



European  
Fair Play  
Movement

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*The European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) was established in 1994 in the FIFA House in Zurich and is a European non-governmental organisation. National Fair Play organisations from 40 European Countries have joined the EFPM since 1994. The main aim of the EFPM is to promote Fair Play and Tolerance in the broadest sense (in sports and everyday life) at European level. The EFPM seeks to achieve this goal by supporting its members, by helping to promote Fair Play campaigns where sports organisations take the initiative, by co-operating with 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 inform about EFPM activities and to establish a closer contact not only with all the EFPM members but also with all European governmental and non-governmental sport institutions and organisations, aiming to support and to contribute to the promotion of Ethics in Sport and to the spreading of the Fair Play values and principles in all sporting activities as well as in daily life*

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

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The 46<sup>th</sup>  
European Fair  
Play Movement  
Executive  
Meeting was  
held in Verona,  
the host city of

the XVIII. European Fair Play Congress in April on 19-21, 2012.

The meeting was focused on the progress of the organisation of the XVIII. EFP Congress that will be held under the patronage of the European Olympic Committees and the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education in Verona from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> next October. The Comitato Nazionale Italiano Fair Play (CNIFP), supported by the Municipality of Verona, was entrusted with the organisation of the EFP Congress. The topic is "Professional Sports and Fair Play". It aims to address topics of great current interest, such as "financial fair play" and the health of athletes from professional to amateur sport, and to put fair play at the heart of communities which is the key to maximize the benefits of sport. The EC members, led by President **Carlos Gonçalves** and the President of the CNIFP, **Ruggero Alcanterini**, visited the venues and met the Councilor of Sport and Fair Play of the Municipality **Federico Sboarina** who assured the EFPM of his full support. In

addition, CNIFP adviser **Roberto Antonangeli** and Executive Director of the Organising Committee **Alessandra Ioppi** provided a status report on the progress. In parallel with the Congress, the "**Week of Fair Play in Verona**" will be inaugurated, featuring a special program with exhibitions, sport activities, a TV show and a press conference. For more details, please visit the web site: [www.fairplayeur.com](http://www.fairplayeur.com).

Furthermore, the Executive Committee raised attention to following points:

The XVIII. General Assembly of the EFPM will be held on October 27, 2012. This year, this event is of particular interest, as the new Executive Committee will be elected.

The Executive Committee also decided the venue of the XIX. EFP Congress: in 2013, the Fair Play Family will reconvene in Istanbul under the leadership of the Turkish Olympic Committee.

Finally, the members discussed the financial situation of the organisation and possibilities to improve it. They also provided information about their active participation at different European events related to the achievement of the EFPM goals during the last period. Of course, trying to make the EFPM activities even more useful, concrete and tangible is an objective everybody has to pursue.



The European Fair Play Movement invites all its Members, the European National Olympic Committees,

Sports Organisations, Educational Institutions in recognition of the importance to promote the good examples of fair play and tolerance, to submit their applications to the European Fair Play Awards, issued by EFPM under the patronage of the European Olympic Committees. The Awards are given annually to National Fair Play Organisations, Sports Organisations or Educational Institutions, as well as to individuals,

In accordance to the EFPM Regulations, in following categories:

- *European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma*
- *European Fair Play Diploma*

All applications must be submitted to

**Mr. Ioannis Psilopoulos, EFPM Gen. Secretary,** by fax +30 210 6878940 or e-mail [ipsilopoulos@tellas.gr](mailto:ipsilopoulos@tellas.gr) followed indispensably by original letter (Address: **31, Kodringtonos Str. GR - 10343 Athens**) by **August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.**

Thanking you in advance for your contribution to the success of this initiative!



During the CIFP General Assembly held in Budapest last April 28<sup>th</sup>, the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP) and the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) signed a

“Memorandum of Understanding”. The document, signed by the Presidents of both organisations, respectively **Jenő Kamuti** and **Carlos Gonçalves**, aims to build and to strengthen a closer cooperation between the CIFP and the EFPM, while always preserving the independent statuses and characters of each organisation.

Both organisations agreed that having the promotion of ethical values of sport in its broadest sense as their main goal and bearing in mind their specific role to play, they can benefit from establishing and coordinating common activities in matters of fair play, tolerance, youth sport, education and sport for peace.

