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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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The 23rd European Fair Play Congress was held October 24-25, 2017, in Haifa (ISR), a beautiful city in which people have been living peacefully for the last 100 years despite the recurring conflicts in the region. The topic of the Congress was quite adequate, "Sports as a means of reconciliation", and saw many outstanding speakers addressing this topic from various angles. The Congress was enriched by workshops to allow participants discussing in smaller teams about opportunities to better use sports

as a means of reconciliation.

For more information and to read the Congress declaration, you can visit our website

<http://fairplayeur.org/>



Following the European Fair Play Congress, the 23rd General Assembly of EFPM was held on October 26, 2017. To mark this occasion, the representatives of the partner organizations (ICSSPE, ENGSO, CIFP, EUSA, ECU) devoted their warm greetings to the EFPM General Assembly and confirmed their intention to continue the fruitful and close cooperation with EFPM. In addition to the usual topics treated at the General Assembly, the participants greeted the election of Mr. Ruggero Alcanterini (ITA) and Mr. Charalambos Lottas (CYP) as Honorary Members of EFPM, recognizing their long-standing contributions to the fair play family.



Further, the rich partnerships of EFPM were extended to two new member organisations: First, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the International Dance Organization (IDO), covering over 90 nations and representing more than 250,000



dancers. The second organization signing a Memorandum of Understanding was Panathlon International, a non-governmental, non-profit-making, non-political association dealing essentially with culture and ethics in sport.

One of the highlights of the event was the acceptance of the Sammarinese Fair Play National Organisation as the 41st member organization of EFPM. The organization from San Marino was represented by its President **Gian Battista Silvagni**.

In the evening, a beautiful gala dinner was organized to celebrate the Fair Play award winners of 2017. The following personalities, projects and organizations were awarded:

- *EFP Diploma* under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees was awarded to **Mr. Geoman Turay (TUR)**
Ms. Jolanta Kowalska (POL)
- *EFPM Flame Award* (for nominees up to 18 years) went to **Tira Pavuk (HUN)**



- *EFP Plaque of Merit* under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees was awarded to the **Israeli Sport4Life** project



- *EFPM Fair Play Spirit Award* was awarded to **Ms. Ofra Abramovich (ISR)**



- *EFPM Fair Play Vox Award* in association with AIPS Europe was awarded to **Mr. Erdogan Aripinar (TUR)**.



At this occasion Mr. J. Kamuti, President of the International Fair Play Committee, honored **Ms. Hilla Davidov**, National Project Manager of the Olympic Committee of Israel, and **Mr. Gilad Lustig**, General Secretary of the Olympic Committee of Israel, for their enthusiastic work in the field of fair play and Olympism. You can find further information and photos on our website <http://fairplayeur.org>

The new member of the European Fair Play Movement, the Sammarinese Fair Play National Committee, announced the first Fair Play World Day 2017 event for Saturday, November 25, 2017. This day will promote the universal principles and values of fair play and will also be an excellent occasion to present the 2017 Fair Play Awards. This official event will put even more value to the activities the Sammarinese National Fair Play Committee has already organized in the past, such as Fair Play Awards at the recent Small States Games in San Marino.

The event is also promoted on Facebook to make sure as many visitors as possible are informed. The day will be completed with a range of activities aimed at sport and civil society in the country.



Association for Sport and Body Culture (ASKÖ), one of Austria's biggest and most important sport organizations, celebrated its 125th anniversary in Vienna's town hall. As an acknowledgment of decades of dedicated, exemplary activities promoting the values of fair behaviour and the necessity of sport as an example for everybody, the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP) awarded ASKÖ with the fair play diploma. ASKÖ successfully aims to get more people involved and participate in sports and communities. ASKÖ's events are not about winning or titles. Rather, they celebrate fun, being active and togetherness.

