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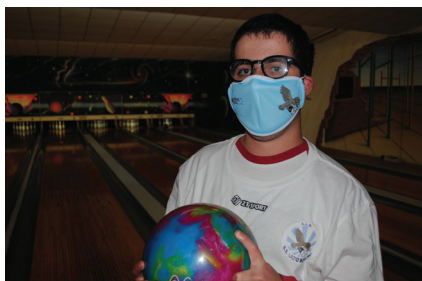
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70 years of Panathlon Stronger than COVID

In the two previous editions of our magazine, the public health crisis and its consequences, challenging for sport in general and for our movement in particular, have featured most prominently.

Autumn 2020 heralded a restart of activities for our clubs, but alas, we were disappointed by the sudden resurgence of the pandemic and the consequent travel restrictions. Suddenly, Club meetings, like those of our governing bodies, when they could take place, remained virtual.

Unfortunately, COVID and its effects are still present in the first months of 2021 and many articles in our first Magazine of this year mirror this.

Still, the pandemic has not weakened the vitality of Panathlon International and while we carry on working for the future of our Movement, we are developing many projects.

The International Board elected last October has moved swiftly. Two very promising projects, one conceived by our Vice President Orietta Maggi, the other by the International Board Member Eugenio Guglielmino, have already been welcomed with enthusiasm.

The first of these projects aims to promote and teach the principles of Fair Play in schools. Organized in stages, it involves the voluntary commitment of our club members and aims to spark the interest of students by encouraging their active participation.

Before spreading and implementing this project at international level, a pilot test will be run in an Italian area. The second approved project is also aimed at clubs. It is in line with the objective of promoting sport for all, which is crucial to Panathlon International. The Clubs will be invited to further activities inclusive of disabled people. The best projects will be rewarded.

You can read the key points of the two projects in this Magazine.

Other projects, all focussed on the expansion of our Movement and its presence on the international sports scene, are at development stage.

In face of the crisis, the Olympic agenda is also infused with optimism. After being forced to postpone the Olympic Games by one year, the IOC and the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games have joined forces to ensure that the Games can take place in the summer of 2021 in the best possible conditions.

On 10 March 2021, during its 137th session, the IOC elected its president. Thomas Bach, the only candidate, was successfully elected for a second and final four-year term.

Panathlon International, a member of the Olympic Movement, is delighted with this election. Close ties with President Bach bode well for the continuation of our fruitful collaboration with the IOC. We will continue to tirelessly make our contribution to implement the Olympic ideals.

Finally, we are happy to announce that our friends from Panathlon Club Venice, the city where Panathlon was born, are preparing to celebrate the birthday of Panathlon International, and what a birthday! On 12 and 13 June our Movement will be 70 years-old!

More information on this event will follow shortly.

In the meantime, I wish everyone a good reading of our Magazine.



Pierre Zappelli
International President

OUR FIRST 70 YEARS

Panathlon International was founded in Venice on 12 June 1951 as "Disnar Sport" and only in 1955 took on its name of Olympic flavour

by Renato Zanovello
President Emeritus of Club Padua



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In one of my recent articles, I defined 2021 as "the year of hope and good experiences acquired" and gave reasons for this choice; however, for Panathlon International, 2021 also marks the important milestone of its seventieth anniversary.

In fact, it was born in Venice on 12 June 1951 following a brilliant idea by Mario Viali, who was also its first President. This idea was shared by a committee of 24 illustrious founders, representatives of various sports. Its Memorandum of Association took the typically Venetian name of "Disnar Sport" (or "dining for sport"), a kind of "Rotary of sportsmen", thus wanting to emphasize the importance of conviviality in human and sporting relationships. The motto that still characterizes it is "Ludis iungit" ("united in sport"), thereby confirming that Panathlon intends to unite all interested people through sport.

This denomination was however abandoned in 1955 on the proposal of another founding member, Domenico Chiesa, who quite rightly introduced the term "Panathlon", a word of Greek origin, to mark the difference with the initial service club in the name of the Olympic ideology encompassing all sports.

Incidentally, to honour his memory, in 1996 his successors created the "Panathlon International Domenico Chiesa Foundation", which aims to award prizes and acknowledge authors of particularly valuable works of visual art inspired by sport. Going back to this brief review of past history, other "Panathlon Clubs" were gradually created over the years in many Italian cities (for example Club Padova, in 1956) and abroad, all inspired by the true values and ideals inherent in sport.

Domenico Chiesa's inspired idea on the change of name was officially sealed in 1982 by the IOC (later also by Italy's CONI) which recognized Panathlon as a praiseworthy international movement for the promotion and sharing of sport culture and ethics. This is the best definition of Panathlon since it reflects, with the seal of the highest world sport authority, the DNA that typifies it, for its very high profile and encompassing inclusiveness.

It is important to reiterate that Panathlon implements its "mission", entrusted to it by the IOC, through conventions and public events, themed meetings (with or without convivial dinners), scientific research and sport publications, scholarships for young people excelling in sport and in life, fair-play awards, activities for the disabled, targeted projects, links with other public and private institutions etc.

I will stop here because the future begins today, not tomorrow, as Pope St. John Paul II would say. A near future, with the official celebration of the seventieth anniversary of its foundation next June, which I hope will be held in presence, in a manner appropriate to the importance of the event under the ethical-cultural, social and media profile, beyond the current devastating pandemic.

A future that is projected beyond June, also in view of the much needed and urgent generational turnover that will allow to recruit new pan-athletes. On this subject, I remember launching, a few months ago, the proposal to organise a "competition of ideas", open to pan-athletes and to those who share our ideals, in order to gather proactive insights, useful for the development of our Movement.