The CIFP and the EFPM will seek, consequently, to create a better world in the spirit of the values and principles of fair play and on the basis of the educational values laid down in the Olympic Charter.



The Golden Document for Sport and Culture of Peace »Juan Antonio Samaranch« of the International

League of Humanists was awarded in Zagreb on January 23<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

The International League of Humanists is an independent association of individuals from around the world, including esteemed scientists, culture workers and other persons, who dedicate their work to the achievement of peace and trust in democracy. Award winners were selected by a jury, presided by **Miroslav**

**Cerar**, and consisting of **Marlene Ottey, Stojko Vranković, Perica Bukić, Igor Milanović** and **Mirna Jukić.**

The first winners of the prestigious award were the Kenyan athlete **Kipchoge Keino** and in memoriam the late hero of Croatian and international basketball, **Dražen Petrović.**

Runner Kipchoge Keino, double Olympic champion and world record holder, is a role model and a great motivator for many generations of Kenyan runners and he dedicated his life and work to sport and the benefit of his country. He paid special attention to poor children and used his money to establish an orphanage in Kenya and a primary and secondary school.

On March 29, 2012, the representatives of the Czech Olympic Committee and the National Fair Play Club, led by NOC President **Milan Jirasek** and Fair Play Club President **Kveta Peckova**, recognized athletes for living according to the Olympic values even in the toughest competitions.

The main award for an act of fair play for the year 2011 was given to the sailor **Jaroslav Korytář**. During the regatta in Split he saved the lives of eight competitors whose boat turned over due to heavy storm. The award for lifelong attitude in the spirit of fair play was handed over to the ice-hockey player **Jaroslav Holik**, Olympic bronze medal winner and world champion in 1972 and later a successful trainer.

Following the kind invitation of the Czech Fair Play Club, **Katarina Raczova**, member of the EFPM EC, participated in the award ceremony

and handed over the EFP award under the auspices of the EOC to **Jiří Prudil**.

**Jiří Prudil** was recognized for his

act of fair play during a competition of Czech mountain-bikers in the area of Blansk. 4 kilometers before the finishing line, his opponent Leoš Balák had a technical issue with his bike. At that moment, Balak was leading over Prudil by approximately 10 minutes. He took his bike and tried to finish the rest of the competition running. Jiří Prudil caught up with his opponent – whose shoulder was heavily bleeding - about 20 meters before the finishing line but stopped to let him cross the line first, even though he risked being taken over himself.



A remarkable act of fair play is to be reported from the men's Sabre World Cup "Trofeo Luxardo" in Padua

(ITA) – a crucial competition to "book" tickets to the London Olympics. During the semi-finals between the German athlete **Nicolas Limbach** and the Korean athlete Bon Gil Gu, the first

asked the referee not to assign him the hit, even though the score equipment signaled it - but wrongly. The act was positively welcomed by the public and the press, seen as a sign of the particular spirit that makes fencing special. Nicolas Limbach received a round of applause from everyone and was recognized as a fencer who honors his country, sport in general and fencing in particular.

The International Committee of Fair Play awarded several trophies and diplomas to reward fair play behaviour, promoting sports and fair play, and overall fair play achievements during an athlete's career. Under the leadership of **Jenő Kamuti** the Award Ceremony took place in April 2012. International Olympic Committee President **Jacques Rogge** and **Philip Craven**, President of the International Paralympic Committee, addressed the public in a video-message. Guests included the delegates of the 33<sup>rd</sup> European Olympic Committees Seminar, presided by **Patrick Hickey**, and **Carlos Gonçalves**, who represented EFPM as its President.

The Pierre de Coubertin World Fair Play Trophy, the highest award possible for an athlete or

team for an act of fair play, went to Turkish jockey **Erhan Yavuz**. The Mexican swimmer **Laura Vaca Hernandez** and the German table tennis player **Walter Kilger**

received the 2011 Jean Borotra World Fair Play Trophy in recognition of their exemplary behavior during their sports careers.

Finally, the Hungarian opera singer **Erika Miklosa** and the Hungarian fencer **Pal Szekeres** received the Willi Daume World Fair Play Trophy for promoting fair play.



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