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From the President of the EFPM



**Play Fair.  
Play True\***

by  
**Carlos GONÇALVES**

• EFPM President

Sport raises many important ethical issues. At its worst, sport can be a joyless endeavour in which losing is equated with personal failure and winning becomes nothing more than a means of egoistic posturing in one's triumph over others.

At its best, sport can help us learn to overcome adversity and appreciate excellence; it can help us appreciate the contribution made by others, even when they and we are on opposing sides. Sport enables us to develop and express good moral qualities and demonstrate the importance of dedication, integrity, courage and fairness.

Sport presupposes high standards - standards of good play and standards of appropriate conduct.

Sport has an internal morality of its own that centres on the mutual quest for excellence through challenge.

As top-level sport becomes ever more commercialised, market forces tend to subvert the central principles that underlie good competition and replace it with a quest for what sells, for entertainment, and for the pursuit of success at any price.

It is commonly accepted that the growing commercialisation of sport represents a threat to sport's integrity. Let us recognise, however, that commercialisation also makes it possible for the positive things created by elite athletes to be made available to enormous numbers of people. Also, top-level sport (a term which includes professional as well as the best amateur sport) has the potential to play a positive role in society as a showcase for excellence, achievement and commitment.

We should not forget, however, that top-level sport (and the commercialisation that goes with it) can only play this positive social role if it operates within the boundaries of sound ethics.

In recent years, we have seen a large increase in the number of people both inside

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THE DELEGATES TO THE EUROPEAN FAIR PLAY MOVEMENT'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN UDINE.

## Udine becomes 'Fair Play City'

• EFPM's 12th General Assembly and Congress successfully organised in Italy.

**UDINE-** The European Fair Play Movement held its 12th General Assembly and Congress in Udine, a picturesque Italian city combining many historical monuments with great natural beauty. At the seminar, which was held in the Parliament Hall of the city's historic castle, talks were given by many distinguished specialists and well-known figures in the world of sport in which they presented the results of their research. Everyone in the city, and especially the mayor and other local officials, deserves appreciation for their hospitality - proof of Udine's dedication to the cause of Fair Play.



Alessandro GRASSI



Ruggero ALCANTERINI



Fulvio CUIZZA



Nedo PUCCIAO



Lucia TENTOR

The success of the event was due to the efforts of its organisers, Alessandro Grassi (Chairman of Friuli Venezia Giulia's local Fair Play Committee), Ruggero Alcanterini (Chairman of the Italian National Fair Play Committee and a much-respected figure in the world of sport), Prof. Fulvio Cuizza (holder of the Chair of Psychology at the Università 'degli Studi di Udine) and Nedo Puccia of the local Fair Play Committee. Another unforgettable contribution was made by Ms. Lucia Tentor as photographer.

Athletes, businessmen and media people from Udine as well as the delegates atten-

### FROM UDINE TO FRANKFURT



At the close of the highly successful 12th EFPM General Assembly the EFPM flag was handed over by Alessandro Grassi (President of the Provincial Fair Play Committee) and Ruggero Alcanterini (President of the Italian National Fair Play Committee) to EFPM Vice President Prof. Manfred Lämmer as the representative of the German hosts of the 13th General Assembly in Frankfurt in 2007. The ceremony was held in the presence of EFPM President Prof. Carlos Gonçalves.



### Patrick Hickey becomes EOC President

**THREE CHIEFS:** (from left to right) Patrick Hickey (Ireland), who has recently been elected President of the EOC, IOC President Dr. Jacques Rogge and EOC Honorary President Mario Pescante (Italy), seen after the elections.

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### PLAY FAIR ACADEMIC SUPPLEMENT

The 5th of the Academic Supplements to 'Play Fair!' magazine, which have aroused such great interest in the world of Fair Play, has been prepared under the supervision of Prof. Manfred Lämmer.



### A new General Secretary for the EFPM

Following the death of EFPM General Secretary John Blankenstein, the EFPM's Executive Committee held a vote, as a result of which Executive Committee member Ioannis Psilopoulos from Greece was unanimously elected as John's successor. Mr. Psilopoulos, an experienced sports-person, took up his new post in the month of December.



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### We are to meet in Frankfurt in 2007

The host city for the 13th European Fair Play Congress is to be Frankfurt, Germany. Prof. Manfred Lämmer, EFPM Vice President, announced that the event will take place from 17th to 20th October 2007 and that a second European Youth Fair Play Congress will also be organised.



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### Azerbaijan's bid for 2008

Speaking at the EFPM General Assembly in Udine, former world champion wrestler Hazar Isaev, the delegate from Azerbaijan, announced that Baku wished to host the 2008 European Fair Play Congress and presented an official letter of invitation from the National Olympic Committee of Azerbaijan to the EFPM Executive Committee.



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### We pay our respects to John Blankenstein

In August we lost EFPM General Secretary John Blankenstein, a well-known and highly respected figure in the world of sport. John, from Holland, was a FIFA referee. A special ceremony to honour his memory was held during the General Assembly in Udine. The photograph of John Blankenstein on the EFPM Web Page has been decorated with a black ribbon to mark his death, and a special page of the 'Play Fair' magazine has been devoted to him.



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## The EFPM Executive Committee at work



**ISTANBUL-** The EFPM Executive Committee was in Istanbul for its summer meeting for the year 2006. Participating in the two-day meeting at the Kalyon Hotel on 12th-14th May were EFPM President Prof. Carlos Gonçalves (Portugal), Vice Presidents Erdoğan Ar-p-nar (Turkey) and Prof. Manfred Lämmer (Germany), General Secretary John Blankenstein (The Netherlands), Treasurer Georges Diderich (Luxembourg) and the following EFPM Executive Committee members: Ioannis Psilopoulos (Greece), Katarina Raczova-Ločsova (Slovakia) and Christian Hinterberger (Austria). Also in attendance were Executive Officer John van der Veen (The Netherlands), Ruggero Alcanterini (President of the Italian Fair Play Council, who were to host the 2006 General Assembly in Udine), plus Dr. Alessandro Grassi and Prof. Fulvio Cuizza of the Udine Fair Play Committee.

At the meeting, the EFPM Charter was approved and preparations for the General Assembly to be held in Udine in September were discussed. It was decided that Turkey's exhibition of Fair Play cartoons would be shown in Udine.

Doğan Fiahin (member of the jury that chooses recipients of the EOC-EFPM Awards) and Gazanfer Bilge (former world and Olympic champion wrestler and recipient of an EFPM Award) hosted a dinner in honour of the EFPM delegation. At this dinner, EFPM President Prof. Carlos Gonçalves presented Mr. Bilge with the EFPM's 10th Year Medal of Honour.

### At Udine

The EFPM Executive Committee held its second meeting for the period 2006 in Udine. At the meeting, which took place just before the General Assembly, a report on activities carried out during the year 2005-2006 was examined and approved. Discussions took place on the agenda for the General Assembly. It was also decided that during the General Assembly an election to choose a new Executive Committee member to replace the late John Blankenstein would be held.



**UNDER THE EFPM FLAG:** The members of the EFPM Executive Committee at their meeting in Istanbul together with the Italian hosts of the 12th European Fair Play Congress in Udine.



**AT UDINE:** The EFPM Executive Committee at its second meeting for 2006 in Udine, the host city for the 12th General Assembly.

**THE EFPM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ISTANBUL:** The EFPM Executive Committee at their first meeting for 2006, held on 12th to 14th of May at the Kalyon Hotel, Istanbul.

## Who is to host the European Fair Play Congress in 2008 and 2009?

**UDINE-** The host city for the EFPM's 13th General Assembly - Frankfurt, Germany - was decided on during the 12th General Assembly in Udine. Candidatures for the hosting of the 14th and 15th General Assemblies in 2008 and 2009 were also announced. The first country to announce its candidature was Azerbaijan: Hazar Isaev, the Azerbaijan delegate to the EFPM, presented an official letter announcing his country's candidature for 2008, and invited the EFPM to Baku.

Later, Bulgaria's delegate to the EFPM, Olympic rowing champion Zdravka Yordanova, said that her country was thinking of putting forward its candidature for the EFPM General Assembly in 2009. Following this, Alena Dlabacova, representing the Czech Republic - the co-



Hazar ISAEV



Alena DLABACOVA



Zdravka YORDANOVA

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## Two changes to the EFPM Executive Committee

At the 12th EFPM General Assembly in Udine, Charalambos Lottas of Cyprus, who became first reserve candidate for Executive Committee membership at the elections held in Vienna, was unanimously elected to fill the place on the Executive Committee made vacant by the death of General Secretary John Blankenstein. An electronic vote was held in November to appoint a new General Secretary: Executive Committee member Ioannis Psilopoulos of Greece was unanimously elected to this position.

● **Ioannis Psilopoulos**, who is now 54 years of age, studied Mechanical and Electrical Engineering at the NTU of Athens. He currently works as a thermal power plants engineering and construction manager. A former basketball player and judo wrestler, he was at various times President, General Secretary and Vice President of the Judo Federation between 1978 and 2000. Psilopoulos is a member of the Hellenic Olympic Committee and was Deputy General Secretary of the HOC from 1997 to 2000. He is the HOC representative of the EFPM and organised the EFPM Congress in Athens in 1998.



● **Charalambos Lottas** : Born on 7th October 1937. After graduating from high school he attended the military school from which he graduated as second lieutenant and joined the military service. He also attended the "High War School" and the "National Defence School" in Greece from where he graduated with honours. He played football in APOEL Nicosia. He holds a diploma as a football coach. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Cyprus Olympic Committee, President of the Cyprus Handball Federation, President of the Modern Pentathlon-Biathlon Federation, Chairman of the Arbitration Commission of the International Handball Federation. Vice President of the Mediterranean Handball Confederation as well as a Vice President of the Balkan Modern Pentathlon Union. He is married to Nedi, has two daughters and three grandchildren.



