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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 the 26th anniversary of its establishment, the Olympic Committee of Slovenia – Association of Sports Federations awarded the Fair Play Award 2017 to the Shooting Union of Slovenia. The award was handed over by Miroslav Cerar, EFPM Vice-President and President of the Slovenian Olympic Academy, and Jože Zidar, President of the Slovene Association of Journalists, which has been promoting the national campaign for Fair Play for a number of years now.

It has been known for a long time that athletes of the Shooting Union of Slovenia help each other at the shooting competitions, they cooperate with each other and, in case of any difficulties, they can count on the help of others. The reasons for that are on one hand certainly the integrity of the athletes involved but it may also have to do with the Shooting Union of Slovenia having been included in the awarding of the Fair Play Awards and the rules pertaining thereto. With its conduct, the Shooting Union of Slovenia has undoubtedly contributed a lot to the ongoing promotion of the values and Fair Play. It provides a good example to many other national sports associations.



The Centre for Genocide Studies in Terezín (CZE) organized the 1st Annual Youth Football Tournament: The Memorial of Terezin Football League, aka 'Thank God for Football'.

The tournament is a reminder and puts emphasis on the importance of sport that helped children in Terezin Ghetto to at least partially forget about the inhuman atmosphere of war

Besides the Czech Fair Play Club (ČKFP), the patronage of the tournament was also taken over by Milos Zeman, President of the Czech Republic. The daughter of Arnošt Lustig, a writer and holocaust survivor as well as Eva Erbenová, the wife of Peter Erben, another survivor who had participated in the soccer league in Ghetto Theresienstadt, were present together with other personalities. The team of the tournament following the rules of Fair Play the most received the ČKFP Cup – it was won by the pupils of SK Libesice.



The National Fair Play Committee of San Marino (CNSFP), introduced itself to its fellow citizens on Saturday, 25 November, 2017. A rich program started in the morning at the “Ezio Conti” Sports Complex in Dogana with “Fair Play takes the field”. The Football Federation’s Under 8 Youth Sector welcomed the very young players of Real 2000 Union Soccer from Falerone, a small municipality in the Marche (ITA), which was

heavily affected by the earthquake in Central Italy. World Fair Play Day officially opened with the National Anthem of San Marino and the Anthem of the European Fair Play Movement. Representatives of various organisations welcomed the friendship and synergies between the Italian and San Marino Committee. The scientific and cultural theme “The Educational Power of Fair Play” was developed by the speaker Francesco Riccardo, a sport psychologist who serves the FIPE National Weight-Lifting Teams. Greetings from two students of the Fonte dell’Ovo and Serravalle Middle Schools were also greatly appreciated, as well as the interview of Marco Ragini, an international coach, and Massimo Bonini, a founding member of the CNSFP. Presenter Miriam Simoncini handed out the prestigious 2017 Fair Play Awards. The **Sport Merit Award** was conferred to **Eugenio Rossi** and to **Paralympic Committee of San Marino**. The Career Achievement Award was conferred to **Giorgio Crescentini**. The **Promotion Award** was conferred to the **Middle Schools of Fonte dell’Ovo and Serravalle**. *You will find more information on the CNSFP facebook page.*



The Hungarian Fair Play Committee celebrated its 50th anniversary this year with a lot of pride, as over this long period Hungarian athletes, coaches and media representatives have always been on the forefront of Fair Play activities towards society. On this occasion, the Hungarian Coincidence Ballet Theatre presented a unique production titled Fair Play - The Legend of Sports Giants. This creation of Júlia Gyulai, director-choreographer, gave an

insight into the world behind the success of professional sports people while commemorating her late father István Gyulai, who was a well-known and highly popular athlete and sports reporter in Hungary as well as Secretary General of the International Association of Athletics Federations. In the ballet production, the life of a little boy mirrors the everyday struggles of people in general. This little boy starts from nowhere but he knows it is worth struggling and holding out because at the end he will achieve his goals – a wonderful representation of what Fair Play should be.



The International Fair Play Committee’s (CIFP) “World Fair Play Awards” event took place in the splendid setting of the Egmont Palace in Brussels (BEL), on 17 November 2017, organized together with the Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles.

More than 200 personalities of the international sports community attended this outstanding celebration of Fair Play. The EFPM was represented by its President Christian Hinterberger and Vice-Presidents Erdogan Aripinar and Miroslav Cerar, both CIFP Board

Members. A highly emotive, personalized video message by Thomas Bach, International Olympic Committee (IOC) President, was also shared.

The winners of the 2016 World Fair Play Trophies are:

Pierre de Coubertin Trophy for an Act

Jorge Ariel Rodriguez (ARG)

Jean Borotra World Fair Play Trophy For Career

Jacques Rogge (BEL)

Willi Daume World Fair Play Trophy for Promotion:

Turkish Olympic Committee Fair Play Committee (TUR)

Jacques Rogge Fair Play Trophy for The Youth

Ukrainian Junior Men's Épée team (UKR)

Jacques Rogge, former President of the IOC and currently its Honorary President, stated upon receiving the award: *"There are two phrases that I have always disliked. Nice guys finish last and that winning in sport is not the most important thing, but the only thing"*.

