



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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Delegates
coming
from 25
countries
attended

the 18th European Fair Play Congress in Verona (ITA) on 24-26 October 2012. The event was dealing with the topic "Professional sport and Fair Play" and was successfully organized by the Italian Fair Play Committee and supported by the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) as well as carried out in collaboration with the Municipality of Verona. The congress provided participants with the unique opportunity to learn how sport can be used for intercultural encounters and understanding, to discuss the significant responsibility of well-known sport stars as role-models but also tackled the ethical crisis with regard to cheating, betting and doping. Therefore EFPM is fully aware of its responsibility concerning the promotion of the

values and principles of Fair Play in all sport activities, since the grassroots to top level sport, and calls the Council of Europe, the European Union and all sports organizations on the national and international level as well as national governments and all members of the sport community, who are convinced of the positive role of sport to act now: Together, we must establish a continuous policy dialogue on issues that acquire a global dimension, such as bribery and corruption, trafficking of underage players and players from developing countries, the fight against doping, illegal betting and money-laundering through sport.

The whole text of the draft of EFPM Declaration can be found on the website www.fairplayeur.com

We invite you to share your remarks, comments and proposals.



Culture, Multilingualism and Youth; Margaret Talbot, President of ICSSPE; Christian Vifian, Vice-President of the International Workers Sports Confederation. Moreover, many high profile organizations were present, amongst them the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation, represented by Mr. Carlos Cardoso (POR), the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport, represented by its member Mr. Ilham Madatov (AZB), as well as the International Fair Play Committee, represented by its President Mr. Jenő Kamuti (HUN).

At this year's General Assembly EC elections were on the agenda, too. Newly elected EFPM President Christian Hinterberger from Austria will have "big shoes to fill", following Carlos

Goncalves in this important position. He will be supported by the newly elected Executive Committee, namely by Vice-Presidents Erdogan Aripinar (TUR) and Miroslav Cerar (SLO), Secretary General Yannis Psilopoulos (GRE), Treasurer Katarina Raczova (SVK), and EC members Květa Pecková (CZE), Biserka Vrbek (HOR), Lottas Charalambos (CYP) and Ruggero Alcanterini (ITA). Retiring members are President Carlos Goncalves and Vice-President Manfred Lämmer, founding members of the EFPM. It was suggested to make them Honorary EFPM members as a tribute to their outstanding contributions to the promotion of Fair Play and especially in order to thank them for their extraordinary work and effort at EFPM.



The European Fair Play Movement Executive Committee decided to award the organisation of the 19th European Fair Play Congress in 2013 to the National Olympic Committee of Turkey and its Fair Play Council. Istanbul, a candidate city for the XXXII. Olympic and XVI. Paralympic Games in 2020, will host this important event for the second time in the history of EFPM. Prof. Dr. Ugur Erdener, President of the NOC of Turkey and Erdoğan Aripinar, EFPM Vice President, as well as the Turkish Fair Play Council under the

leadership of Murat F. Ozbay are looking forward to welcome you in Istanbul, a vibrant mix of many cultures, one of the world's iconic cities with its history, diverse culture, human richness and natural beauties. Please, pay attention to the date of the 19th European Fair Play Congress: **5-8 June, 2013!** More information about the European Fair Play Congress 2013 will be available on the website within the coming days.



The EFPM Awarding Committee announced the European Fair Play Awards, issued annually under the auspices of the European Olympic



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Committees for the year 2012.

European Plaque of Merit and Diploma goes to:

Hospital School Ledina Primary School, Ljubljana (Slovenia), for its remarkable initiative that has been successful for 20 years now: the Hospital Olympic Games, which are organized based on ethical values and respect for varying abilities of children and youth,

regardless of the status of their illness or injury. The Hospital Olympics never lacked positive energy and Fair Play among all participants and managed to beat all "children's illnesses".

Efstathios Gerosideris (Greece), trainer of the Fencing Club of Florina and international referee, gave an exceptional example of Fair Play to young fencers during the team games of the National Championships for children aged 10-13 years. During the match between the two best clubs, the Fencing Club of Florina and the Pan-Hellenic Gymnastic club Aggelos Bantikis, a fencer of the latter was injured and there were no other athletes to take his place in

order to complete the required number of bouts. Mr. Yerosider advised his fencers, at the risk of losing a possible medal, as it actually happened in the end, to adapt passivity in order to finish the bout with the injured fencer.

European Fair Play Diploma goes to:

SPOR A.S. Istanbul (Turkey) for its continuous and remarkable contribution to the implementation of ethical values in sports and the education of youth in the spirit of Fair Play and tolerance. In addition, the organization, founded in 1989, has been developing projects

and carrying out services for handicapped people.

Christiana Pavlou (Cyprus), a 15-years old kayak athlete received the diploma for her fair behaviour during the K1 200m sprint of the Cyprus Championship race held at Germasogia on September 25, 2011. The race was very tight and the umpires placed Christiana first. Nonetheless, she approached the race officials and told them that she had actually finished second. The honorable act deserves the respect and the applause of all sport fans.

The European Fair Play Movement Executive Committee decided to honour the German striker Miroslav Klose with the European Fair Play Movement Award. In Lazio Rom's game against Napoli in Serie A, Klose opened the scoring from a corner in just the third minute, illegally using his arm. Napoli immediately protested. However, at first instance the officials (including the fifth official, whose job it is to observe such incidents) registered the goal as legal. 34-year-old Klose showed maturity and honesty and he admitted the handball to the referee, gaining applause by opponents and spectators: "The referee

asked me whether I had touched the ball with my hand. I admitted I had. I did it because many young people watch television and I must show them a good example." This wasn't the first time Miroslav Klose showed exemplary behavior. In 2005, when playing for Werder Bremen, he asked the referee to cancel a penalty in a game against Bielefeld because he went to ground in the penalty area after the goalkeeper had won the ball. The Fair Play Award will be handed over at the beginning of one of Lazio Rom's matches.



I hope you enjoy your read and will visit the EFPM website!

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