**THE CIFP IN COMO:** The CIFP Council held its summer meeting in Como, Italy, on 1st-4th June and agreed on the list of awards for 2005.

## CIFP holds Summer Meeting in Como, Italy

### Winners of CIFP Awards for 2005 announced

**COMO-** The Council of the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP) held its summer meeting for 2006 in Como, Italy on 1st-4th June. Taking part in the meeting on behalf of Turkey were Togay Bayatlı (President of the Turkish NOC and Honorary Chairman of AIPS) and Erdoğan Ar-p-nar (the CIFP's Turkish representative). Attending the meeting on behalf of the EFPM were John Blankenstein and Prof. Vladimir Rodichenko.

Subjects discussed at the two-day

meeting, which was presided over by Dr. Jenő Kamuti of Hungary, included the CIFP's various activities, its new website and financial issues.

### The 2005 CIFP Awards

At the meeting, the Council also debated the claims of the various candidates for the 2005 CIFP Global Fair Play Awards.

At the end of the meeting, the winners of

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## Jury meets in Udine, winners of awards announced

### EFPM Fair Play Awards for 2006

**UDINE-** The European Fair Play Awards have been annually conferred, since 1999, under patronage of the European Olympic Committees, for encouraging the promotion of Fair Play in sport and in daily life.

The EFPM Secretariat received nine applications for the European Fair Play Awards-2006, coming from eight national Fair Play organisations.

The awarding Jury, during its meeting held in Udine, last September, took the following decisions:

● **ALGIS DAUMANTAS:** Lithuania's 'Mr. Fair Play', Algis Daumantas, who was given an EOC-EFPM Award, at the Award Ceremony with Lithuanian Olympic Committee President Arturas Poviliunas, who has also made important contributions to Fair Play.

● **European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma to the BNEI HERZELIYA ORGANISATION (BHO), Israel,** considering the contribution made by a sport organisation in spreading values and principles of Fair Play and Tolerance.

Bnei Herzeliya is a sports organisation

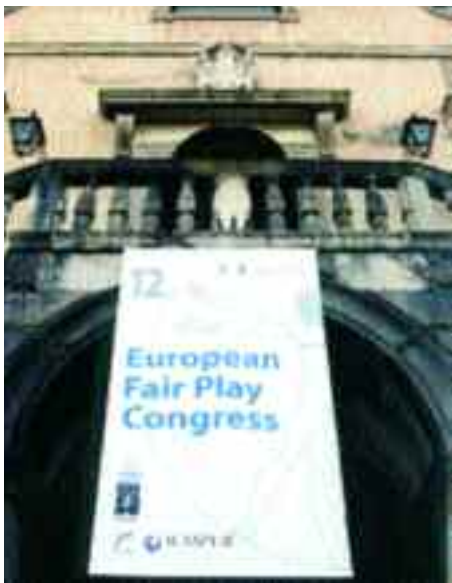
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The opening ceremony for the 12th European Fair Play Congress in the Parliament Hall at the castle in Udine, Italy.

## 12th European Fair Play Congress in Udine gets full marks

### Contributors to the Congress

Valuable contributions to our understanding of Fair Play were made by distinguished key-note speakers who gave presentations at the EFPM's 12th Congress.



**PROF. VLADIMIR RODICHENKO (RUSSIA):**  
*'An acting model of a national Fair Play Movement in the context of globally recognised moral values'*



**PROF. DR. ROLAND NAUL (GERMANY):**  
*'Fair Play in Football: international concepts of projects and campaigns'*



**DR. JOANNA MASTORA (GREECE):**  
*'Active living and social responsibility'*



**DR. CHRISTIAN BLAREAU (FRANCE):**  
*'The French contribution to the European Fair Play Development: history, strategy, perspective'*



**PROF. DR. FULVIO CUIZZA (ITALY):**  
*'Fair Play and effective play'*

### Fair Play in Practice: Concepts, Projects and Campaigns

**UDINE-** The European Fair Play Movement celebrated its 12th birthday in the beautiful city of Udine, in the Friuli province of Italy. Both the General Assembly and the Congress went off very well indeed and were extremely useful. First of all, the local organisers held a joint press conference with EFPM officials. At the press conference, which took place at the Astoria Hotel, the Turkish Fair Play Council's international exhibition of Fair Play cartoons was presented to the media. Later, the exhibition was transferred to the castle, the venue for the Congress.

#### The Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony for the General Assembly took place at the Parliament Hall in Udine's historic castle. Present on the podium for the ceremony were the Mayor of Udine, EFPM officials, the Udine Fair Play Committee and officials from the Fair Play Council of the Italian National Olympic Committee.

The first seat in the Parliament Hall was left vacant, with a photograph of John Blankenstein, the late General Secretary of the EFPM, plus a wreath of flowers. After the opening ceremony, a two - minute silence was observed to honour the memory of Mr. Blankenstein. Then the Chairman of the local Fair Play Committee, Dr. Alessandro Grassi, presented a special pennant and some flowers to Ms. Vloet Lieke of the Dutch delegation, offering her his condolences.



**THE EFPM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The EFPM Executive Committee on the podium at the Astoria Hotel, the venue of the 12th General Assembly.



**THE UDINE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM:** Members of Udine's internationally famous women's basketball team watched the proceedings at the EFPM General Assembly with great interest.

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### PORTRAITS FROM THE EFPM'S 12TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

New member countries joined our ranks at the General Assembly in Udine, strengthening the EFPM even further. Here are a few of the faces in Udine that were caught by the camera:



**TANER SENSEVEN (TURKEY)**



**LOUIS KILCOYNE (IRELAND)**



**BISERKA VRBEK (CROATIA)**



**HELMUT BAUDIS (AUSTRIA)**



**MIODRAG JOTIC (SERBIA)**



**DRAGOMIR BECANOVIC (MONTENEGRO)**



## TURKEY

The EFPM flag  
over Istanbul

ISTANBUL- The National Olympic Committee of Turkey has decided to display the EFPM flag outside its headquarters, Olympic House in Istanbul.



**THE EFPM FLAG IN ISTANBUL:** The NOC of Turkey, which has done a great deal of good work for Fair Play, has started to display the EFPM flag outside Olympic House, its Istanbul headquarters.



**OLI:** Oli, the mascot designed to stimulate Turkish children's enthusiasm for Olympism and Fair Play.

This decision was taken in view of all the various activities carried out in Turkey on behalf of Fair Play, as well as the fact that Turkey is a founding member of the EFPM. Turkey is also the place where the EFPM magazine is produced and the home of the EFPM website.

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## Fair Play Awards

An eye-catching ceremony for the presentation of Turkey's Fair Play Awards for 2005 (both those for Fair Play in Sport and those for Fair Play in the Community) was held at Istanbul's Olympic House in May. These awards are made annually after the Jury has exhaustively examined the claims of the various candidates. The ceremony received



WINNERS OF TURKEY'S FAIR PLAY SPORT AWARDS FOR 2005 AT THE AWARD CEREMONY.



## AN AWARD FROM THE EFPM:

The ceremony at which the awards sent by EFPM President Prof. Carlos Gonçalves were presented: (from left to right) Togay Bayatlı, Mehmet Atalay (President of the Turkish Sports Organisation) and Erdogan Aripinar.

extensive coverage in the media.

## An IOC Award for Arıpınar

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has presented its highest honour in the field of Fair Play, the 'Sport and Fair Play Award' for 2005, to Erdogan Aripinar, Chairman of the Fair Play Council of the National Olympic Committee of Turkey and Vice President of the EFPM. At the ceremony held in Olympic House in May, a message from EFPM President Prof. Carlos Gonçalves in which he expressed his appreciation for Mr. Arıpınar's work was read out. Arıpınar's award was then presented to him by Turkish NOC President and EOC Executive Committee member Togay Bayatlı. Mr. Arıpınar then jokingly gave the award to his wife of 42 years, Ayten Arıpınar.



## AN AWARD FOR ARIPINAR:

Turkish NOC President Togay Bayatlı gives the IOC Award to Erdogan Aripinar (above); The award is then presented to his wife by Mr. Aripinar (below).



At the same ceremony at Olympic House an award and medal sent by EFPM President Prof. Carlos Gonçalves was presented to Mehmet Atalay, President of the Turkish Sports Organisation, in recognition of his work.

## A gesture of appreciation from Prof. Gonçalves

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The EFPM attends  
the EOC General  
Assembly in Brussels

35th General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees (EOC), Sheraton Hotel Brussels, December 9, 2006

Address by  
Prof. Dr. Manfred Lämmer,  
Vice-President of the  
European Fair Play Movement (EFPM)

Mr. President, Representatives of the European Olympic Committees, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Friends,

First of all, I am delighted, on behalf of the European Fair Play Movement, to be able to congratulate the National Olympic Committee of Belgium on its 100th Anniversary and to wish its President and his team good fortune, sound decisions and sporting success for the future. As an historian, I am well aware of the great significance of this country that, after the horrors of World War I, invited the young athletes of the world to come to Antwerp to engage in peaceful competition and so provided the Olympic Movement with a new perspective and outlook.

When I, as a representative of the EFPM, speak at the end of this General Assembly, I



Prof. Dr. Manfred LÄMMER

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## ITALY

Well, done,  
'FAIR PLAY'!

ROME- The Chairman of the Fair Play Council of the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI), Ruggero Alcanterini (who is a distinguished journalist), has prepared a magazine called 'FAIR PLAY'. A great deal of appreciation for the quality of this magazine, a top-level production from the points of view of both content and printing standards, has been expressed in Italy, and especially at the recent General Assembly in Udine.

The magazine, in which space is devoted to the work of the EFPM as well as to informing the reader about Fair Play, is full of articles and interviews designed to inform young people about sport. The EFPM's Executive Committee congratulated Mr. Alcanterini and the Italian National Olympic Committee on the production of 'FAIR PLAY', saying it was a model to be emulated in other countries.



