

# EFPM NEWSLETTER 3 /2017



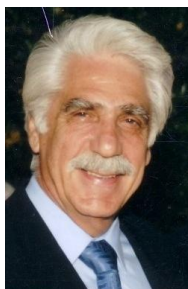
The European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) is a European non-governmental organisation, established in 1994 in the FIFA House in Zurich. National Fair Play organisations from 40 European Countries have been a part of the EFPM since 1994. The main goal of the EFPM is to promote Fair Play and Tolerance in 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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Once more, the EFPM was present, represented by its former Executive Committee Member and General Secretary of the Cyprus NOC, Charalambos Lottas, at the

- 11<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting of the EPAS Governing Board and the Consultative Committee,
- 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Plenary of the EPAS Consultative Committee and at the
- 10<sup>th</sup> EPAS Anniversary Conference: Working Together to Build and Consolidate Democracy, Tolerance and Inclusion,

which all took place on 09 – 11 May 2017 in Limassol, Cyprus. The events were organized by the Cyprus Sport Organization and EPAS in the course of the Cyprus' Presidency of the Council of Europe Ministers Commission. The objectives of the events were to highlight achievements of EPAS' role in promoting diversity in sport in Europe, to analyze with high profile speakers and the audience an ideal, achievable situation with regards to diversity in sport and to discuss and shape together EPAS' future strategic orientation. The opening speeches were made by Costas Kadis, Minister of Education and Culture of Cyprus, and Marja Ruotanen, Director of Human Dignity and Equality of the Council of Europe. High level panel discussions took place and useful conclusions were drawn.

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The Fair Play Commission of the Turkish Olympic Committee (TOC) organizes the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the “International Fair Play Cartoon Contest” in order to draw attention to and promote Fair Play.

Selected works from contests of the previous years were collected and presented in various countries on different occasions and the contest was rightly awarded the “Willi Daume World Trophy” of the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP)

for the promotion of Fair Play.

Nominations for the 11<sup>th</sup> International Fair Play Cartoon Contest can be submitted until 17 September 2017. The organizing committee would be highly grateful if the national NOCs were kind enough to inform its members and related organizations about this event and application details thereof.

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From 13 to 18 June 2017, the 5<sup>th</sup> CSIT World Sports Games were organized in the Latvian capital Riga. Almost 4,000 athletes, coaches and supervisors from 36 countries attended this event and participated in 15 official CSIT championships and eight demonstration sport activities. The EFPM were represented by its Treasurer Katarina Raczova and its ExCom Member Baiba Veisa.

CSIT has implemented the Green Card for exemplary behavior in the field of Fair Play. Referees can show such cards to athletes worthy of any outstanding positive act. The green card may be a symbolic award only but it might be one piece of a puzzle to help to create a positive spirit in sports again.

From the pool of athletes having been shown a Green Card, 2 athletes and one team were chosen to be awarded a Fair Play Award at the event's closing ceremony. One award was handed over to Varda Mirkin from the Israelian Mamanet team "Galili", after Varda Mirkin corrected a referee's call to her team's disadvantage. The second award went to Austrian judoka Andreas Mruk (picture), who helped an injured opponent by carrying him out of the sport field to let him have professional medical care. The third award was given to the Brazilian Table Tennis team for having accepted the referees' crucial and disputed verdicts and thereby having treated the referee and opponents with respect.



After a long break, the EFPM was again invited by the EOC President Janez Kocijancic and the chair of the local organizers (Győr's Mayor Zsolt Borkai) to take part at the EYOF 2017 in Győr, which took place on 23 – 29 July 2017.

EFPM's ExCom Members Katarina Raczova and Biserka Vrbek and its President Christian Hinterberger were warmly welcomed and created the EFPM Fair Play Corner - including the „Fair Play Cartoon Exhibition“ and the „Fair Play

Photo Competition“ – in the so called „FunZone“, which was especially dedicated to young athletes.

The EYOF officially started with a fantastic Opening Ceremony in ETO Park Stadium on Sunday evening and at the reception afterwards the EFPM met representatives of several National Olympic Committees, of AIPS Europe and the Hungarian Fair Play Committee.

With the visits of numerous youngsters, athletes as well as volunteers, and meetings with the EYOF Young Ambassadors already the first days were very successful.

*„This very positive and exciting experience will hopefully let us look forward to further continue this promising cooperation with EYOF“, Christian Hinterberger stated.*



Still at the EYOF in Győr, initiated by EFPM and supported by the Hungarian Fair Play Committee, a meeting with Young EYOF Ambassadors and successful athlete was organized,

the content of which was Fair Play in everyday life and how the participants signed the pledge “I am for Fair Play”.



Moreover, visitors at EFPM's exhibition booth could cast their votes for the best pictures of the international photo exhibition "We are one Team". Calculating votes of such photos having been presented on EYOF's Facebook-page and in Győr, the photos with the most three votes are the following:

**I. Péter Szalmás (HUN)**  
*Tears of Joy*

**II. Timotej Janko (SVK)**  
*Recognition*

**III. Gerald Pollak (AUT)**  
*3 Nations. 2 Genders. 1 Circle.*



4. Pl. László Szokodi (HUN), 5. Pl. Gerhard Kasper (AUT), 6. Pl. Veronika Michalikova (SVK).



The Croatian Fair Play Committee has a new President. Danira Nakić-Bilić replaces the former top level athlete, Bowling Champion Biserka Perman, who exercised this function since the foundation of the Croatian Fair Play Committee. Danira Nakić-Bilić is a former Croatian basketball player. As part of the former Yugoslavian women's team she won a silver medal at the 1988 Seoul Olympics. She was awarded Croatia's highest national recognition for sports, the Franjo Bučar State Award for Sport. On behalf of the whole Fair Play Family we wish Danira lots of

success and are looking forward to a fruitful cooperation.



On 16 March 2017, Niko Kovac, coach of German Bundesliga football team Eintracht Frankfurt, and the active alliance „Rio bewegt. Uns.“ (Rio moves. Us.) were awarded the Fair Play Award of the German Sport. Niko Kovac showed enormous sympathy at the end of the second leg of the relegation match between his Eintracht Frankfurt and 1. FC Nürnberg, which was won by Eintracht Frankfurt. Instead of celebrating with his team the avoidance of

relegation he primarily comforted players of 1. FC Nürnberg. „Such subtle gesture symbolizes the essence of Fair Play, which is supposed to be transmitted by active athletes and coaches“, the jury declared. The Special Award was handed over to the active alliance „Rio bewegt. Uns.“, which campaigned for better living conditions for children and youngsters in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.





Lili Anna Toth, first in the European ranking for 3.000m hurdles, started the competition on 23 July 2017 at the U20 European Championships in Grosseto (ITA) with strong confidence. Immediately she took the lead. Then, in the third round something happened that could not have been predicted by anybody. Lili fell and because of the competition being a very tight one, not every athlete behind her could circumvent her. Anna could not stand

up after her fall. Her competitor Tira Pavuk, however, immediately stopped her race and tried to help Lili to get up. Unfortunately, Lili could not continue her race. Thereafter, Tira, who had not been part of the race because of her attempts to help Lili for a valuable time, continued her race and managed to finish 12<sup>th</sup>. In no doubt, this great result was also achieved thanks to the support Lili received from the audience, who supported her loudly, appreciating her gesture of Fair Play.

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