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*The European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) is a European non-governmental organisation, established in 1994 in the FIFA House in Zurich. National Fair Play organisations from 40 European Countries have been a part of the EFPM since 1994. The main goal of the EFPM is to promote Fair Play and Tolerance in sports and everyday life at the European level. The EFPM seeks to achieve this goal by supporting its members, by helping to promote Fair Play campaigns where sports organisations take the initiative, by co-operating with the authorities to foster Fair Play themes and by facilitating regular contacts between the various European sports organisations.*

*The goal of EFPM Flash News is to keep people informed on EFPM's activities and to establish closer contact not only with all the EFPM members but also with all European governmental and non-governmental sport institutions and organisations aiming to support and to contribute to the promotion of Ethics in Sport and encouragement of the Fair Play values and principles in all sporting activities as well as in daily life.*

*All EFPM members, the above mentioned organisations and institutions, and associations with the same principles, are invited to communicate information relating to EFPM's goals (conferences, congresses, special events or initiatives, Fair Play prizes, books, etc....).*

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In 20-21 November 2015, the 44<sup>th</sup> European Olympic Committees (EOC) General Assembly in Prague (CZE) brought together more than 350 delegates – including International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach, ANOC President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, Honorary Presidents from IOC and EOC, Jacques Rogge and Mario Pescante. The participants heard reports, presentations and discussions about EOC's activities over the past year including the first edition of the EOC's flagship event, the European Games, as well as winter and summer editions of the European Youth Olympic Festival and the Games of the Small States of Europe. Hailing 2015 as "a historic year for sport in Europe", EOC President Patrick Hickey stressed the importance of exchanging ideas and experiences at the General Assembly, as "it is only when we bring ourselves together that we can fully take stock of the great work being done within sport and society by the European Olympic family." In equal fashion, Thomas Bach, President of the IOC, pointed out that "we have to demonstrate in these difficult times the Olympic Games as a symbol of humanity which brings together all the National Olympic Committees."

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The EFPM Delegation – President Ch. Hinterberger, Secretary General Y. Psilopoulos, Treasurer K. Raczova and Executive Committee Member K. Peckova – gladly followed the invitation of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) to attend the EOC General Assembly in Prague. Secretary General Y. Psilopoulos was welcomed by P. Hickey, EOC President, leading to a productive and fruitful discussion on various subjects, such as the future of sport, fair play and EFPM's representation at the European Olympic Youth Festivals and the cooperation with the EOC Education Commission. Both parties agreed on upholding the positive spirit that surrounded these discussions and using it for future cooperation. Moreover, the EFPM representatives took the opportunity to make personal contacts and informal consultations with relevant representatives of NOC and with EOC board members.

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In the course of the General Assembly, Thomas Bach, IOC President, announced that highly qualified athletes who are refugees would be allowed to compete in the Olympic Games for the first time. Until now, refugee athletes were not able to participate because they couldn't represent their home country and its national Olympic committee. However, recently the IOC has decided to welcome refugee athletes to the 2016 Olympics where they will live in the Olympic Village alongside the other 11,000 athletes from 206 national Olympic committees and will be welcomed to the Olympic games with the Olympic flag and with the Olympic anthem. With this initiative, the IOC aims to show a symbol of hope for all the refugees in our world as well as helping refugees to make their dream of sporting excellence come true even when they have to flee from violence and hunger. In this respect, National Olympic Committees have already started making this plan reality by supporting refugee athletes in order for them to be able to take part at Rio 2016.



At the General Assembly, the EOC awarded its European Laurels to five NOC's sport leaders who have put their efforts and expertise to the service of sport: Mrs Morana Palikovic Gruden (CRO), Mr Alain Geles (FRA), Mr Joseph Cassar, (MLT), Mr Ioan Dobrescu (ROU) and Mr Igor Kazikov (RUS). The EFPM Family particularly congratulates Mrs Morana Palikovic Gruden, an active member of EFPM.



The 5<sup>th</sup> Piotr Nurowski Prize for the Best Young European Athlete was awarded to Czech track cyclist Jiří Janošek, who won the 1km Time Trial (TT) at the Junior European and World Championships in 2014 and retained his World Championship title this year. In 2015, he also won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Junior World Championship in the sprint discipline and the keirin-discipline as well as finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the keirin-discipline at the Junior European Championship.



For the third time already Austria voted for its "Athlete with Heart" in the course of Austria's "Night of Sports"-gala event on 30 October 2015. The recipient of this award is not being determined based on trophies or goals but rather on acts of kindness, fair play and civil courage and is being elected by spectators. This year, the charity project "Running for Kira" was selected for the prestigious award, a charity running event with which approximately EUR 65,000 was collected for Kira Grünberg, a 21 years old Austrian pole jumper, who is paralyzed since a tragic training accident. Karl Stoss, Austria Olympic Committee President, praised this project by hounding all participants, "heroes who are not just capable of outstanding sporting performances but also humanitarian and social ones."