For further information please visit: www.fairplayinternational.org



On 25 November 2017, the opening tournament and ceremony of the chachball friendship league took place.

This event is a social and national new project in Israel. Lior Gluska, Founder and Chairperson of the league, specified in her opening speech that the goal was to promote this sport as a reconciliation tool between different communities in Israel and around the world. 9 groups of about 150 women - Druze, Circassia's Bedouins, Christian Muslims and Jewish people - came to play together; thereby stating "**we want to play**

together"! Many honorary guests from the government, sports associations and mass media came to support and congratulate the women of the league. The successful event was accompanied by the performance of the Dabke dancing group, that connected with audience and athletes alike. The participants remembered, of course, that 25 November is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, as designated by the United Nations General Assembly in 1999. At the end of the ceremony, all female players received medals and two cups of championships were distributed: one for achievements, a second for Fair Play.



EFPM was invited to participate at the EOC General Assembly held in Zagreb (CRO), 24 and 25 November 2017. The EFPM delegation consisted of Biserka Vrbek (EC-Member), Miroslav Cerar (Vice-President), Ioannis Psilopoulos (Secretary General) and Christian Hinterberger (President).

The agenda included reports of the EYOF 2017, provisional information about the organizational status of the upcoming Olympic Games, reports of several commissions and as the main matter the election of the President, Secretary General, Treasurer and the Executive Committee Members.

Janez Kocijancic was elected as new EOC President with a broad consensus, the same was true for with Raffaele Pagnozzi (Secretary General) and Kikis Lazarides (Treasurer).

On behalf of EFPM, Christian Hinterberger congratulated Janez Kocijancic to the unanimous election, wishing him the best success, good luck for the future and offered to continue the fruitful cooperation, especially concerning the EFPM involvement in the EYOF Program.

Further, a meeting with the Croatian Fair Play Committee on 23 November was especially dedicated to sharing information about the Fair Play activities set up in Croatia, consultation about the future initiatives and main matters of the EFPM strategy for 2018 and 2019.

Finally, the Chair of the Croatian Fair Play Committee, Danira Bilic, officially invited the EFPM to be represented at their 10th Anniversary Gala Ceremony in Zagreb, 15 December 2017.



5 December 2017 was a festive day for the Slovak Olympic Committee (SOC), the Club Fair Play SOC and the SOC Foundation. At the occasion of this festive meeting, the Club Fair Play presented its yearly awards in three categories, including the Jan Popluhar Award, which is the highest trophy of SOC in the field of Fair Play, named after the legendary Slovak footballer of the 20th century. Holder of the Jan Popluhar Award 2017 is a very well known athlete: four times Olympian, four times World Championship medal winner and Stanley Cup winner (Pittsburgh Penguins, 2009) and currently General Manager of the Ice Hockey National Team Miroslav Šatan. *“If an athlete wants to truly enjoy success, he or she must reach this success with a fair attitude”*, he underlined, as he accepted the precious award, handed over by Květa Peckova-Jeriova, President of the Czech Fair Play Club, Anton Siekel, President of the Slovak Olympic Committee, and Katarina Raczova, President of the Club Fair Play SOC.

Among the awarded personalities were also the excellent athletes and former national representatives Ján Švehlík (1976 European Champion) and the top scorer of the German Bundesliga, Marek Mintál, President of the Special Olympics Slovakia Eva Lysicanova, as well as Marek Hladík, who stopped his marathon race in Warszawa to help the then leading Kenyan athlete Recho Kosgeio, as she fainted just before the finishing line.



The French organisation “Association française pour un sport sans violence et pour le fair play” (AFSVFP) organised its yearly event «Iris du sport 2017» on 7 December 2017. It included the national

Fair Play awards, honoring athletes and personalities, who were able to shine thanks to their actions or their spirit. The EFPM is particularly happy to see M. André Catelin among the awarded personalities, since M. Catelin served as President of this very organisation (1994-2004) and as Executive and Honorary member of EFPM.

You can find more information on the website of the organization:

<http://fairplay.franceolympique.com/fairplay/fichiers/File/PRIX-NATIONAUX-2017.pdf>



We are particularly happy to report about a nice Fair Play act in a field that we do not report about very often but that is renowned as the “Gentlemen’s sport”: Rugby. Midway through the first half of Toulouse’s and Lyon’s Top 14 clash on 26 November, Australian back row Talalelei Gray, playing for Toulouse, showed some remarkable sportsmanship towards an injured opponent. On the 20 minute mark, Virgile Bruni, trying to defend just off his line at a ruck,

fell to the ground in agony after an opposing player fell on his leg. Bruni had injured his knee and was unable to move as the action continued around him. Gray recognised that Lyon’s number eight was in severe pain. Showing commendable compassion for Bruni’s situation, Gray knelt over the injured player protecting him with his body, not trampled on during a vulnerable moment until the arrival of relief. Bruni later thanked Gray for his help, recognizing a particular spirit of Fair Play and sportsmanship.

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