

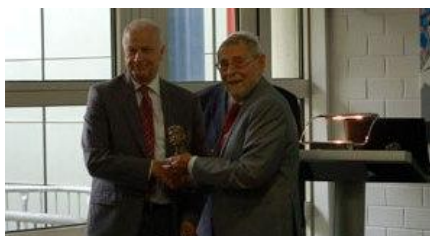


The European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) is a European non-governmental organisation, established in 1994 in the FIFA House in Zurich. National Fair Play organisations from 40 European Countries have been a part of the EFPM since 1994. The main goal of the EFPM is to promote Fair Play and Tolerance in 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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It is a great pleasure to inform you that **Prof. Dr. Manfred Lämmer**, Vice - President of

the European Fair Play Movement, former Head of the Institute for Sport History of the

German Sport University Cologne, was honored on 12 June 2012 with the International Society of Olympic Historians (ISOH) Award for his life's work on the Olympic Movement and history. The Award was presented by **Dr. Karl Lennartz**, President of the ISOH. The EFPM Family warmly congratulates **Prof. Dr. Manfred Lämmer** for the deserved honor.

We would like to raise awareness that the deadline to register for the XVIII. European Fair Play Congress, held from October 24-26 in the beautiful historical town of Verona, is approaching quickly: please sign up by August 31, 2012. The organizers are looking forward to receiving short papers, presentation materials, etc. as soon as possible. Experts, journalists, researchers and athletes are welcome to share their experience, ideas and wishes with regards to this year's topic: "**Professional Sports and Fair Play**". This topic will also include two sub-topics:

1. Fair Play in Europe in relations to the sport itself and the sport economy;
2. The values of sports as a basic element of quality of life in society.

The Congress provides great opportunities to exchange concepts, projects, strategies and to contribute to the great challenges of the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) and its member organizations. Also at that

occasion, the Piazza Bra, the largest piazza in Verona, will be transformed to showcase "**Fair Play in the Square**" throughout the week to promote fair play and our European Congress.



Furthermore, the EFPM Executive Committee emphasizes the following:

The XVIII. General Assembly of the EFPM will be held on October 27, 2012, following the above mentioned EFP Congress. This year, this event is of particular interest, as the new Executive Committee will be elected. Please note that the deadline for registering as candidate for the EFPM Executive Committee is September 27, 2012.

More information can be found on the EFPM website: www.fairplayeur.com

During his recent visit to Romania, on June 11th, the EFPM President **Carlos Gonçalves** had the opportunity to meet with the President of the Romanian Olympic and Sports Committee, Mr. **Octavian Morariu**. On this occasion the EFPM President was accompanied by the Olympic champion, Ms. **Maricica Puica**, former Romanian Ambassador for Sport, Tolerance and Fair Play. The friendly meeting was an excellent opportunity to discuss several topics with the Romanian NOC specifically concerning EFPM's activities: collaboration with the Play Fair Magazine, EFPM participation with projects presented by the Romanian NOC, promotion of fair play values and principles in Romania and EFPM's contribution. It should be noted that the

current Romanian Ambassador for Sport, Tolerance and Fair Play is the former gymnast and Olympic, World and European champion Ms. **Andreea Raducan**.

Mr. **Octavian Morariu** promised to do his best to ensure that a delegation from the Romanian Olympic and Sports Committee will be present at the next XVIII. European Fair Play Congress to be held, as mentioned, from October 24-26, 2012, in Verona.



Approximately 200 young fencers from 29 European countries met in Bratislava (SVK) to compete at this year's U23 European Championships from May 25-29, 2012. The European Fair Play Movement (EFPM), supported by the European Fencing Confederation (EFC) and acting in cooperation with the Fair Play Club of the Slovak Olympic Committee

(KFP SOV) and the Slovak Fencing Federation (SSZ), announced EFPM awards at this special event.

Even though much was at stake at this tournament we had the pleasure to witness some outstanding acts that maintained the spirit of fair play and respect. At the closing ceremonies of the European Championships, the Executive Committee Member of EFPM,

Ms. Katarina Raczova, accompanied by Honorary President of EFC, **Mr. Jenő Kamuti**, awarded **Ms. Katrin Lehis**, a young fencer from Estonia, with the EFPM Plaque. **Ms. Katrin Lehis** deserved this recognition for overturning a referee's decision against her favour in an even and also an exciting semi-final match.

The second Plaque of EFPM Plaque was awarded to the Slovak fencer **Ms. Dagmar Baranikova**, who contributed in a special way to **Ms. Sanne Gars'** Bronze medal. As the Swedish fencer's luggage was lost on the way to the tournament, **Ms. Sanne Gars** had no equipment and could not participate in the championships. **Ms. Dagmar Baranikova** lent her opponent her own equipment and made it possible for **Ms. Sanne Gars** to successfully finish third.



Former world class tennis player **Mr. Dominik Hrbaty** (SVK) was awarded with the European Fair Play Diploma for embodying the EFPM values and ethics throughout his professional career as well as afterwards. The Diploma, which is annually announced by EFPM under

the patronage of European Olympic Committees, was presented by the EFPM Executive Committee Member, **Ms. Katarina Raczova**, and the President of the Club Fair Play of the Slovak Olympic Committee, **Ms. Janka Stasova**.

Mr. Dominik Hrbaty demonstrated exemplary behavior embodying the principles of Fair Play and ethics in sports, showing outstanding



team spirit as member of the Slovakia's Davis Cup team and proving that a sense of justice and a successful sporting career are not a

contradiction. In addition, he has acted as a role model outside of the tennis court, working with children and encouraging them to follow their dreams without neglecting the values of respect and fair play. "I was raised in a way that I should act as a gentleman, regardless of defeat or victory. I am sure I would have been mad at myself after an act of unfair behavior, so I tried to avoid it and I tried to act respectfully on and off the pitch" stated **Mr. Dominik Hrbaty** after accepting the European Fair Play Diploma.

It is always a pleasure when we receive information about acts of fair play. The following story was sent by **Ms. Kerstin Palm**, a Swedish fencer, who competed in seven Summer Olympics. Nowadays, she regularly participates at veteran fencing tournaments:

"I just got information about the European Fair Play Movement Award, which Ms. Dagmar Baranikova received during the U23 European Championships for lending her fencing equipment to the Swedish Bronze Medal winner Ms. Sanne Gars.

I should tell you that the same thing happened to me during the latest Veteran World Championships in ladies-foil in Porec (CRO) on the 29 of September last year. All my fencing equipment "disappeared" on my trip by plane from Stockholm to Porec! Since I was the ruling world champion I wanted to defend

my title, but my equipment was nowhere to be found. In this situation, **Ms. Mieke de Graaf-Stoel** (NED) very generously handed over all her equipment to me. She is a left-handed foil fencer just as me and had just finished her competition in the 50-59 year age group. She is also the 2011 European Champion in her age group in foil fencing. Because of her generosity I had a possibility to take part in the World Championships. I kept her equipment the whole competition until there was just one more match to be fenced: the final match when my own equipment suddenly arrived 53 (!) hours later! I am happy to say that I won that match too, and was able to again defend my title. None of this would have been possible without Mieke's kindness."



**We wish you pleasant, relaxing vacation days
and**

wonderful experiences during the 2012 Olympic Games in the spirit of Fair Play!

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