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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....).



On 9-10 November 2018, the 47th EOC General Assembly took place in Marbella Spain. The EFPM was represented by President Christian Hinterberger and General Secretary Ioannis Psiloploulos.

The most astonishing speech was held by IOC President Thomas Bach, who dealt with the uncontrolled commercialization of sports. He said: "... sport is an anchor of stability in the world and those working in the Olympic Movement have a responsibility to uphold this. In order to ensure stability in the future we need to make changes now. When we adopted Olympic Agenda 2020 the idea was to change or be changed. And that is as true today as it was then." Debates also included a presentation on the New Leaders sport leadership program by the Finnish Olympic Committee, the aim of which is to balance men and women participation. One of the highlights was the approval of the northern Italian region of Friuli Venezia Giulia as host of the 2023 Winter European Youth Olympic Festival. The organisers of the bid said they aimed to use EYOF to create "a lasting social, economic and sport legacy, and for sustainability to support youth, education and culture through sport and the Olympic values."

For more information: <http://www.eurolympic.org/the-47th-eoc-general-assembly-concludes-in-marbella/>.

The 24th European Fair Play Congress was held on 22-23 November 2018, in Brussels (BEL). The topic of the Congress was "Sport, Spirit of Humanity", and participants witnessed many outstanding speakers addressing this topic from various angles. One of the highlights of the event was the presentation of the documentary film titled FOREVER PURE, created by Maya Zinshtein, an Israeli filmmaker and journalist. After the presentation of Michael Pedersen entitled FAIR PLAY



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AND GOVERNANCE, the congress continued with workshops to allow participants to discuss opportunities evolving from principles of good governance into the strategy of EFPM's work in smaller groups. At the end of the congress, its participants confirmed with their signatures their approval and support of the Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles-Declaration "Sport, Spirit of Humanity". Following the European Fair Play Congress, the 24th General Assembly of EFPM was held on 23 November 2018. On this occasion, the President of the European Softball Federation Gabriel Waage and EFPM President Christian Hinterberger signed the Memorandum of Understanding between these two federations.



Continuing the tradition which started in 2017, the Hungarian Ferencvárosi Torna Club (FTC) announced the Fradi Fair Play awards for the second time in December 2018. The audience of the Fradi Fair Play Award Gala at the Elek Gyula Arena celebrated the announcement of the two winners chosen by the Fradi Fair Play Committee. The Committee consists of nine members: two co-chairmen, the Olympic silver medalist Andrea Gyarmati and the two-time World- and European champion Péter Bácsi, and the club's president,

currently Gábor Kubatov, and its COO, currently Zoltán Nyíri. Furthermore, members of the committee include Katalin Méry, Customer Support director at Hungarian Telekom, Gábor Deregán, Secretary General of the NOC Fair Play Committee, Gábor Pap, Presidents of FTC Sports, and the international project manager of FTC, Bálint Máté.

The **True Green-White Hero** category is always awarded to an athlete at Ferencváros, who shows human greatness and some form of heroic act. This year, the winner of this category became Fanni Mándli, who completed the team national aquathlon competition, despite having suffered a serious injury already in the beginning of the race. Fanni did not give up and completed both the swimming and running parts of the competition for her team mates. Thanks to her heroic act the team finished third.

The **Fradi Heart** category is always handed to some private or public person or organization that supports social responsibility projects of FTC. The committee decided to give the award to Botond Szirmák, CEO of Provident Ltd.

With the help of Botond Szirmák, the Provident Park community area at Népliget Sports Center and the disabled parking area at the Groupama Arena were completed. Showing his dedication to the club, he requested all his family members to accompany him to a Fradi match on his birthday.

Since 2018, the Fair Play Club of the Slovak Olympic Committee has broadened its award categories. It organized a competition entitled "SPORT IS HOPE" for the best project which aims to highlight the social and educational function of sports while at the same time involving former and/or current personalities of the Slovak sports world to inspire and motivate others to introduce positive changes into society. The first winner of this award was a project by the Junior Karate Club of Prešov "Juniorko". The aim of the project is to support the integration of children from socially vulnerable environments, the growth of their personalities and to provide positive interactions with them. In order for this to be achieved, the organizers took care of five children from a children's home in Prešov.

They supported them both in sports education and also in everyday life. After three years, the children developed wonderfully in every aspect. Manuel and Melânia, for example, have even become Vice-Champion of Europe in their category, proving that if given a proper and fair chance, every person is able to develop and will return the favor.



On 29 November 2018 the Association Française pour un Sport sans Violence et pour le Fair-Play (AFSVFP), the French member organization of EFPM, organized its annual PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY. The event took place in the headquarters of the French National Olympic and Sports Committee under the motto LES IRIS DU SPORT. The title draws a fitting comparison to Iris, who is the personification and goddess of the rainbow and messenger of the gods in Greek mythology. The ceremony was opened by a speech of its President Jean-

Pierrem Mougine, who highlighted the success achieved by AFSVFP during the 35 years it has existed. Awards were handed over in 13 categories. Both among the presenters as well as receivers of the award numerous well-known personalities could be found. One of the highlights was the recognition of Daniel Narcisse, 2 times Olympic Gold medal winner and 4 times World Champion in handball, with the award named after the former President of the French Olympic Committee. Also part of the ceremony was the handing over of the European Fair Play Plaque of Merit, made under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees, to Talalelei Gray. The Australian back row, 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. Gray knelt over the injured player protecting him with his body, not trampled on during a vulnerable moment until the arrival of relief. Further, the Australian rugby athlete was also recognised with a AFSVFP award. The awards were handed over by Katarina Raczova, EFPM ExCom Member, and Jean-Pierre Mougine, AFSVFP President. For more information please visit <http://fairplay.franceolympique.com/fairplay/includes/home.php>



From 1 January 2019 on, Budapest will be the European Capital of Sport. The Vice Mayor of Budapest, Alexandra Szalay-Bobrovniczky, the President of the Budapest Sport Union and President of the International Fair Play Committee, Jenő Kamuti, were handed over the flag and plaque as European Capital of Sport 2019 in the EU Parliament by the Commissioner of

Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Tibor Navracsecs, and the President of ACES, Gian Francesco Lupattelli, in December. Budapest will be the European Capital of Sport for an entire year, organizing at least 365 sports events, including local, regional, national and international competitions. Budapest is to hold a free event every day. On 1 January 2019, a big party kicks off this active year at the City Park Ice Rink, which – according to current plans – will be the only event with an entrance fee, except top competitions, within the framework of this series. The series include conferences and seminars, such as the two days International Fair Play Conference.



Finally, a short information about a great sporting gesture: A match between Karlove Vary and HC Hradec Kralove was played in Czech Republic's highest ice hockey league. With the game undecided, Karlove Vary goalkeeper Filip Novotny left his position to fight for the puck in the corner of the playing field. However, he stumbled and fell after having made slight contact with the opposition's striker Lukas Cingela. The referees immediately interrupted the game and punished the striker. However, Filip Novotny did not hesitate to explain to the referees that in fact no foul had been committed and that Lukas Cingela should not be punished. Thanks to such gesture, the referees overturned their initial decision and Lukas Cingela was able to continue without having to sit out a penalty. Once back on the field, he immediately thanked the goal keeper for his beautiful act of fair play.



On behalf of the European Fair Play Movement we wish you relaxing holidays with your loved ones and we are happy to continue working together in the spirit of friendship, tolerance and fair play in the year 2019

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