Miroslav Cerar, EFPM Vice-President, represented EFPM at this year's conference on "Tolerance and Diversity through Physical Education and Sport" organized by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport of the Council of Europe (EPAS) in co-operation with the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia and the Planica National Sports Institute. The event took place on 19-20 November 2015 and aimed to increase awareness on the role of physical education and sport in promoting diversity, tolerance and intercultural dialogue in European societies and in developing democratic culture. The event was divided into two themes: "Sport and values: which diversity and tolerance principles could be promoted through physical education and sport? Why are they important and necessary for modern society?" and "Sport and education policies: how can values-based physical education and sport activities be implemented?". Miroslav Cerar presented a speech on how EFPM promotes values such as friendship, tolerance, respect, non-discrimination and cooperation in physical education and sport at the international level for all age categories. The presentations were followed by workshops and panel discussions. At the end of the Conference the participants adopted the Declaration on Tolerance and Diversity through Physical Education and Sport, promoting the inclusion of values into Physical Education teaching as well as sports training.



The values of sport deserve their day. This is why, since 2013, Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles, in close cooperation with its member municipalities, invites every September 7<sup>th</sup> all athletes to demonstrate their commitment to Fair Play across Wallonia and Bruxelles. Through the slogan and the visual "Fair Play is a Sport", this campaign is open to all athletes of the Federation Wallonia-Bruxelles, regardless of their discipline and age. The campaign encourages sportsmanship, exemplary behaviour and the principles of Fair Play. Work carried out with children and young people aims to educate them in subjects such as Fair Play, tolerance and the discouragement of discrimination, and to help them better understand these values. This year's edition has resulted in:

- More than 1.9 million citizens informed and made aware through 60 participating municipalities;
- Nearly 5,000 sports clubs informed through the cities and 9 of the biggest sports federations (football, basketball, shooting, volleyball, tennis, yachting, hockey, rugby and gymnastics);
- Unanimous support of the greatest sporting institutions and civil society and large media presence.

Visibility for this event was excellent: there are more than 4 km of banners "Le Fair Play est un Sport" dressed on sports infrastructures. Thousands of posters and flyers have relayed the slogan "Fair Play is a Sport" in sports areas but also schools, town halls and other public places.





Through a dazzling array of 52 films covering an impressive range of sports, cultures and performances, the inaugural edition of the Brussels European FICTS Sports Film Festival, organised by the Panathlon Wallonia-Brussels association and the Director of the Festival, Mr Jean-Pierre Brouhon, has transported each visitor into a world that is far richer than he could ever have imagined. Images have the power to move us, give us joy, surprise us and make us marvel and reflect. Just like sport does! Which is why the Panathlon Wallonia-Brussels association has decided to stage this event. The aim is to use the power of images to celebrate the finest things that sport has to offer the community: i.e. to pass on quality messages and share emotions. The productions selected provided a whole host of cultural views and characteristics that the audience could identify with, since 19 countries from 4 continents were represented among the 52 films on the bill. Additionally, plenty of other activities gave true impetus to the event: workshops linked to women's sport, sport for all and the close relationship between sport and images. There were also be two exhibitions on display, bringing a dash of graphic appeal to the event through no fewer than 90 illustrations. Finally, there were activities provided free of charge to local schools and other learning establishments.



The EFPM invites all its members, the European National Olympic Committees, sports organizations and educational institutions to submit their applications to the European Fair Play Awards:

*The European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma, made under the auspices the European Olympic Committees*

*The European Fair Play Diploma, made under the auspices the European Olympic Committees*

*The EFPM "Spirit of Fair Play" Award*

*The EFPM "Fair Play Flame" Award (target group is young people up to the age of 18)*

*The EFPM "Fair Play Vox" Award, made under the auspices of AIPS Europe*

All applications must be submitted to Ioannis Psilopoulos, EFPM Gen. Secretary, by e-mail [ipsilopoulos@windtools.gr](mailto:ipsilopoulos@windtools.gr) followed indispensably by original letter (Address: 31, Kodringtonos Str. GR - 10343 Athens). Do not forget to complete your proposals with the necessary supporting documents (introduction report, eventual photos, press-clippings etc.)

The new Regulations for the European Fair Play Awards including the conditions, deadlines and details can be found on the EFPM website [www.fairplayeur.com](http://www.fairplayeur.com) under the section "Awards".

Thanking you in advance for your contribution.

***Let us, together, take care of sports and Play Fair!  
Enjoy your read and feel free to provide EFPM with information on your organisations, activities,  
and events.***

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