Ruggero ALCAN-  
TERINI



The cover of the Italian  
Fair Play magazine



## AUSTRIA

VIENNA- Following the 'Youth, Sport and Fair Play' seminar (otherwise known as the first European Youth Fair Play Congress) in Vienna in 2004 and the 'Fair Play and Cultural Diversity' Youth Exchange in Wagrain in 2005 (for further information, please see <http://fairplay.askoe.or.at>), a third EU-funded youth conference was hosted by ASKÖ on 1st-8th August 2006. The conference, which took place in Wagrain/Salzburg and was entitled 'No drugs! Play fair!', was attended by 25 young people from Denmark, Finland, the United Kingdom, Hungary and Austria, mostly aged between 17 and 22.



Helmut BAUDIS

Intercultural learning, the promotion of which is one of the main goals of the EU

## Youth Exchange "No drugs! Play fair!"

The goals of the conference were to share knowledge about the fight against doping, to raise awareness of the existing problems in sport and to promote drug-free sport. A variety of workshops provided the opportunity to discuss various questions relating to this topic. For nearly all participants, it was the first time they had been able to discuss these issues at international level. Presentations on partner organisations and on some 'best practice models' further broadened participants' knowledge about sport in Europe.

Intercultural learning, the promotion of which is one of the main goals of the EU

'Youth' Programme, was encouraged in a variety of ways during the week-long conference. Activities focused on overcoming prejudices, initiating a European spirit and developing intercultural understanding.

Partner organisations from five different European countries have prepared multilingual on-line documentation, which can be found at the following address: <http://www.playfair.at>. This documentation aims to give other interested sports organisations and youth groups the opportunity to learn about the international 'No drugs! Play fair!' project and to establish similar initiatives for themselves.



FULL MARKS FOR ASKÖ: All the countries of Europe gave ASKÖ full marks for its activities on behalf of Fair Play, and especially for its work with young people.



## SLOVAKIA

### Fair Play Awards in Slovakia

**BRATISLAVA-** The Slovak Olympic Committee and its Fair Play Club were delighted that the EFPM accepted our suggestion that the young volleyball players of the Slavia Sport School Trenčín team should be awarded the European Fair Play Movement's Plaque of Merit and Diploma.



**Katarina RACZOVA**

The award was presented in December 2005 on the occasion of the Slovak Olympic Family's Christmas celebration. It was received by the school's principal and two of the players, and everyone concerned felt both moved and honoured. A large number of famous people and sporting personalities were present at the ceremony, which took place in one of Bratislava's most beautiful buildings.

In line with its policy of making an appearance at important international sporting events for young athletes, the EFPM was present at the Kalokagatia 2006 in Trnava, Slovakia. 'Kalokagatia' is the official name for the Olympic Games for Youth and Children that traditionally take place every second year. The word is a combination of two Greek words: 'kalos', meaning 'beautiful' (in the physical sense), and 'agathos', meaning 'good' in the moral sense - in ot-



#### YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SLOVAKIA'S HOPE FOR THE FUTURE:

The new Slovak Republic trusts its young people - after all, it is they who are to create their country's future. And it was they who won Europe's most prestigious Fair Play award, the EOC-EFPM Award, in 2005 (see above).

her words, beautiful in mind. The Kalokagatia is more than just a sporting event: its aim is to contribute to the growth of tolerance among our young people, both on and off the sports field. That is why the EFPM logo was on display at the sports ground where the competitions took place, and an announcement appealing for fair play was made at the beginning of the event.

The event was organised by the Slovak School Sports Association and supported by the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic and the Slovak Olympic Committee. This year, over 2500 schoolchildren born on

or after 1st September 1990 took part in 'Kalokagatia', including 500 children from a total of ten other countries. At the event, the EFPM's Special Fair Play Award was presented to the girls' basketball team from Cottbus, Germany, who qualified for the semi-finals but were grouped to play for fifth to eighth places as a result of a mistake by the organisers. Although the mistake was fortunately corrected in time, the team and its coach showed the true Olympic spirit by pointing it out in a good-natured way in harmony with the spirit of the occasion, rather than reacting with anger and frustration.




## The EFPM supports the new IFOSE projects

The International Foundation of Olympic and Sport Education (IFOSE), a non-governmental Greek sport organisation founded in 1998 by Mr. Antonios Tzikas, former President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee and Honorary President of the Balkan National Olympic Committees deserving since its beginning EFPM support for its initiatives, continues deeply involved in the promotion of the Olympic, Sport and Social Education.

In 2000, IFOSE published, in English and Greek, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Deanna Binder, a book entitled "Be a champion in life!", an international teacher's resource book for schools, making knowledge available for children about the values of Sport and Olympism. This book endorsed by UNESCO, IOC and ICSSPE is now considered a reference book for all those involved in the promotion of fair play ideas and principles. Moreover, IFOSE also published the manual "Sports clubs: the athletic cell", which contains a lot of useful messages for coaches and sport officials in respect of their contribution to the Olympic and Sport Education.

IFOSE is now developing two other projects: one aiming the publication of some booklets addressed mainly to school teachers, parents, youth sport coaches, sport officials and media and focusing on "How" (practical applications). The guidelines presented in the mentioned book can be really implemented in the schools and sport fields.

The second project relates to the establishment of a "European Research Center for the prevention of unsporting behaviour", based in Kifissia near Athens.

The EFPM officials, Carlos Gonçalves and Manfred Lämmer, as well as Deanna Binder, were invited by IFOSE to an international meeting, held in Athens last November 11-12, aiming at the implementation of both projects.

The main tasks to be developed by the Center to be established, its general structure and organisational aspects, were discussed by the participants. Besides the implementation of a research database on the issue, the Center will work as a "Training Center" for school teachers, parents, coaches, sport officials, media, etc... The Center will promote Fair Play by publishing special editions organising seminars and conferences, producing audiovisual materials and special messages relevant to Fair Play ideas. In order to design and to implement all the considered initiatives, the staff that will work at the Center will be national and international experts from fields such as Sport Sciences, Social Sciences, Pedagogy, Philosophy and Psychology.

The cooperation and support of the European Fair Play Movement for the implementation of the mentioned projects was considered by IFOSE of the utmost importance.

The European Fair Play Movement fully endorses these projects paying its contribution to the achievement of their goals.



**A MEETING IN ATHENS:** Prof. Carlos Gonçalves and Prof. Manfred Lämmer with IFOSE President Dr. Deanna Binder, Antonios Tzikas and Dr. Joanna Mastora.



## FRANCE

### Winners of the IRIS Awards honoured France's Fair Play Awards for 2006 presented



**THE AWARD CEREMONY FOR 2006:** Winners of France's Fair Play Awards for 2006 and top sports administrators with AFSVFP General Secretary Albert Begards.

#### THE MICHELINE OSTERMEYER AWARD:

Raymond Domenech (trainer of the French national football team) receives his award in the presence of Jean-Marc Michel (President of the French Sports Writers' Association), Claude Louis Gallien (Vice President of the French National Olympic Committee), Marie-Claire Restoux (representing the President of France) and Joseph Mercier (honorary trainer of the French national football team).



(President of the French Sports Writers' Association), Claude Louis Gallien (Vice President of the French National Olympic Committee), Marie-Claire Restoux (representing the President of France) and Joseph Mercier (honorary trainer of the French national football team).

**PARIS-** France's traditional Fair Play award ceremony was even more splendid than ever this year.

At the ceremony, which was directed by AFSVFP General Secretary Albert Begards, France's Fair Play Awards (known as Les IRIS du Sport) were presented.



**Albert BEGARDES**

#### Fair Play in practice: concepts, projects and campaigns

### "France's contribution to the development of Fair Play in Europe"

Before we look towards the future, it seems essential to me to shortly recall the history of our past relationships.

Present in Zurich on May 27, 1994, the French representative Robert Pringarbe is among the pioneers of the European Fair Play Movement. He was followed by André Catelin, who was the European treasurer during two terms of office. It was under his proxy that the AFSVFP organised the 5th European Fair Play Congress in Paris, 1999,

\* Christian Blareau, Vice President of the AFSVFP, gave a remarkable presentation at Udine on the subject of the goals of Fair Play in France. Below you will find the text of this talk, which was very well received by the Congress participants.



**Christian BLAREAU**



GERMANY

## 13th European Fair Play Congress in Frankfurt/Main

“Olympic Values and the Future of Sport”



Panoramic view of Frankfurt and the Taunus Hills in the background .



The Intercontinental Hotel - Venue for the 13th European Fair Play Congress.

**FRANKFURT-** The German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB), formed on 20 May 2006 through the unification of the National Olympic Committee for Germany and the German Sports Confederation, will host the 13th European Fair Play Congress in Frankfurt/Main from 17 to 20 October 2007. The general topic for this Congress that is being held just one year before the Games of the 29th Olympiad start in Beijing is: "Olympic Values and the Future of Sport".

In view of the lamentable occurrences that have taken place in sport, like doping, violence, aggression, racism, and other forms of unsporting and unfair behaviour, the Congress and the sports community aim to launch an ethics offensive in sport.

The renowned Intercontinental Hotel lies in the heart of Frankfurt and will provide both the arena and venue for this Congress. The metropolis on the Main is easy to reach for the participants expect-

ed to come from some 40 countries. In fact, representatives of the European national fair play organisations had already gathered at this venue once before, namely in 1993 for a conference to create the foundations and conditions needed to establish the EFPM. Just one year later, this organisation was indeed founded in Zurich.

The 13th European Fair Play Congress will also be held under the patronage of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and of the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE). ICSSPE President Prof. Dr. Gudrun Doll-Teppler will host the event in her capacity as Vice-President of the DOSB.

The 2nd European Fair Play Youth Conference will also be held in Frankfurt, organised by the German Sports Youth Organisation, the world's largest association of its kind with around 9.5 million members.

Mid-February will see the official invitations sent out to all members of the EFPM,

the European NOCs, the federations of the various sporting disciplines, university sports science departments and institutes, the Ambassadors for Fair Play and Tolerance, as well as to numerous other organisations, institutions and experts. A congress website is also being prepared.

