



European
Fair Play
Movement

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The European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) was established in 1994 in the FIFA House in Zurich and is a European non-governmental organisation. National Fair Play organisations from 40 European Countries have joined the EFPM since 1994. The main aim of the EFPM is to promote Fair Play and Tolerance in the broadest sense (in sports and everyday life) at 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 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 inform about EFPM 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 to the spreading 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 following the same goals, are invited to communicate information relating to EFPM aims and to these goals (conferences, congresses, special events or initiatives, Fair Play prizes, books...).

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The 42nd EFPM Executive meeting was held in Prague, focusing on the preparation of the 16th European Fair Play Congress. The Congress, which will be held under the patronage of the European Olympic Committees, the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education and the Mayor of Prague, Mr. Pavel Bem, will take place October 27-30, 2010, in Prague's Hotel INTER-CONTINENTAL. The main topic of the Congress is „**Fair Play Education in Schools: A Shared Responsibility**“ and will focus on issues

such as: Fair Play being part of each individual's life and education, educational values in schools, Fair Play apprehension by scholars, positive initiatives struggling against racism and ethnic discrimination, Fair Play as part of Olympic values and the influence of current negative symptoms with regards to the educational process.

The Keynote speakers of the 16th European Fair Play Congress are:

Prof. Dr. Roland NAUL (GER)

Jana KUTKOVA (SVK)

Dr. Alexander POLLAK (AUT)

Prof. Dr. Antonin RYCHTECKY (CZE)

Dr. Jiri PELIKAN (CZE)

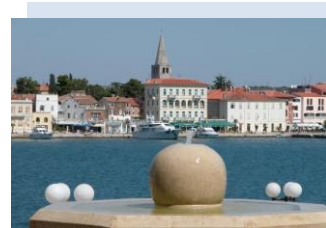
Dr. Martin DOKTOR (CZE)

Dr. Ales SEKOT (CZE)

The Czech Olympic Committee and its Fair Play Club are hoping to welcome many curious, interested and enthusiastic participants from all over the world.



As we recently informed you, the 17th European Fair Play Congress in 2011, entitled “Fair Play: a joint effort by the Governments and the Sport Movement”, will take place in Poreč/ Croatia. The Congress will be supported by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Croatia and the Sports Journalists Association of Croatia. Organizers are the Croatian Olympic Committee, the Municipality of Porec and Sports organizations of Porec. Quite recently the Secretary General of EFPM Mr. Ioannis Psilopoulos and EC EFPM member Mr. Miroslav Cerar met with the organizers and were convinced that a really successful Congress would be organized, bringing the development of EFPM even more to life.



Mr. Carlos Gonçalves, President of EFPM, had the pleasure of participating at the Executive Committee Meeting of the International Sports and Culture Association (ISCA) held in Lisbon (March 26th 2010). ISCA, led by its President Mr. Mogens Kirkeby, represents 128 organizations from 70 countries. Its activities, supported by the European Commission within the

“Europe for Citizens” and **“Youth in Action”** programs, are concentrated on Sports for all and grassroots sports, cultural exchange and intercultural dialogue. Mr. Gonçalves made a comprehensive presentation of EFPM, suggesting the ratification of a “Memorandum of Understanding” between the EFPM and the ISCA, aiming at closer cooperation in areas of common interest, especially in the field of educational and social values of sports. A draft text of the “Memorandum” is now being prepared aiming at being signed during the 16th EFP Congress to be held in Prague coming October.

The European Fair Play Movement was invited by the European Commission and via the Directorate-General for Education and Culture to participate in the 2nd EU Sport Forum 2010, held in Madrid, April 19-20, 2010. Quite a number of representatives from the Olympic and sport movement were present, including leading delegates from international and European sport federations, European and national sport umbrella bodies and other sport-related organisations, EU Sports Ministers and representatives from the European Commission, including Sports Commissioner Mrs. Androulla Vassiliou. The aim was to discuss topics related to the new EU competence in the field of sport and its planned implementation. The Forum included two workshops – **“Sport’s societal Function”** and **“Organisation and financing of sport”**. The EFPM was represented by its President, Mr. Carlos Gonçalves, presenting the main ideas and aims of EFPM. He stressed the urgency to fight violence, doping, racism and xenophobia, the importance of physical education and sport through formal and informal education and focusing on prevention. He also underlined the need to establish a European Youth Sport programme and to follow up the recommendations as per the Final Report of the European Year of Education through Sport (2004).



The partnership of EFPM with Confédération Sportive Internationale du Travail (CSIT) made a second step during the Executive Committee Meeting held in Copenhagen, by inviting EFPM to present its structure, its ambitions, aims and goals, the actual work and development, as well as some ideas, opportunities concerning closer cooperation for the future. In their closing statement, CSIT President Mr. Harald Bauer and EFPM EC member Mr. Christian Hinterberger underlined that there is a big opportunity for successful cooperation in different

fields to strengthen the visibility and credibility of both organizations by supporting each other within the networks of both, CSIT and EFPM.

On May 5, 2010, more than 200 guests from the fields of politics, economy, media and sport came together at the representatives’ house of Bavaria to support the candidature of Munich for the 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. At this event, Mr. Manfred Lämmer, Vice-President of EFPM, in attendance of Mr. Thomas Bach, IOC Vice-President, presented the European Fair Play Award under the auspices of European Olympic Committee to the brothers Jan Peter and Hannes Peckolt, winners of the Bronze Medal in the 49er class in the Olympic Sailing Contest in Qingdao, China. The two sailors were honoured for their exemplary behaviour, promoting the ethical values of sport, during the competition, when they refused to hand in a formally possible protest against their superior opponents from Denmark.



The sports department of one of Austria’s leading newspapers Kronen Zeitung decided to create a campaign for fairness in sport. The aims are to fight doping, violence, racism and discrimination and every kind of cheating. The newspaper worked out a manifest to promote and develop Fair Play principles in sports, education and everyday life. The first people who signed the manifest were Dr. Christoph Dichand, chief editor of Kronen Zeitung, and Austria’s Sports Minister Norbert Darabos. The online department created an own data-base where everybody could sign the manifest. Many popular athletes were supporting the campaign, as well as several Austrian sports associations and organizers of big events. Everybody signing this manifest was given a transparent wristband, symbolizing fair and clean sport.

On Sunday, May 16, 2010, people from all over Italy came together in Rome for the XIV. Minirugby Tournament. This year's aim was to raise awareness for the importance of consent to donate organs. The event was organized by "Mille bambini a via Margutta" (Thousand children in via Margutta), an organization founded in 1975 by Mr. Piero Gabrielli, rugby champion, artist and manager, promoting for more than thirty years campaigns for the prevention of disabilities and projects for the integration of disabled people. It was attended by 32 teams with over 400 children aged 5 to 10 years, 300 parents and over 30 coaches. Also present was a former patient who underwent transplant from an anonymous donor few years ago and now has returned to live as before, bringing his son to play rugby. On behalf of the Italian National Fair Play Committee, Mr. Giorgio de Tommaso added that giving consent to organ donation is a gesture of Fair Play and that the tournament has a deep meaning by educating children about Fair Play. This means respecting the rules, the decisions of the referee and the superiority of the opponent. It also teaches children that solidarity, friendship and a gesture of Fair Play are not a stupid thing but a loyal act, and it is more courageous to win following the rules of Fair Play. At the end, all children were given blue T-shirts with the image of three lamps to signify that transplantations „revive a life”.



I hope that you will visit the EFPM website and enjoy your read!

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See you soon and don't forget: "Do sports, play and cheer honestly"!