria Leba was distinguished with the Fair Play Diploma in the category of an “Act of Fair Play 2016” for her behaviour during the regional Pit Bike competition. Despite her age, 15, she demonstrated a very mature attitude and gave away the second place to her rival who could not finish the last race due to the technical problem with her motorbike. During the medal ceremony, Daria officially passed the title of vice-champion to her colleague who – in her opinion – deserved it more than she did. The referees agreed and the protocol of the competition was changed.

Individual diplomas for the category:”Whole Sporting Career and Admirable life afterwards” were awarded to: Andrzej Krzesiński (athletics), Marian Więckowski (cycling), Antoni Zajkowski (judo), Józef Zapędzki (shooting), Wiesław Ziemianin (biathlon) Individual diplomas for the promotion of Fair Play were awarded to: Dr Jerzy Królicki (rugby), Prof. Szymon Krasicki (skiing).



The Czech Fair Play Club awarded personalities of the world of sports for the year of 2016. The premises of the Czech National Bank welcomed dozens of athletes to be rewarded for their exemplary behaviour.

The main award went to fencer Jiří Beran for his gesture of Fair Play during the Olympic tournament in Rio for having corrected the officials’ verdict in favour of his opponent.

Academic athlete Miroslava Plchová saved the life of a drowning opponent in an extreme relay race. Despite the fact that her team had a chance to win the race, she stopped to pull a lifeless body out of the water and called medical help.

The award for an exemplary lifetime attitude was given to Josef Augusta, the former national team ice-hockey player and subsequently also the coach of triple World Champions. The award was handed over to his grandsons, as Mr. Augusta had unfortunately passed away a few days prior to the Czech Fair Play Club Committee’s decision to bestow the award upon him.

The European Fair Play Diploma was received by basketball coach Jan Bobrovský from Katarina Ráčzová, a member of the EC EFPM, and his former teammate Jiří Zedníček.

All awarded personalities were further rewarded by witnessing a stunning performance of violin virtuoso Jaroslav Svěcený.





For the first time in 15 years, World Championships in U18 Ice Hockey took place in the Slovak Republic on 13-21 April 2017.

Thanks to the initiative of the Club Fair Play of the Slovak Olympic Committee, for the first time ever at such championships a Fair Play Award was announced. With such act the Slovak Ice Hockey Association and the organizing committee aimed to further widen public awareness especially among young athletes for tolerance, Fair Play and conducting sport in an honest way. Sport, the message read, is more than winning and breaking records. It is also an educational measure and a

way of raising tomorrow's generations. In the course of the final ceremony, Martin Fehervary, skipper of the ice hockey team of the Slovak Republic, accepted the Fair Play Award by thunderous applause from Katarina Raczova, President of the Club Fair Play of the Slovak Olympic Committee. *"It was our aim not to receive many penalty minutes. This was pointed out by our coach prior to every match and us players paid attention accordingly. I am glad we managed to fulfil this aim and being handed over such award means a lot to me"*, Martin Fehervary said.

The XXIII National Assembly and the National Italian Fair Play Committee Elective Congress was concluded with the re-election of President Ruggero Alcanterini for his 4th consecutive term. Project activities implemented were demonstrated at this occasion, such as the initiative of promoting Amatrice *"Fair Play Capital"* with an important event at the Stadium of Domitian, in Rome, where the establishment of the International Fair Play Award *"Domitianus"* was also announced. Such awards ceremony is scheduled for Monday, 05 June 2017, at the Salone d'onore of the Italian Olympic Committee. As to Sardinia being the choice of the location, this was explained by R. Alcanterini as follows: *"The choice is motivated by the fact that it has an extraordinary wealth of historical and cultural, artistic and ethic values, it being an almost unique example for these aspects at national level."* Further, Alghero was officially proclaimed *"Mediterranean Capital of Fair Play 2018"*, also recognized as such from CONI. Its Mayor Mario Bruno is hopeful that this recognition will result in extending *"the message of Fair Play to the entire nation."*



It is a pleasure to announce that the San Marino National Fair Play Committee was established in the Republic of San Marino. Its founding members are: Gian Battista Silvagni (President), Maria Rita Morganti (Vice President), Giuseppe Maria Della Balda, Giovanni Ragini, Tommaso Berti, Vladimiro Renzi and Massimo Bonini together with members of the Organising Committee Marino Ercolani Casadei, Gabriele Moretti (Treasurer), Filippo Bronzetti and Nicola Maria Tonelli. All of the mentioned are personalities well-known in and high-class representative of sport and the civil society of San

Marino. The committee aims to in particular defend and promote Fair Play in culture and in sport and opposes any form of sport fraud and both physical and verbal violence. For this

purpose, it has developed a 11 points program. The new association will soon begin operating according to its guidelines and will strive to be officially recognized above all by the International Fair Play Committee (IFPC) and the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM). We would like to congratulate the people involved in the establishment of a new member of the Fair Play family in Europe. This gives us great joy and hope that the Fair Play movement is going strongly forward.



In cooperation with Amateur Federation of Workers Sport of Iran, the Fatian Fair Play organization held the first worker's athletics championships (both women/men) on April 2017 in Kermanshah. Consisting of 23 teams, more than 100 women and 130 men worker athletes participated in these championships in 23 teams. As there was no photo-finish system to record the time of the athletics, referees had to use chronometer to record the time. At the preliminary stage of the 100m race, the recorded time of two of the runners was identical (10:76). In knowledge of this, the younger runner, respecting the older winner and the referees, decided to

withdraw from the competitions, although a place in the finals was at stake.

Appreciating this runner's humble act, Dr. Roohollah Mohammadi Mirzaei, head of workers athletics association of Amateur Federation of Workers Sport of Iran and founder of Fatian Fair Play Organization, announced that this athletes will be given the Fatian Fair Play Statue Award for his respectful act.



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

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