The Organising Committee is made up of Congress Coordinator Achim Bueble from the Department of Olympic Education, Katrin Merkel, International Affairs Officer, and Dr. Andreas Höfer, Scientific Director of the German Olympic Institute, plus EFPM Vice-President Prof. Dr. Manfred Lämmer. Further details and information can be requested from at the following address:

**German Olympic Sports Confederation, Department of Olympic Education, Otto-Flech-Schneise 12 D-60528 Frankfurt Email: bueble@dosb.de**



CZECH REPUBLIC

The people who took the first step for Fair Play

## Czech Republic uses Olympism to promote Fair Play

**PRAGUE-** The Czech Fair Play Club (CFPC) has newly recommended organising

Fair Play Award ceremonies directly on the spot during the events where Fair Play events eventually occur. It would have an immediate impact on spectators who would appreciate not only the witnessed outstanding athletic achievements but also the noble behavior which should be a part of sport, too.



Kuetoslava PECKOVA



**EVERYONE APPLAUDED ONE OLD AND ONE YOUNG STAR:** Jiri Raska, a former Olympic champion who has devoted years of his life to sport, and Jakub Janda, the new star of ski-jumping - received their awards.

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POLAND

## Congratulations on your good work, Poland!

**WARSAW-** The ceremony for the presentation of the 2004 Fair Play Awards of the International Fair Play Committee took place in Warsaw. The event was hosted by the Polish National Olympic Committee.



Prof. Zofia ZUKOWSKA President

This ceremony provided the inspiration for the preparation of a special book entitled 'The Fair Play Club of the Polish Olympic Committee' by the Club's Chairperson, Mrs. Zofia Zukowska. The book has been published in both Polish and English and contains a large

number of photographs documenting important events.

### Polish Fair Play Club Elections

Elections have been held for the various official positions within the Polish Fair Play Club. The following people have been elected:



Gertruda REJF General Sec.

Chairperson - Zofia Zukowska, Secretary - Gertruda Rejf, Honorary member - Wladyslaw Pietrzak, Members: Marek Ceglinski, Marcin Czechowski, Anna Dabrowska, Zbigniew Dziubinski, Kajetan Hadzerek, Magdalena Janicka, Jan Kondracki, Jerzy Króllicki, Jaroslaw Kutelski, Marek Lbik, Jerzy Nowocien, Józef Joniec, Henryk Marucha, Tadeusz Ols-

zanski, Karol Poznanski, Wieslaw Rudkowski, Jacek Sasin, Edward Serednicki, Piotr Sobczynski, Bohdan Sobieraj, Renata Susalko, Stanislaw Szydłowska, Ryszard Zukowski.

### Prize winners

It's worth mentioning a very formal ceremony of fair play awards presentation. It was attended by the prize-winners and their families and representatives of their environment, delegates from the Parliament, state authorities and sports federations, Polish Olympic Committee Executive Board Members and all Fair Play Club Members. It was reported by different media.

In 2006 the awards and diplomas went to 8 persons and 2 sports clubs on the occasion of their 100 anniversary. The main trophy went

to 2 persons:

1. Bartosz Kizierowski (swimming)
2. Mateusz Howis (sport radio-orientation).

Two persons were awarded for their sports and Olympic activity in the spirit of fair play:

1. Michal M. W. Gutowski
2. Mirosława Sarna

The award for the promotion of fair play went to:

1. Dariusz Kampka
2. Renata Mauer-Rózanska
3. Wacław Sklinsmont
4. Antoni Smolarek
5. Sports Society "Wisła Kraków"
6. The Physical Culture Association -

### OUR WINNERS:

The first line from the left side: Bartosz Kizierowski, Mateusz Howis, a person who took the award on behalf of Michal Gutowski, Mirosława Sarna, Dariusz Kampka, the second line from the left

side: Antoni Smolarek, Ludwik Mieta-Mikolajewicz - President of "KS Wisła Cracov", Wacław Sklinsmont

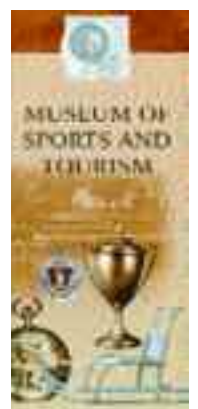


**BARTOSZ KIZIEROWSKI AND MATEUSZ HOWIS:** (14 years old) Two winners of the main Fair Play Awards

Sports Club Cracovia Kraków  
**Museum of Sports**

The new Council of the Museum acting within the Museum of Sports and Tourism was appointed at the Olympic Education Centre. The chairperson of the Fair Play Club is a member of this Council.

Final results were announced in the contest organised by the Polish Academy for the best Master's and Doctor's thesis devoted to Olympism. The first prize in the category of Doctor's thesis went to Dr. Anna Bodasinska for the work "Fair Play and Olympism in the Country's Youth Consciousness". The thesis was written under the supervision of Prof. Zofia Zukowska at the Physical Education Academy in Warsaw.





# PLAY FAIR!

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## UDINE DECLARATION 2006

### The 12th European Fair Play Congress taking into consideration

- that the sports community at all levels across Europe is concerned about the ever greater loss of ethical values and is experiencing ever increasing pressure and the exertion of ever greater influence on the part of particular profit oriented entities which lead to patterns of behaviour in sport aimed at winning whatever the cost may be,
- that the visible consequences of these shifts towards unfair sporting behaviour are doping, cheating, manipulated gambling and other immoral actions by people, regardless of age, gender and sporting discipline,
- that the need for the European sports movement and sports community at all levels to react more decisively to the continuing loss of moral standards of conduct in sport by reinstalling the standards of fair sporting activity and by further reinforcing human values of conduct under traditional and new codes of applied ethics, and
- the relevant projects, preventative and educational programmes for young people and the sports and ethics development programmes introduced by the participants of the 12th EFPM Congress in their speeches,

#### Calls

on all sports, youth, educational and business institutions, governmental and non-governmental bodies, including, in particular, all those dealing with Olympic matters, plus the mass media and the many informal supporters of sports as a whole to become aware of our concern about the decline of moral standards in sport. We, the institutional and non-institutional members of the European Fair Play Movement, must act in a concerted campaign together with the various aforementioned sports institutions in Europe to initiate change from the present society of individuality to a new society of teambuilding. A society that draws examples from the spirit of teamwork in sport will encounter values like mutual respect, tolerance, acceptance, unselfishness, trust, solidarity and dignity as a kind of a new combination of competition in sport that will also reshape our common mission of Fair Play.

30/September/2006  
Udine / ITALY



**JOCHEN BEHR**, the trainer of the German Junior Fencing team with the Special Fair Play Award of the European Fair Play Movement and Max Geuter, the secretary general of European Fencing Confederation



**DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY** On behalf of the EFPM Katarina Raczova invited every participant on the sports fields or at the stands to contribute to a friendly and unforgettable atmosphere with fair and tolerant behaviour.

## The European Fair Play Movement attends the Junior European Fencing Championships

**POZNAN**-The Junior European Fencing Championships for 2006 were held in the Polish city of Poznan in November. Fencing is one of the most popular sports in Poland, so not surprisingly it attracts a large number of spectators. It was therefore especially gratifying for the EFPM to be working in association with the European Fencing Confederation and the Organising Committee on this occasion.

It is particularly important that the sport of fencing, with its rich history, should be open to co-operation in the field of Fair Play. It is a sport that challenges both the body and the mind. With the special emphasis it places on respect, co-operation, honesty and personal responsibility, fencing keeps alive the principle of Alexandre Dumas' musketeers - 'All for one and one for all' - and is thus a useful model for society to follow. We are therefore particularly pleased that the European Fencing Confederation should share our enthusiasm for Fair Play, pointing the way for other federations.

It was encouraging that despite the serious spirit of the competition - let's not forget that Europe's best junior fencers were comp in Poznan - many young athletes and their trainers showed that they live by the principle that only a fair and clean victory really counts as such. One example was that of Jochen Behr, the trainer of the German team. When Tran, a German fencer, was competing with Blaszych of France, at one stage the French fencer protested at a ruling given by the referee. Jochen Behr acknowledged that the French athlete was right and



**THE "PLAY FAIR!" BANNER** of the European Fair Play Movement called the participants to respect, that the idea of Fair Play is the heart and the soul of all competitions in sports.

asked his pupil to give up the point, despite the fact that the French fencer was in the lead and consequently won the fight.

Another example (among many similar instances) is that of the Portuguese fencer Pedro Arede. In his contest with a competitor from Norway, he objected to a ruling in his favour by the referee, admitting that he had touched his own leg. Though Pedro lost the fight, the real victory was that he put into practice the principles of Fair Play regardless of the unfavourable outcome for himself.

I would like to end with a brief comment on the importance of Fair Play from Jacek Bierkowski, a well-known former fencer from Poland, winner of many medals at the world championships and recipient of the Fair Play Award of the Polish National Olympic Committee:

"Only if the principles of Fair Play are applied can sport cross borders and span the centuries, uniting people by means of peaceful sporting events."

## Patrick Hickey becomes EOC President

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**ROME**- The European Olympic Committees organisation (EOC) has elected a new President and a new General Secretary. Elections were made necessary by the fact that the former EOC Chairman Mario Pescante, who served the cause of Fair Play effectively for many years, has accepted an important position in the Italian Parliament, and has had to resign the chairmanship as a result. Former General Secretary Patrick Hickey of Ireland has been elected Chairman and Raffaele Pagnozzi of Italy has been elected General Secretary. The Executive Committee of the EOC is

now constituted as follows:

**President:** Mr. Patrick HICKEY

**Secretary General:** Mr. Raffaele PAGNOZZI

**Vice-President:** Mr. Alexander KOZLOVSKY

**Honorary President for Life:** Mr. Mario PESCANTE

**Members:** Mr. Togay BAYATLI, Mr. Guido DE BONDT, Mr. Guy DRUT, Mr. Kai HOLM, Mr. Janez KOCIJANCIC, Mr. Kikis N. LAZARIDES, Ms. Marit MYRMAEL, Mr. Lambis W. NIKOLAOU, Mr. Piotr NUROWSKI, Mr. Craig REEDIE, Mr. Klaus STEINBACH, Mr. Efram ZINGER

**Member ex-officio:** Ms. Claudia BOKEL, Ms. Gunilla LINDBERG

## Who is to host the European Fair Play Congress in 2008 and 2009?

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country that took the first step towards the formation of a European Fair Play Movement - said that the 2009 Congress could be held in Prague as this year was an important anniversary for the Czechs. The EFPM's Executive Committee will decide on the subject during 2007, after all official candidature bids have been received.

