



European
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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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We would like to remind you that the **16th European Fair Play Congress** will take place October 27-30, 2010 in Prague's Hotel INTER-CONTINENTAL, 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. 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. In case you haven't registered yet, you can do this on our homepage www.fairplayeur.com where you can also find useful information, or turn directly to the organizers by eMail: efpm2010@czecholympic.cz



Almost 100 delegates attended the international conference on **“Theoretical and Practical Aspects of Olympic Education”**, organized on June 23, 2010, under the auspices of the Slovak Olympic Committee in cooperation with the Ministry of Education of Slovak Republic. The President of the Slovak Olympic Committee **František Chmelár** pointed out in his opening speech that the Slovak Olympic Committee decided to elaborate a complex education program aiming to influence the moral and philosophy of today's youth in a way in which they can be perceived as an exemplary influence by the upcoming generation. Apart from speakers from Slovakia, foreign experts from Belgium, New Zealand, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovenia and Ukraine were presenting the models and effective methods of their national Olympic academies and the national Fair Play organizations to improve

access to Olympic education.

In a climate of celebration and friendship the 12th Mundialido, organized and sponsored by Club Italia and Italian National Fair Play Committee, ended in Ostia on June 26, 2010. Pointing out the importance of contributing to the joint goal of fighting discrimination and nationalism and taking home the spirit of intercultural respect and understanding, the participating teams were composed of immigrants from 24 countries, including for the first time Afghanistan. The Chairman of the Italian National Fair Play Committee, Ruggiero Alcanterini, handed over the Fair Play Award to the team of Bangladesh for their exemplary behavior on the field of Fair Play. Moreover, Italian President Giorgio Napolitano honored the event of extraordinary importance for the integration between different ethnic groups and cultures and declared it a football festival against nationalism, chauvinism and intolerance.



From July 11 to 16, 2010, the well-known spa-town of Piešťany (SVK) hosted the International Olympic Youth Camp entitled "We Are All One Team". The camp was jointly organized by the Slovak Olympic Committee, the Slovak Olympic Academy and the Fair Play Club SOC. The participants, aged 15 and 16, came from Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary. They had the chance to talk to Olympians such as Sydney 2000 swimming medalist Martina Moravcová (SVK) and Beijing 2008 shooting medalists David Kostelecky (CZE) and Tore Brovold (NOR), to improve

their knowledge about the origin of the Olympic Games and different sports, to develop their capabilities and to discuss about values which help achieving success in sport and life. The programme of activities included presentations, workshops and sports activities. Also present were Katarina Ráczová, ěC EFPM member, Slovak Ambassador for Sport, Tolerance and Fair Play at the Council of Europe, and Danka Barteková, Slovak Youth Olympic Games Ambassador.

The European Fair Play Movement visited the U20 European Handball Championships held in Bratislava in August 2010. 16 teams competed under the EFPM flag for the prestigious European Championships title, convincing us that clean and fair competition and good results go very well together. Part of the closing ceremony was the handing over of the European Fair Play Movement Award, devoted by the European fair Play Movement in cooperation with the Slovak Fair Play Club. EFPM Executive Committee member Katarina Ráczová handed over the award to the Serbian team, represented by former Olympic handball champion Svetlana Obucinova, for being punished with the fewest penalty minutes throughout the whole tournament.

It is a pleasure that the European Handball Federation puts a lot of emphasis onto the ideals of Fair Play and supports the work of the EFPM. Such partnerships are a relevant step forward to sports without violence, which has amazing potential for the development of friendship, solidarity, mutual tolerance, team work and fair play among young people.



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"!

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