The diploma was handed over by Mr. J. Kamuti, President of CIFP, to Mr. Hermann Kirst, ASKÖ-President, with Christian Hinterberger, the Austrian President of the European Fair Play Movement, in attendance. Moreover, Mr. Hans Peter Doskozil, Austrian Minister for Sports, and Mr. Andreas Mailath-Pokorny, City Council for Culture and Science, were present at the subsequent gala dinner. In his speech, J. Kamuti highlighted the appreciation for ASKÖ having supported communities, sport and the need for a healthy, active lifestyle for such a long time, constantly in the spirit of fair play.



The European Fair Play Congress in Haifa was a useful platform for all participants to get to know different projects. Among these interesting projects was the *Catchball friendship league*. This is a social-sports league in catchball and part of a structure which allows better physical fitness as well as a community connection without ongoing competition. It addresses girls and women of all religions and promotes catchball as a tool of reconciliation.

Beyond the noble objective of promoting sport as bearer of peace, it very simply also helps to create a feeling of belonging and offer some pleasant time to all participants:

- At certain occasions, events combine sport with culture (dancing, music and unique food of the different cultures).
- Once a year, catchball is combined with a soccer tournament including the participants' children.
- The league supports poor areas with difficult financial situations and also regularly integrates deaf and handicapped populations.
- And, last but not least, it offers courses for instructors and coaches in cooperation with the Wingate Academy.

Net, the Catchball friendship league brings together Jewish, Muslim and Christian women and promotes multiculturalism and peace in Israel and abroad. For more information please visit the website: <http://www.catchball.world/catchball-friendship-league> or contact: **Lior Gluska**, Founder and Chairperson of the *Catchball friendship league*.



On Aug 01, 2017, Fatian Fair Play organized a Fair Play Workshop in cooperation with the Sports Organization of Tehran Municipality. This Sports Organization provides various services to more than 400 sports clubs and pools in the field of public sport promotion in the city of Tehran. The workshop invited coaches, referees and heads of sports clubs and was offered an introduction of the philosophy of fair play and presented the importance of fair play in civilian sport. A lot of emphasis was put on concepts such as respect for rules and regulations in sports fields, fair competition, friendly relations to children and young age categories. To workshop also included a Q&A session with the participants. The workshop was hosted by Dr. Roohollah Mohammadi Mirzaei,

President of the Fatian Fair Play Organization, Dr. Gholamhossein Khodari, Vice-President of Fatian Fair Play, and with the assistance of Yadollah Kazemi, a member of Fatian and Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of region-7 of Tehran.



Winning a gold medal is usually a cause for unmitigated celebration. But not for Israel judo star Tal Flicker as he stood atop the podium at the Abu Dhabi Grand Slam in October this year, having triumphed in the men's half-lightweight division. Instead of Hatikvah, Israel's traditional national anthem, tournament organizers played the official music of the International Judo Federation (IJF) and instead of the flag of Israel, the IJF's logo was raised. Earlier that day, fellow Israeli Gili Cohen -- bronze medalist in the women's half-lightweight division -- had also stood by solemnly as the IJF's flag was raised. The entire Israeli team was required to compete without any Israeli identifying symbols, and had been told before the tournament that there would be no

acknowledgement of their home country — a discriminatory policy imposed by the organizers solely on the Israeli competitors.

The incident stirred up a lot of resentment. The IJF, for its part, contacted the president of the UAE Judo Federation insisting "all delegations, including the Israeli delegation, shall be treated absolutely equally in all aspects, without any exception," according to a letter obtained by the Associated Press. Finally, the discussions led Mohammad Bin Thaloub Al-Darei, President of the UAE's Judo Federation, and Aref Al-Awani, another senior Emirates sports official, to apologize to the Israeli Judo Association. Let's hope soon we can break down more barriers for more tolerance between countries and nations to express the real value of the sport, friendship unity and solidarity.

For more information, please read on: <http://edition.cnn.com/2017/10/27/sport/judo-abu-dhabi-grand-slam-tal-flicker-israel-national-anthem-flag/index.html>