### New organisation representing Malta in the EFPM

There has been a change to the organisation responsible for Fair Play in Malta, which is one of the EFPM's most active members. This change was approved at the EFPM General Assembly, as was Malta's membership in the EFPM. The body representing Fair Play in Malta is now the Malta Sports Council, whose details are as follows:

Name of organisation: The Malta Sports Council  
Chief Executive Officer: Mr. Joe Cassar  
Address: Cottonera Sports Complex, Cottonera Avenue, Cospicua, Malta  
e-mail address: kms@sportmalta.org.mt  
Telephone: 0035621660647  
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## Fair Play is a symbol of true humanism

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and outside sport in Europe who call for a 'liberalisation' of the use of doping in top-level sport.

These calls come from sports administrators, sports scientists, coaches, academics, sports enthusiasts and the media (see, for example, the article entitled 'Drugs in sport - either anything goes, or let us return to the amateur era' in the 'Financial Times' of 29th - 30th July 2006). The number of people calling for doping to be permitted, even at European conferences where issues of Fair Play are discussed, is on the increase. Among the arguments often heard is that allowing 'equality of opportunity' for all competitors is a better alternative than carrying on the fight against doping. Another (less often heard, for the moment) is that we should develop a 'specific' code of ethics for top-level sport that takes into consideration its 'particular circumstances' and the different interests involved.

If top-level sport aims to increase its prestige and guarantee more public support (and, of course, the involvement of well-known sponsors), then we firmly believe that it should not heed any such calls or 'recommendations'.

Let us first consider the questions raised by Helmut Digel in this magazine ('The principle of Fair Play - why doping must never be allowed' in 'Play Fair!' 2004 / 2, Academic Supplement 4 / 2):

"What would happen if the fight against doping ended? What would happen if all medication was allowed? What would happen if high performance sports competitions were essentially pharmacological contests?"

To these questions the author gives, in sum, the following answers:

"Anti-doping control tests would be replaced by medication control tests ... every athlete would try to use the medication that was best and most suitable for her or him (from the experts' point of view) in order to beat her or his competitors ... a competition between pharmaceutical companies would replace the competition between athletes."

But this is not all. If doping were permitted, all athletes - even those who are not interested in doing so - would be forced to adopt a doping regimen. Is this not a matter that affects human dignity? Is this really the kind of top-level sport that we want to transmit as our legacy to future generations?

The EFPM's position on this issue is very clear: we totally reject the idea of permitting doping in any sporting activity whatsoever.

On the contrary, we firmly believe in the need:

- to support the work of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in its fight against doping
- to develop more active national policies designed to fight doping
- to implement efficient educational programmes at national level on the evils of doping, and
- to involve governmental and non-governmental institutions and organisations, as well as sporting organisations, in a co-ordinated effort towards the creation of a more efficient policy. Here, there is no place for misunderstandings, jealousies or mistrust. Everyone has a role to play and if we all respect other people's roles, we will all benefit.

As Richard Pound, WADA President, has stated, "Sports and nations firmly committed to anti-doping in word and deed are building a legacy for all of sport and society." (Editorial, 'Play True', issue 3-2006). The European Fair Play Movement will make its contribution to the attainment of this goal. All national Fair Play organisations affiliated with the EFPM are called on to co-operate with their national governmental and non-governmental sports organisations in the implementation of all anti-doping programmes and projects.

Play Fair, Play True! Two titles of publications. The same message, the same fight: the fight for a better sport - a clean sport where human dignity will always be preserved.

\*Title of an official publication of the World Anti-Doping Agency

## Czech Republic uses Olympism to promote Fair Play

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The third area of CFPC activity is the promotion of fair play ideas among school children and young people in particular. Therefore our Club traditionally sponsors several sports events, which besides others include a Fair Play Tournament of Young Footballers, organised by the Sport Club SK Slavia Prague. The elite Czech football clubs use the tournament to test their prep schools, our grassroots soccer. Beside sports performance fair play behavior is evaluated as well, and it is the children athletes themselves who evaluate their rivals. Their rating then elects the fair play award winner. This way the children learn from the very beginning to appreciate their rivals not only on the basis of their sports skills but also according to their behavior. Traditionally we cooperate with Terry Fox Run organizers and with others. The Club and the Czech Football Federation negotiated the possibility to introduce into football referees' game protocols from youth competitions also the records that would point out the acts of fair play. However, the respective discussions stopped halfway down the road. Negotiations with the Association of School Sport Clubs have been more successful. We made a deal that noble acts recorded during competitions organised by the Association would be rewarded directly on the spot and selected acts would be included in the CFPC presentation or in the list of School Fair Play awards respectively. In the recent period our Club has tried

to establish Regional Fair Play clubs. So far we have succeeded only in the Southern Bohemia Region where our branch office is doing fine also thanks to its President J. Krasuskopf, another member of our Club Executive Board.

The CFPC collaborates not only with the other Czech Olympic Committee bodies but also with the Czech Anti-doping Committee where President of the CFPC J. Pelikan is active as a member of the Experts' Commission. Another member of our Board Jan Klapac is active in the Arbitration Commission of the Czech NOC, which among other cases is also hearing appeals against doping penalties. We have good contacts with the Czech National Sports Foundation. Those are all very important spheres of cooperation that on one hand assure the purity of sports, and on the other hand offer considerable support not only to our present athletes but also to the former champions.

A relatively new field of CFPC activity is the support of those who openly fight against abuse of our sports. In the last few years we strongly supported those courageous people - especially in football - who helped to disclose corruption and the abuse of doping substances as well. Of course, it is a long distance race but first punishments have been delivered even in the Prime League, top competitions, and we are glad that we were not standing aside in these affairs.

In the international field, we continue our collaboration with the European Fair Play Movement. Our Olympic champion K.

Jeriova, as a sports ambassador, and A. Dlabacova, regularly participate in the activities of the European Fair Play Movement as well as in its respective commissions. The CFPC wishes to strengthen its links to the European movement even more and considers the idea to bid and organise the European Fair Play Congress in Prague in 2008 or 2009.

Unfortunately, not everything went according to our wishes so far. One of the matters, which remain unfinished, is the development and approval of the Code of Ethics of the Czech Olympic Committee, which the Czech NOC Board had demanded from us. The Code was prepared even in two versions but so far, it has not been approved since several members of the Czech NOC Executive did not see it as a useful document.

Through its multiple activities, the Czech Fair Play Club painstakingly tries to clean our sport from whatever might be violating our Olympic perceptions of sports. We shall continue such activities into the future and will join forces with all those who promote the Fair Play principles.

In conclusion we would like to inform you that last year our Club was greatly honored for its more than thirty years of activity in this field by receiving the IOC award for activities aimed at the enforcement of Olympic ideas in the field of fair play. In view of that award we now feel obliged to work even harder.

## EFPM Fair Play Awards for 2006

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founded in 1985 with the main aim of promoting the participation of Herzeliya's children and youth in sport activities, while educating them in values of fairness, tolerance, democracy and mutual understanding. These values are the first and foremost guiding principles of sports activities.

All organisation staff are committed not only to teaching these principles in all sport activities as well as in current daily life. BHO has created a "Sport Fairness Treaty" that has been learnt and assimilated by all members and staff.

The ongoing activity for over 20 years has given BHO a unique status in Israel as an institution for cultivating, in a continuous way, the values of fairness and tolerance and to stress the importance of sport activities as a privileged instrument for mutual understanding and Peace.

● **European Fair Plaque of Merit and Diploma, to Mr. MARTIN GABLIK and RUDOLF BOSJAK, Slovak Republic,** for the personal contribution made by remarkable behaviour, to the spread of the values and principles of Fair Play and Tolerance.

Martin Gablik and Rudolf Bosjak, both Slovak climbers, were participants of an international expedition to Broad Peak (8.047 m) in July 2005, led by the Polish Climber, Piotr Pustelnik.

During the retreat from Broad Peak, in the evening, a member of the expedition, the Polish mountaineer Artur Hajzer, broke his leg at an altitude of 7,800 metres. Pustelnik and two Italian climbers, members of the expedition, immobilised his leg. At this time, Martin Gablik and Rudolf Bosjak, were camping on

a mountain pass preparing for the attack of the next day. Pustelnik contacted them by radio and asked them to abandon the plan to reach the summit and to join the rescue effort. They did exactly what they were asked to do. At the risk of their lives they reached the injured climber in the middle of the night. They then began to lower Artur Hajzer. During this, Martin Gablik fell 400 metres and seemed to have died. Fortunately after some hours he joined the rescue team and continued to help them lower the injured climber.

At 3 a.m. everybody reached camp III, next day they got to camp II and finally on the following day they arrived at the base camp. During all this time Martin Gablik supported and lowered Artur Hajzer and Rudolf Bosjak provided assistance and transportation.

By this act Gablik and Bosjak lost their chance of reaching the summit, but showed deep respect for the written and unwritten rules of sport.

● **European Fair Play Diploma, to Mr. ALGIS DAUMANTAS, Lithuania,** for his personal contribution for the development of a national Fair Play organisation and for the education of youth and athletes in the spirit of Fair Play and Tolerance.

