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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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On December 15, 2014, the Polish Olympic Committee celebrated its 95th anniversary. The EFPM was also invited to these celebrations whose honorary patron was the President of Poland, Bronisław

Komorowski. Katarina Raczova, EFPM Treasurer was charged to represent the EFPM. She had the honour of presenting Andrzej Kraśnicki, President of the Polish Olympic Committee, with a EFPM Plaque as sign of our appreciation.

The highlight of events was the Gala held in the Grand Theater in Warsaw and dedicated to the Polish Olympic medalists. There were more than 1,600 people attending, including several generations of Polish Olympic champions and medalists, numerous foreign invitees and political, cultural and business personalities. A special video greeting from IOC President Thomas Bach was broadcast from Lausanne. As the most important item on the program POC President Andrzej Kraśnicki decorated Otylia Jędrzejczak and Robert Korzeniowski with the Polish Olympic Committee Order of Merit on behalf of all Polish Olympic medalists. The award will be donated to the Museum of Sport and Tourism in Warsaw.



The 53rd EFPM Executive meeting was held in Vienna on the 18 - 19 January 2015.

The first part of the meeting was attended by representatives of the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP) under the leadership of President Jenö Kamuti, accompanied by Bert van de Flier, CIFP treasurer, Julia Tóth, Secretary of Office, as well as by representatives of the NOC of Azerbaijan (Khazar Isayev, Vice-president of

the NOC of Azerbaijan and President of the Fair Play Committee, Emin Hajiyev, Advisor of Youth and Sport Ministry's International Affairs Department, and Mrs. Salhat Abbasova, NOC of Azerbaijan, Fair Play Committee). The key topic of the meeting was the 21st European Fair Play Congress to be organized with the cooperation of CIFP, EFPM and the NOC of Azerbaijan. The Congress will take place in Baku from the 8th to the 10th of October 2015, and will include four sessions, two on Thursday and two on Friday. EFPM will

be responsible for the Thursday sessions and the Friday afternoon session, while the CIPF will be responsible for the Friday morning

session. Following the Congress, the 21st General Assembly of the EFPM will be held on Saturday, October 11th, 2015.



Following the proposal presented by the EFPM Scientific Committee Chairman Steve Town, the main congress theme will be

"Fair Play in Competitive Sport - Making it Real or just an Ideal?"

This theme will be broken down into four sessions, namely

- ✓ *The Cooperation and Responsibility of Government and non-Governmental Sport Organizations in Preserving the Olympic Values of Sport and Fair Play.*

- ✓ *Best Practice in the Fight against Corruption, Cheating and Match-Fixing and Protecting Clean Athletes.*
- ✓ *Strategies and Policy Development in Good Governance in Sport.*
- ✓ *The Role of Formal and Informal Education for Preserving the Values and Ethics of Sport.*

These themes match properly to the 2014 and 2015 strategic activities of the EPAS/Council of Europe and the IOC new strategy "Olympic Agenda 2020".



Furthermore, the Executive Committee raised attention to following points:

The financial situation of the organization 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.

EFPM Scientific Committee Chairman Steve

Town presented the "Terms of Reference" of the Scientific Committee. The Executive Committee expressed its satisfaction for the work done and approved unanimously the text. The Terms of Reference will include in the EFPM Statutes as bye-law item.

Finally, the Executive Committee was informed of the non existence of any comments, amendments and/or corrections to the proposed Declaration in Riga 20th Gen. Assembly and consequently approved the Declaration as elaborated by Mrs. Liene Kozlowska. The final text of the declaration can be found on the EFPM website.



The Executive Committee unanimously approved the new Fair Play Awards Regulation which will be included in the EFPM Statutes as a bye-law.

In this spirit, 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 of the European Olympic Committees
- The European Fair Play Diploma, made under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees
- The EFPM 'Spirit of Fair Play' Award
- The EFPM 'Fair Play Flame' Award
- The EFPM 'Fair Play Vox' Award, made under the auspices of AIPS Europe

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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 under the section "Awards".

Thanking you in advance for your contributions.



Vít Auermüller and Antonín Bělík, received a European Fair Play Movement Diploma, awarded

under the auspices the of the European Olympic Committees.

The two Czech mountain climbers were ascending "Broad Peak", an 8000 m mountain in Pakistan, when they witnessed the fall of a

Taiwanese mountaineer who remained lying motionless. Anthonín Bělík and Vít Auermüller decided to stop their ascent and instead descended to successfully save the life of the young mountaineer in urgent need of help.

It speaks volumes not only of their great sportsmanship, but also of their moral qualities. They received the European Fair Play Movement Diploma during a seminar of the Czech Olympic Committee in Prague on the occasion of the 120th anniversary of the establishment of the IOC.

Enjoy your read and feel free to provide EFPM with information on your organisation, activities, and events.