

## EFPM NEWSLETTER 2 /2018



*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....).*

*All the information should be sent to: [katarina.raczova@gmx.net](mailto:katarina.raczova@gmx.net)*

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***The whole EFPM family is totally shocked about the unexpected and sudden pass away of Prof. Halina Zdebska-Biziewska Ph.D. Her personality, experiences, power and inspiring effects served as a model for all of us. As a representative of the Polish Fair Play Club and the Polish Olympic Committee she played a very active role in our movement. She always offered great support and contribution to the common idea of fair and clean sports and to a fruitful development of the European Fair Play Movement. We will never forget her warm and open minded personality. Halina will always be alive in our brain and heart and will always be remembered with respect, love and gratitude..***

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The Executive Committee of the European Fair Play Movement held its 59<sup>th</sup> meeting on 2-4 March 2018 in Vienna at the invitation of ASKÖ. The program included President Christian Hinterberger's report, Secretary General I. Psilopoulos' information on current topics and Treasurer Katarina Raczova's presentation of EFPM's financial situation. Moreover, members of the Executive Committee provided information about their active participation at different European events related to the achievement of the EFPM goals during the last period.

The Executive Committee raised attention to the evaluation of the 23<sup>rd</sup> EFP Congress with the aim to elevate the level of future events. Furthermore, one key topic of the meeting was the next European Fair Play Congress which will be held in Brussels (BEL) in November 2018. The general topic will be „Sports. Spirit. Humanity.“. The event will be organized by the Belgium EFPM member, Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels, today regarded as the “armed wing” of the Belgian Olympic movement for all matters linked to sporting ethics and the promotion of the positive values spread by Sport. Philippe Housiaux, President of this very active institution, introduced some ideas and perspectives related to this event. He also drew the attention of the participants to the Declaration initiated by Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels, signed by all important organisations in Belgium.

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The EFPM scientific advisory committee under the leadership of Steve Town, evaluated the EFP Congress in Haifa in order to assess its effectiveness and made recommendations for future improvement. The document was presented by Romana Caput-Jagunica at the EFPM ExCom meeting in Vienna and discussed in details.

Specific recommendations of the EFPM scientific advisory committee are:

- Keep group discussions but with fewer questions
- Improve the national reports
- Make sure all information, papers, posters etc are on the EFPM web site

- Have a paper on the overview of fair play issues and activities at the European level
- Have short papers from other countries
- Have a better system for the dissemination of best practice from the congress on an ongoing basis
- Have even more interactive sessions
- Consider a stronger congress focus on fair play on the pitch, in the game.

You can find the full report on the website:

[www.fairplayeur.com/news/news/23rd-efp-congress-evaluation-report/](http://www.fairplayeur.com/news/news/23rd-efp-congress-evaluation-report/)

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In 1996, the European Fair Play Movement established the European Fair Play Awards aiming to promote the principles of Fair Play in Europe. In this respect, EFPM annually invites all its members, European National Olympic Committees, sports organizations and educational institutions to submit their applications to the Fair Play Awards in following categories:

-The European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma, under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees;

- The European Fair Play Diploma, under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees;
- The EFPM “Spirit of Fair Play” Award;
- The EFPM “Fair Play Flame” Award (to an athlete, or a team Under 18);
- The EFPM “Fair Play Vox” Award, under the auspices of AIPS Europe.

**The candidacies for Fair Play Awards can be submitted until 30 April 2018 to the address below:**

European Fair Play Movement, Ioannis Psilopoulos, Gen. Secretary  
31, Kodringtonos Str. GR – 10343 Athens  
ioannispsilopoulos@gmail.com

The Regulations for the Fair Play Awards including the conditions and details as well as the Nomination Form can be found on the EFPM website [www.fairplayeur.com](http://www.fairplayeur.com) under the section “Awards”.

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The Portuguese National Olympic Committee awarded Prof. Dr. Carlos Gonçalves, founding member of the European Fair Play Movement, who served as Vice-President for seven years and as President for eleven years (2001-2012) with the National Award of Ethics in Sports, which is the biggest sports awarded on the field granted by the NOC of Portugal. For more than 40 years, Carlos Gonçalves has embodied fair play education in Europe and has dedicated his time, passion and energy for the spreading of fair play and tolerance. Jose Costantino, President of the Portuguese National Olympic Committee, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> President Rosa Motta, the famous Olympic Marathon Champion, were present at the ceremony. On behalf of the fair play family we express our compliments to Carlos Gonçalves.

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Every year since 2007, the Fair Play Commission of the National Olympic Committee of Azerbaijan (AzFPC), under the leadership of its President Khazar Isayev, traditionally holds different events to draw the attention of the sports community to this field and to promote the principles of fair play and encourage those committed to these principles. Athletes are awarded in various following categories during a ceremony held at the National Olympic Committee of Azerbaijan:

**“Physical training and sports figure committed to the principles of fair play”**

*Sahib Alekberov, the First Vice President of Azerbaijan's Cycling and Wrestling Federations*

**“The best promoter of the principles of fair play”**

*The "Olympic world" newspaper*

**“A referee committed to the principles of fair play”**

*Alyar Aghayev, FIFA referee*

**“A coach committed to the principles of fair play”**

*Lyudmila Shubina, Olympic champion, handball coach*

**“An athlete committed to the principles of fair play”**

*Haji Aliyev, Three-time world champion, Olympic bronze medalist, wrestler*

**“An ambassador committed to the principles of fair play”.**

*Tunzale Aghayeva, honored artist, singer*



In addition to these nominations, another event was held at the occasion of the 21<sup>st</sup> international tournament among juniors in Freestyle and Greco-Roman Wrestling, dedicated to the martyr Mushvig Isayev and held at the Baku Sports Palace on 16-17 January 2018. Here, a group of sports professionals were awarded in five nominations by AzFPC.