Physical Education teacher since 1954, he became a coach in 1968 and from 1979 to 1990 he was responsible for the development of the programmes of the Sport Department.

Member of the working group responsible for the integration of the National Olympic Committee of Lithuania in the "Olympic family", he became from 1993 the Secretary General of the Lithuanian Fair Play Committee and from 2001 res-

ponsible for the Olympic programmes, namely those concerning the implementation and promotion of the Fair Play values and principles.

Mr. Daumantas is the author of a vast bibliography on Fair Play issues and responsible for the organisation of multiple Fair Play events and namely for raising the awareness of Lithuanian society for the meaning and importance of Fair Play in all sport activities and in daily life.

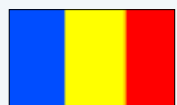
● **European Fair Play Diploma to the MUSEUM OF SPORTS AND TOURISM, Poland,** for the contribution made by a sport and educational organisation the implementation and promotion of ethical values in sport, the spirit of Olympism and Fair Play and to the education of youth and athletes in respecting those values.

The Museum of Sports and Tourism has been actively involved in promoting the notion and ideals of Fair Play and the Olympic values, in multiple ways. The Museum permanently develops an educational programme for incoming children and youth. The most highly praised components of this programme are: "The medieval knights" Tournament Chivalry and the Culture and Ethos of Knights in the past and today's Fair Play ideals and the so called In the "Magic land of live Circles" (the Olympic circles).

The idea of the Fair Play tour exhibition was introduced in 1996. Other actions, like symposiums and Conferences are offered for teachers and the media.

A permanent exhibition with a special section devoted to Fair Play ideas is being prepared now by the Museum in the Olympic Centre.





## ROMANIA

### Dynamo Bucharest says no to prejudice

**BUCHAREST-** The Dynamo Bucharest football team have been presented with a Fair Play Award for a protest they made against racism last November. The ceremony took place at the National Opera House in Bucharest on January 15th, 2006 on the occasion of the Romanian Sports Gala.

At a National League football match between the National and Dynamo teams on November 27th 2005, a coloured player, Mariko Daouda from the Ivory Coast, missed a shot at goal. Some of the Dynamo team's supporters then began shouting racist insults at him. Later on in the match, some of the spectators shouted more insults, telling him to leave the team. Mariko Daouda was quite naturally extremely hurt as a result. Two days after the match, some Dynamo supporters forced their way into the team's training facility and threw bananas at Mr. Daouda, hurting his feelings once again. After this, all his teammates showed up for training with their faces painted black to show their solidarity with him, in an effort to make him forget about the distressing incident.

The National Council for the Fight Against Discrimination has also given the Dynamo football team an award for 'The Promotion of Diversity in Sport'.

## The EFPM flag Istanbul

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tion of his contributions to Fair Play and of the importance he has given to the EFPM. Mr. Atalay received his award and medal from EFPM Vice President Erdoğan Arıpaşar and Turkish NOC President Togay Bayatlı. A letter from the EFPM President was read out at the ceremony and Prof. Gonçalves' gesture was applauded by all those present.

### Fair Play for children: Oli

The National Olympic Committee of Turkey has launched a publicity campaign designed to inform primary school children about Olympism and Fair Play. A new mascot, called Oli, has been created, a cartoon film has been produced and a website has been opened ([www.olimpistler.org.tr](http://www.olimpistler.org.tr)). The website gives children information on all Olympic sports, as well as on Fair Play.

### We wish you every success, Mr. Senseven!

Mr. Taner Senseven, who has served as Public Relations Officer for the National Olympic Committee of Turkey for the last ten years and made valuable contributions to the EFPM and to Fair Play, has left to take up a new job. In November 2006 Mr. Senseven became Public Relations Officer for Güneş Sigorta, Turkey's largest insurance firm. His colleagues at the National Olympic Committee wish him all the best in his new job.

## "France's contribution to the development of Fair Play in Europe"

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with the participation of 30 countries, which most of you still remember.

The statutes confirm the presence of the French language and so a lot of documents are published in the languages so dear to both Shakespeare and Molière. The latest brochure is among them.

As you know, our French rulers really care about defending their own language. You can't blame them. Their efforts help to preserve a national heritage-everyone should do the same.

### Europe on its way

As you have noticed, our ambition does not bind itself exclusively to France, but the scope is enlarged to Europe. It is essential to score throughout Europe in order to give sport a new boost. The Europe of sports and fair play is on its way, but it is only at the beginning of its course.

The problem is not to define once and for all the all the concepts in mind. The problem is simply to be able to say together what we are thinking about when we talk about sports, about fair play, or about Europe itself. We are convinced that most of the difficulties that we run into can no longer be treated only at a national level, but must now be treated at a European level.

But thinking and planning at the European level remain hard.

Is Europe capable of safeguarding sports ethics? Is it willing to do so? Does it have the means? Obviously there are many different paths to follow, taken by all the countries present here today. But these reflect individual sports evolutions, whereas today we hear more and more talk of a European model of sport.

The objective isn't necessarily to build a European model. That is probably not exactly what we need. The objective is about defending, promoting and developing the sports ethics among all the countries, or in those who do want it.

### Some proposals

To my mind, there are five guidelines that we can put forward.

First, let's clear the weeds from our own gardens in order not to seem like the "lecture givers".

Secondly, we should put ethics back into the education systems by establishing training programs that would be open to players and managers, and by increasing the access to education.

Thirdly, let's bring to the attention of the politicians the link that exists between European values and sport's values (youth, democracy...) because the latter can be used concretely to build a stronger Europe.

Fourthly, let's think about the establishment of an independent moral authority that acts on sports ethics (why not a consultative ethical European committee?) but aren't we somehow already playing that role?

To finish with, we have to rely on youth to help sports ethics keep its meaning. Those youngsters aren't perfect, indeed they have a big shortcoming, they are going to replace us. However they are the ones who are going to decide on the place of fair play in tomorrow's world.

At this point, I dare use the word of the great Baron Pierre de Coubertin in order to put my thought in a nutshell.

See further and don't be blocked by human mistakes that we may witness, act firmly in a new scope (i.e. Europe).

There are different ways to manage ethical and fair play questions in sports. They are not the same for different

countries, federations or sport visions.

We need to bring out a common reference in order to get sports models that grant the respect of rules, norms and values that are compatible with a unique ethical position.

We have firmly decided to take up the challenge on condition that we adopt the following approaches: the duty to preserve citizen ethics and individual freedom through prevention of violence in the social sphere.

### The future

We have fully identified the obstacles that are in our way so we can now clearly see how they have to be overcome.

However, we haven't been able to get rid of all those paradoxes.

Starting with the one that always introduces talk of fair play through the intermediary of its opposite behavior-unfair play.

It is now up to us to take up the challenge in order to decide how constructive development can be pursued, for the benefit of all.

In this crusade, for the last 20 years the national association has been standing up as the legitimate defender of fair play and sports ethics in France.

But the main work is yet to come: decentralisation of its activities in order to democratise French sport in order to guarantee its ethics and to increase its educational and social functions.

It's when the different regions are given the right to speak that the cultural differences that make our country's wealth can be developed.

In fact we are conscious that in the future we will witness radical changes in this particular field which is the defence of sports' values.

As a conclusion we can say that in the world, in Europe, western society is going through major changes. Consequently, sport is changing too. And quite logically, the vision and the role of fair play is evolving along with it.

If we want to keep being efficient, fair play has to be conceived within the scope of pragmatic and concrete approaches.

Last statement: every solution to a serious sports problem today becomes an international solution. For this essential reason, in spite of our rapidly changing world, I have faith in the future of the EFPM project.

We have sown the seed, it is now up to you to gather an abundant harvest.

## France's Fair Play Awards for 2006 presented

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### THE AWARD-WINNERS

The audience applauded as the following people were given their Fair Play Awards for 2006:

#### Awards for displaying an attitude in accordance with Fair Play:

**The Micheline Ostermeyer Award:** Raymond DOMENECH (trainer of the French national football team)

**Diplomas of Honour:** Jérémy CHARDY (Tennis), Didier MARCHAL (Orienteering), Alexandre PECLIER (Rugby), Samuel AIME (Cycling)

#### Awards for showing a sporting spirit:

**The Jo Maso Award:** Aline Decayeux SAGOLS (Handball and Rugby)

**Award:** Hubert LOCCO-ROCCA (Athletics)

**Diplomas of Honour:** Yohann DINIZ (Athletics - Walking), Jean-Claude JULIEN (Referee), Florence POHIN (Football Manager)

#### Career awards:

**The Patrice Martin Award:** Damien TOUYA (Fencing)

**Award:** Christian BALTZER (Basketball)

**Diplomas of Honour:** Marie-Christine CAZIER (Athletics), Antoine GIMENEZ (Rugby), René JOURDAN (Athletics)

#### Career awards for educators:

**The Daniel Costantini Award:** Patrice CANAYER (Handball)

**The Gerard Quintyn Award:** René DELEPLACE (Rugby)

**Diplomas of Honour:** Bruno BOLLINI (Football), Francois CHÂTELET (Athletics)

#### Career awards for administrators:

**The Fernand Sastre Award:** Henri BERNARD (Honorary President of the International Boccia Federation)

**The Emile Borie Award:** Max CHICOISNE (Cycling)

#### Diplomas of Honour:

Pierre BUFFARD (Longue Paume - a forerunner of tennis), Jean-Baptiste HASTOY (Rugby trainer and club chairman)

#### Awards for promoting the sporting spirit:

**The Nelson Paillou Award:** The Paris University Club

**Diplomas of Honour:** Gérard JANOT (Chairman of the Olympic and Sports Committee, Lot), UNSS Seine-et-Marne (Multisports)

#### Awards for defending the spirit of sport:

**The Jacques Marchand Award:** Ernest GIBERT (President of the National Union of University Sports Clubs)

**Diplomas of Honour:** Eric LHAMY (sports journalist), Pierre FULLA (sports journalist)

#### The Jury also made the following special awards:

**Diplomas of Honour** were presented to Laurent DUHAMEL (a football referee) and Norbert SILLAMY (President of a Children's Sports Association)

The Jury's Special Eric Tabarly Award was presented to the Mutuelle des Toreros Landais, a Mutual Benefit Society.

A list of Letters of Congratulation sent by the Jury to various individuals and institutions has also been published.



#### THE JURY'S SPECIAL AWARDS:

The Jury's special Eric Tabarly Award for 2006 was given to the Mutuelle des Toreros Landais. Seen here are Jean-Louis Boujon (AFSVFP President), Florence Rodet (representing the French Ministry of Sport), Jean Lalanne (President of the Mutuelle des Toreros Landais), Colonel Gerard Dupont (Honorary President of the MTL and commander of the historic artillery brigade) and Albert Begards (Chairman of the Jury and chief organiser of the ceremony).



## John Blankenstein A very special person has left us.

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himself to the KNVB (Royal Dutch Football Union), among other things as head of referee affairs. John remained a celebrity in the Netherlands. He was often asked to take part in television and radio programmes and meetings and presentations. He would also sometimes turn up of his own accord, when he felt that someone was being unfairly treated. John stood by his ideals; he was a frontrunner of fair play and a champion of the emancipation of homosexuals in sport.

In the time that I worked intensively with John, I got to know him as an exceptionally pleasant, enthusiastic and highly motivated man. He was extremely caring and had a way of inspiring people. He moved them with his stories, particularly drawn from his career as an international football referee. Anytime we would sit down for a drink together after a meeting or session, it was always fun if John was there. The group standing around him would generally grow larger and larger as people flocked around eager to listen to his stories.

He was also quite a character internationally. He spoke his modern European languages clearly and in a steady and pleasant voice (a voice like a clock, Anton Geesink once said). He would always prepare for events in the greatest detail, going through a speech to be held up to the very last minute so that it would always sound perfect.

Since John's death, NOC\*NSF has received various expressions of sympathy from people involved in the European Fair Play Movement. NOC\*NSF and John's family are very grateful for all the support!

John had an indelible influence on sport and everyone who knew him.

I and many others will miss him greatly!

### John Blankenstein Foundation

After John's death, the John Blankenstein Foundation was set up. The foundation aims to continue the mission of John Blankenstein. The former referee worked hard to make homosexuality more acceptable in the world of sport. The foundation is an initiative of the Dutch COC (COC is the oldest existing gay organisation in the world) and Karin Nederpelt-Blankenstein (John's sister). The John Blankenstein Foundation intends to initiate projects to promote the emancipation of homosexuality in sport. According to the advocacy group COC Netherlands, homosexuality in the sports world is still a taboo. The absence of openly homosexual professional football players shows that the climate around homosexuality is such that players do not dare to come out about their homosexuality, says COC chairman Frank van Dalen. 'Because homophobia in football is the most tenacious, the John Blankenstein Foundation has first invited the football union KNVB to discuss setting up a large-scale campaign to make homosexuality more acceptable'.

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the world of sport. This involvement was not confined to what takes place on the sports field, but also included what goes on within the administrative bodies concerned with sport. John took quite a critical attitude towards sports administrators who were unfamiliar with their sport in practice. In his opinion, the points of view they expres-

## 12th European Fair play Congress in Udine gets full marks

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Following this, the Congress began: the first presentation was made under the chairmanship of Alessandro Grassi (Chairman of the Regional Fair Play Committee for the Friuli Venezia Giulia district). This presentation, on the subject of 'Fair Play in Sport and Ethics in Science' was given by Prof. P.E. Di Prampero. Next, an interesting Round Table discussion on 'Fair Play, Sport, Ethics and the Economy' was held. Several famous businessmen took part. Those involved in the discussion were as follows:

Chairman: Daniele Damele (journalist and television presenter)

Participants:

Adriano Luci (entrepreneur, vice-president Associazione Industriali)

Roberto Moroso (entrepreneur, of first division soccer club)

Giovanni Lessio (public relations Friuladria)

Renzo Travanut (President, Bluenergy Company)

Franco Asquini (exponent for free professions, Friulia past president)

### The Presentations

On the second and third days, various speakers gave talks in which they outlined the results of their research, while between presentations the member countries of the EFPM gave short papers. The theme for the 12th General Assembly was 'Fair Play in practice: Concepts, Projects and Campaigns'. The main presentations were made by the following distinguished specialists:

Prof. Vladimir Rodichenko (Russia): 'An acting model of a national Fair Play Movement in the context of globally recognised moral values'

Dr. Christian Blareau (France): 'The French contribution to the European Fair Play Development: history, strategy, perspective'

Prof. Fulvio Cuizza (Italy): 'Fair Play and effective play'

Prof. Roland Naul (Germany): 'Fair Play in Football: international concepts of projects and campaigns'

Dr. Joanna Mastora: 'Active living and social responsibility'

### The General Assembly

The 12th General Assembly of the EFPM was held in the Hotel Astoria, and was attended by delegates representing 23 countries. A representative of Montenegro, which has recently become an independent republic as a result of a plebiscite, attended the proceedings as an observer. This representative, Dragomir Becanovic, was world judo champion in 1989.

The General Assembly first watched a video message from EOC-EFPM Liaison officer Togay Bayatlı, who in his message said that he was unable to be present as his duties obliged him to be in China, and that the EOC would continue to support the EFPM.

After this message had been applauded by the delegates, the General Assembly invited Charalambos Lottas of Cyprus, who became first reserve candidate for Executive Committee membership at the elections held in Vienna, to take up the position on the Executive Committee left vacant by the death of former General Secretary John Blankenstein. Thanks were expressed to Johannes van der Veen for his valuable work as Executive Officer, a position in which he acted as assistant to Mr. Blankenstein.

The General Assembly then decided that the 13th General Assembly and Seminar would be held in Frankfurt, Germany, from 17th to 20th October 2007.

Prof. Manfred Lämmer, who is to be our host in Frankfurt, announced that a second European Youth Fair Play Congress would also be held on these dates, and this news was greeted with special applause by the delegates.

Following this, former world champion wrestler Hazar Isaev, the Azerbaijan delegate to the EFPM, said that his country wished to host the 2008 General Assembly in the city of Baku, and presented a formal letter of invitation from the Azerbaijan National Olympic Committee to EFPM President Prof. Carlos Gonçalves. The Bulgarian delegate to the EFPM, former Olympic rowing champion Zdravka Yordanova, and the delegate from the Czech Republic, Ms. Alena Dlabacova, both announced their respective countries' candidatures for the hosting of the Congress in 2009. The Executive Committee announced that a decision on which city was to host the 2009 Congress would be made at its meeting in the summer of 2007.

The General Assembly then approved a change regarding the representation of Malta in the EFPM. It was also announced that at the next General Assembly, Montenegro might apply for membership of the EFPM following the formation of a National Olympic Committee in this country. Finally, the winners of the EOC-EFPM Fair Play Awards for 2006 were announced to the applause of the delegates. At the end of the session, a ceremony was held at which the EFPM flag was symbolically transferred from Udine to Frankfurt.

## CIFP holds Summer Meeting in Como, Italy

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the CIFP Awards for 2005 were announced. They are as follows:

### ● 2005 WORLD FAIR PLAY AWARDS ACT OF FAIR PLAY

Trophy Pierre de Coubertin: Sebastien Loeb and Citroën Team-Motor Sport, Rally, France  
Diploma: Timo Boll-Table tennis, Germany  
Guillermo Giacomazzi-Football, Italy  
Dennis R. Khismatullin - Chess Grandmaster, Russia

Özgürcan Özcan-Football, Turkey

Letter of Congratulations:

Júlia Sebestyén-Figure skating, Hungary  
Men's épée team of the Fless Fencing Club-Fencing, Hungary  
Nikolai Kryukov-Gymnastics, Russia  
Zsuzsanna- Kick-boxing, Hungary

### ● SPORTS CAREER

Trophy Jean Borotra: Pete Sampras-Tennis, USA  
Éva Székely-Swimming, Hungary  
Diploma: Jiri Raska-Ski jumping, Czech Republic  
Jean Rosier-Wheelchair fencing, France, Guadeloupe

### ● PROMOTION OF FAIR PLAY

Trophy Willi Daume: Not awarded for 2005  
Diploma: Marco Pastonesi-Journalist, Italy  
André Ferren-France  
Massimo Rosa-Journalist, Italy  
Renata Soliani-Physical Education teacher, Italy

● SPECIAL FAIR PLAY PRIZE: The organisers of the 2006 FIFA World Cup, Germany International Fair Play Trophy for Olympic Winter Games 2006: Bjornar Haakensmoen-Skiing coach, Norway  
The Award Ceremony was held in Budapest on December 10, 2006.

sed frequently betrayed ignorance; he felt they were too often swayed either by commercial concerns or by their own personal interests.

He was, moreover, a fervent advocate of the eradication of the disadvantages from which underprivileged groups in the world of sport suffer. At Dutch and European sports conferences, he dared to openly express his views on the underprivileged position of homosexual and lesbian sportspeople. John was a man of courage.

As soon as the first talks on co-operation between him as General Secretary and myself as someone from the EFPM's agency in Amersfoort took place, I realised that

John had clear-cut opinions on the role of the EFPM. He felt that he should primarily work to turn the EFPM into an influential body made up of both national organisations and individuals, backed on a business basis of a smoothly-run agency. The objective of this agency, in his view, should be mainly to serve the member organisations of the EFPM. In John's eyes, one of the agency's most important tasks should be to function as an information exchange centre for the numerous high-quality projects carried out in various different countries but which were not sufficiently accessible to other member organisations. In order to remedy this situation, he proposed setting up an efficient database at the agency which

would facilitate easier communication between members and supply them with up-to-date information.

His proposals were under discussion at the Executive Committee when he died and will now be worked out in greater detail. He thought it was feasible to convince the members of the EFPM of the necessity of creating something of the kind he envisaged before the year 2008, and this vision certainly deserves to be taken further. John was a man of vision.