**“Physical training and sports figure committed to the principles of fair play”**

*Firdovsi Umudov, the First Vice President of Azerbaijan Wrestling Federation*

**“A referee committed to the principles of fair play”**

*Vahid Temirov (Uzbekistan)*

*Sadi Guliyev (Azerbaijan)*

**“A coach committed to the principles of fair play”**

*Vasha Kraveishvili (Georgia)*

*Ruslan Shamilov (Azerbaijan)*

**“An athlete committed to the principles of fair play”**

*Andrey Yegerov (Kazakhstan)*

*Vahid Alizadeh (Azerbaijan)*



On 30 January 2018, the fair play delegation of the Croatian Olympic Committee visited the Slovenian Olympic Academy. The delegation was led by Danira Bilić, president of the Fair Play Committee, Biserka Vrbek, member of the Executive Committee and of the European Fair Play Movement, and Saša Ceraj, head of the Croatian Olympic Academy.

Miroslav Cerar welcomed the delegation at the headquarters of the Slovenian Olympic Committee, also present were Slovenian Olympic Academy members: Aleš Šolar, Sonja Poljšak and Petra Robnik.

The aim of the visit was for the delegates to view the Slovenian Education Centre and become acquainted with the activities and projects of the Slovenian Olympic Academy.

After Cerar's introductory address, Aleš Šolar presented the function of the Slovenian Olympic Academy and its most important projects.

The guests were extremely impressed by the work carried out by the Slovenian Olympic Academy and the Education Centre. They expressed the wish to continue the successful collaboration in the future.

On 3 February 2018, the World Cup tournament of Junior Fencers took place in Bratislava, welcoming 188 female juniors from 30 countries. The Fair Play Club of the SOC was also present at this significant event as long-standing partner of the Slovak Fencing Federation in order to spread the principles of humanity and fairness. One of the manifestations of this cooperation is the use of Fair Play cards at fencing events and the subsequent announcement of Fair Play Awards based on such useage. At this event, the Fair Play card could be granted not only to a sportswoman behaving honestly in critical situations during the sports competition, but also to trainers, parents, coaches or fans. In this spirit, the plaque of the Fair Play Club of the Slovak Olympic Committee was awarded to the Hungarian fencer Nelli Ladányi from the Sports Centre Szolnok, who corrected the verdict of the referee in an important close match to her disadvantage. After the end of combats, the referees could hold on to the memories of a well-organised event and also to Fair Play cards, specifically made for this event, which they can contribute to spreading the initiative of the Fair Play Club and the Slovak Fencing Federation in their countries with. The award handed over by Katarina Raczova of the Fair Play Club of SOC to Attila Plásztán, Nelli Ladányi's coach on her behalf.

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The San Marino Fair Play Committee (CNSFP) became member of the EFPM at the General Assembly in Haifa, in October 2017. One of their most important projects is a review of Fair Play in 2017, published just some days ago. It provides a helpful and well-researched overview of happenings connected to the world of Fair Play and initiatives conducted by CNSFP in the last year in sports and beyond. Including also dozens of press articles, the review demonstrates that the world of Fair Play is well alive, being a source of motivation and inspiration, which we need to continue for it to be. For example, the publication informs on 17 years old Ariana Luterman, who at the marathon in Dallas in December 2017 selflessly helped the winner Chandler Self over the finishing one, who had constantly been suffering from exhaustion. Or, the document informs on Pietro Collini from Cailungo, who in the Sammarinese Football Championships rather kicked the ball out of play than scoring, having spotted the opponent's defender having remained on ground after a clash with Pietro's team mate.

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The Academic College at Wingate and the Olympic Committee of Israel are proud to host the 5<sup>th</sup> Wingate Congress of Exercise and Sport Sciences scheduled to take place on 7-10 June 2018 at the Academic College at Wingate, Israel. The Congress will focus on a wide range of themes related to sports and physical activity, including sports

psychology, physiology, sports management, social issues, public health issues and pedagogy. The goal of the Congress is to bring together leading professionals and researchers in the field of exercise and sport sciences in order to stimulate discussion on the latest innovations in these areas. Within the framework of the Congress, Olympic Studies will be one of the main themes with a rich program co-designed by the Israeli Center for Olympic Studies and the Centre d'Estudis Olímpics of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Hence, the Scientific Program includes a special session directly linked to Olympic content to mark the Olympic Day, which is held every year on 23 June. As active representatives of EFPM, we believe these sessions will be of interest and may enrich your knowledge in the field. Please visit the congress website for further details:

<https://events.eventact.com/eventslist/5sportsceince2017>

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