Although our time together was far too short, it was a pleasure and a privilege for me to work with John Blankenstein.



## The EFPM attends the EOC General Assembly in Brussels

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never in any way see this as a disadvantage. In fact, the last message perhaps manages to remain longer and clearer in the ears and awareness of the audience than those heard earlier.

Ladies and Gentlemen, if the EFPM had not yet existed, one would certainly have had to found it last year. Despite the fascinating Winter Olympic Games in Turin, the grandiose festival of football in Germany that was celebrated by the whole world, and the World and European Championships held in a whole range of sports, we cannot and must not close our eyes to the deplorable occurrences and trends that jeopardise the spirit of sport and cast doubt on the credibility of those who hold positions of responsibility. I certainly do not want to send out any Cassandra-like prophecies of doom! But doping and other forms of manipulation, as well as aggression and violence, racism and corruption have increased to such an extent over recent months and have reached a level that obliges us all to join forces and take concerted action.

This is why the 40 national Fair Play initiatives associated within the EFPM further intensified their efforts and endeavours. The battle to maintain the values of sport must be fought at two levels. Firstly, this means sanctions and secondly, prevention. Sanctions are a matter for the specific sports associations or - in some countries - of the governments as well. However, according to the statutes of the Olympic Charter, on whose basis we all work, prevention pursued by means of enlightenment and education is primarily a task for the National Olympic Committees.

The 12th European Fair Play Congress held in Udine from 26 to 30 September this year and organised by CONI and its regional branch consequently focused, above all, on problems and aspects of practical implementation: "Fair Play in Practice: Concepts - Projects - Campaigns" was the topic of the event at which new educational models, actions and measures were presented and discussed. We hope that new ideas, incentives and momentum emanated from this for the work performed at national level.

The European Fair Play Awards, presented in 2006, went to individuals in Lithuania and Slovakia who had, in exemplary fashion, rendered outstanding services in promoting the idea of Fair Play, to the Museum of Sports and Tourism in Warsaw and to the Bnei Herzliya organisation in Israel.

The German Olympic Sports Confederation founded on 20 May 2006 has taken on responsibility for organising the 13th European Fair Play Congress to be held in Frankfurt from 17 to 20 October 2007. The topic "Fair Play and the Olympic Values" emphasises, as epitomised by Willi Daume, the essential significance of value education delivered through sport. The 2nd European Fair Play Youth Congress organised by the German Sports Youth organisation will be held parallel to this.

Although the EFPM is not a member of the EOC, but rather a partner, and so does not have the right to submit formal proposals, I would like, on behalf of our Executive Committee, to suggest that the EOC establishes a Commission on Culture and Education that will also intensify the preservation and promotion of values.

Finally, I would like once more to express my sincere thanks to the President of the EOC, our friend Patrick Hickey, to the Fair Play Commissioner, Togay Bayatli, and to all the Presidents of the National Olympic Committees, who this year, too, have again shown such commitment and dedication in their support for our work.

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you most kindly for your attention.

## We loved Udine...



A view of Udine's historic square

The historic city of Udine has managed to keep its buildings, as well as its personality, intact since Roman times. Its friendly, hospitable people were our hosts for the EFPM's 12th General Assembly. The Fair Play enthusiasts who came from every part of Europe to meet in Udine loved this city with its many historical monuments set in beautiful surroundings. On this page, you will find some photographs that will preserve the memory of our unforgettable time there.



**WE VISIT THE MAYOR:** Officials from the EFPM, the local Fair Play organisation and the Italian National Olympic Committee paid a formal visit to the Mayor of Udine, Sergio Cecotti, and Udine's Councillor for Sport, Vincenzo Martines.



**IN FRONT OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE:** The EFPM delegates with their Italian hosts in front of the historic Provincial Governor's office in Udine.



**TWO BIG 'THANK YOUS:** What a coincidence! Here we have succeeded in capturing Ms. Paola Covalini, our charming hostess in Udine, and the person who stepped in to act as Executive Director, Johannes van der Veen, side by side. We will always remember their work with gratitude.



**A FORMAL DINNER:** The EFPM delegates were given the red carpet treatment in Udine. Our evening meals, served in historic surroundings, were much appreciated. Here is one of the dinner tables.

### Thank you, Lucia!

A lot of excellent photographs of the General Assembly in Udine, including those in this magazine, were taken by Lucia.

She proved that her professionalism and expertise as a photographer is in no way less than her talent as a model. Thank you, Lucia - both for your photographs and for your warm smile!



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**TURKEY'S FAIR PLAY CARTOON EXHIBITION:** The exhibition aroused a great deal of interest and appreciation in Udine.



**GIVE THEM SOME APPLAUSE:** The EFPM delegates watch and listen as dancers and musicians perform.

# Once we had a friend called John

## John Blankenstein A very special person has left us.

by *Lieke Vloet, NOC\*NSF,  
The Netherlands*

John's interest in Fair Play and everything that has to do with respect was part of his life for a long time. John was a board member of the "Dutch Sports, Tolerance & Fair Play Foundation" and when the foundation became part of the NOC\*NSF, he became active in this organisation too, as a member of the Board



Lieke VLOET

Committee for Olympic Ideals & Fair Play of NOC\*NSF. From this role, he was elected in 2002 as a member of the Administration Council of the Comité International du Fair Play (CIFP). From 2004 on, he was also

General Secretary (board member) of the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM).

John did not just devote his time and energy to Fair Play (he received a CIFP Diploma in 1999), but also to other NOC\*NSF activities, for example within the Committee of the Cultural Olympiad Athens 2004 that among other things organised the Amsterdam Torch Relay. On 23 June 2004, John even carried the torch himself. Despite the stormy weather complete with rain and wind, he really enjoyed it.

Especially due to his position as a former referee, John was a celebrity in the Netherlands. From 1979 until 1996 he acted as a referee at a professional level, and he also refereed FIFA and UEFA matches. Everyone praised the way he managed matches. During his career as a football referee, John was well respected. Not just by the blow of his whistle, but more due to the way he was. Later too, he continued to be respected in everything he did. Following his international career as a referee, John devoted

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**IN MEMORY OF JOHN BLANKENSTEIN:**  
Alessandro Grassi, head organizer for our meeting in Udine, presents Netherlands delegate Lieke Vloet with a bouquet and shield in memory of John Blankenstein.

## A SAD LOSS FOR THE EFPM

John Blankenstein, General Secretary of the European Fair Play Movement and a well-known football referee, passed away on 24th August 2006 after a long period of serious illness.

John Blankenstein was born in De Biltde on 12th February 1949. He started to play football for VCS-Hague in 1959. He became a football referee in 1966, worked as a referee in the amateur league until 1979 and then started to referee professional matches. He successfully directed 502 games over 17 years. From 1985 to 1995 he directed 88 games, including some of the matches at the 1987 Youth World Championships, the European Championships in Sweden and the 1993 UEFA Cup Final between Juventus Turin and Borussia Dortmund.

Until his untimely death, John Blankenstein served as a member of the National Olympic Committee of the Netherlands, as an adviser for the KNVB Football Rules Committee and as Dutch delegate on the Administrative Boards of UEFA, FIFA and the CIFP.



## RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF BLANKENSTEIN

At the opening Ceremony held in the Udine Castle, a seat for late John Blankenstein, EFPM Secretary General was reserved and decorated with a picture of Mr. Blankenstein and flowers.

## AGAINST RACISM AND TOLERANCE:

On 21 March 2006, John played the part of the tournament leader spurring everyone on in De Derde Helft (The Third Half), the football tournament held this year in connection with the International Day against Racism and Intolerance. In the tournament, that was the object of international attention, football teams of gays, Latinos and Muslims played against each other.



Family Blankenstein  
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Köln, August 30, 2006  
Lä/Ros

Dear Family Blankenstein,  
It is with great shock and sadness that we heard of the death of our good friend and colleague John Blankenstein. The members of the European Fair Play Movement have followed his long and courageous battle against the insidious disease, and took great hope in spring as his condition seemed to be improved. Now we must realise that fate chose to take another course.

On behalf of our President, Professor Dr. Carlos Gonçalves, of all the members of the Executive Committee, and of our national Fair Play Organisations, we would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest sympathy. The members of the European Fair Play Movement will always remember John Blankenstein with the greatest respect and admiration.

Prof. Dr. Manfred Lämmer  
Vice-President of the EFPM

## In Memoriam:

### John Blankenstein

12th February 1949 - 24th August 2006

*My short time as a colleague  
of John Blankenstein  
by Johannes van der Veen,  
former EFPM Executive Officer*

My friend John Blankenstein is no longer among us. John's vibrant life has ended - far too early by normal standards. He was buried in The Hague, his home town, on 31st August 2006. I attended the funeral (for which the turn-out was enormous) on behalf of the Executive Committee of the European Fair Play Movement.



Johannes  
van der VEEN

Although the period during which we worked together at the EFPM was a relatively brief one, we soon formed a friendly relationship based on mutual respect. In his active career in sport, John was a first-class football referee of international repute, having won his spurs in the world of professional football. He always stood his ground when his principles were challenged and spent many years working hard to increase people's familiarity with the ideals of Fair Play and Tolerance in sport. John was, heart and soul, a true sportsman.

When he was elected to the EFPM's Executive Committee at the Movement's 10th General Assembly in Vienna in 2004 (later going on to become its General Secretary), John told me that he 'thought it a great honour to be elected to this important position.' His aim was to do his utmost for the Fair Play movement in Europe, having already done the same thing in the Netherlands, where he served as a member of the Board of the Dutch Foundation for Sport, Tolerance and Fair Play.

During the conversations I was fortunate to be able to have with him, I was impressed by how deeply he felt involved with the problem of unfair play in

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**HIS LAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** John is seen here with his trusted colleague Johannes van der Veen at his last EFPM Executive Committee meeting in Istanbul.