In conclusion, while waiting to raise the auspicious glasses for our seventieth anniversary, I wish to quote the clear and arousing words of Brazilian writer Paulo Coelho, according to whom, since one cannot go back in history, which in any case remains our teacher of life, one only has to see to the best way to keep going. United in sport, of course.

Membership fees, projects and refunds

By Giacomo Santini
International Past-president

The International Board of 19 February 2021 examined very carefully the situation that has arisen within each club and at all the institutional and operational levels of Panathlon International. Disruptions, organizational difficulties and an inevitable sense of loss due to a different way of living are common to everyone: from the farthest club to the presidency and the International Board.

For months the Secretariat has been taking note of problems and proposals from every source; the President Committee first, then the International Board, have explored all the possible paths to outline a common framework and to find suitable proposals for reaching useful solutions that may be implemented everywhere within our association.

Membership fees are, as usual, a very hot topic. There have been proposals from various quarters to reduce the portions of fees that clubs pay to the areas, the districts and the central level. The reason for this stems from the impossibility for the Clubs to hold their monthly convivial dinners and to organize events in which to pour part of the Clubs financial resources. A second reason comes from personal difficulties that have also affected our members, due to a drop in their professional income, or even the loss of their job, and to higher cost of living resulting from mass-purchasing of supplies that are difficult to source.

The proposal to review the fee structure across Panathlon International was also relaunched, since the current proportional structure linked to the GDP of the various countries was established many years ago. Apart from the feeling that many club presidents and members often confuse the amount of the fees that members pay to the club with the sub-fees paid by clubs to the above-mentioned institutional levels, it should be noted that while such sub-amounts are established by the General Assembly, the club fees can be freely determined by the respective members with a vote.

In actual fact, in recent months numerous clubs have reduced their fees, as a result of the limited activity possible and of the unintended savings resulting from forced absence from the club dinners. There are unusual expenses, such as those associated with online meetings, but they are much lower. In short, all the clubs, as well as the international level, have made savings which they would have gladly done without.

These backup resources may be valuable funds to unburden the members and the clubs, without resorting to acrobatic operations to review the fee system at interna-

tional level.

Furthermore, let us not forget how the General Assembly in Osimo voted on this topic just a few months ago. According to the Statute, in order to give the greenlight to a possible reform, it would be necessary to wait for the next mid-term Assembly, after having complied with the procedures required by the Statute to submit any proposals to amend the system currently in force.

In the meantime, the International Board has launched a plan to reallocate the savings so as to return through the club window what went out of the door.

All club, area and district presidents have received a letter from International President Zappelli which, among other things, says:

"We thought how more productive it can be to 'invest' in the Club activities, supporting various initiatives and contributing, significantly and tangibly, to the projects and the expansion efforts that the Clubs will be able to implement, rather than constraining their activity. As a result, two stimulus measures have been developed; these will bring immediate savings on the fees and involve the allocation of financial contributions to the Clubs. Through these initiatives:

1. All members will be exempt from paying the PI membership fee for the whole of 2021 and for the first half of 2022.

2. Contributions, both monetary and through the provision of free-of-charge promotional materials, will be granted to all the clubs that apply for them.

This project is very flexible and will be applicable throughout the year. These two measures will cost P.I. around 55,000 Euros, an amount resulting from the budgetary savings that arose from the lower expenses incurred. In conjunction with these two initiatives, others will be studied which could range from a fee discount for members with long pan-athletic seniority, to special contributions for struggling districts. Furthermore, what was saved in this difficult 2020 will be invested by PI in international projects and actions: projects targeted to Disability and Fair Play have already been approved and new projects will be certainly undertaken to promote the spread of the ideals in which we believe.

The General Secretariat will send you the details of the projects as soon as possible. We believe that these measures will help you in managing the activities of your Club".

A tangible, innovative and courageous response to deal with the emergency, in the hope that everything can return to normal as soon as possible.

FAIR PLAY RESTARTS FROM SCHOOL

By Orietta Maggi
IB Vice-president

Behaviours inspired by sport chivalry, respect for the opponent, loyalty, fairness, rejection of doping and deceitful activity in competitions must develop in the conscience of young people hand in hand with their cultural growth and civic education during the different levels of schooling.

Introduction

The expression “fair-play” is made up of two words: fair = beautiful, pleasant, pure; play = engage in physical activity, make music.

Over time, the expression has become of common use in modern sport to define behaviours inspired by loyalty, fairness and respect.

In the English colleges of the nineteenth century, sports practice inspired by “fair play” became an educational tool. Baron De Coubertin, creating the new Olympic Games, was inspired by the values of fair play with the intention of spreading it. The Olympic Charter seeks to improve the quality of life through the development of the person and the promotion of understanding and solidarity between peoples.

Panathlon International is one of the associations - together with the Olympic Academy and Unesco - that most authoritatively cooperate with the IOC, bearing witness to the educational importance of sport inspired by ethics and fair play.

School

School is an education institution and as such it has the task of guiding students not only towards the desire for knowledge but also to the shaping of their personality and conscience as citizens. For this reason, the education institutions of some countries have issued guidelines for the teaching of civic education starting from pre-school.

The guidelines divide this teaching into three macro-areas:

Constitution, Sustainable Development and Digital Citizenship. The first area, i.e., Constitution, obviously also includes the Law and respect for the rules, and this is where Fair Play can lie. It can include several points:

- Respect for the rules
- Respect for the opponent
- Respect for teammates
- Respect for the environment. etc

The school plays its role alongside, and in accord with, the families, who must in any case remain the point of reference for the boys/girls: this bond is of fundamental importance particularly so that the messages sent out are unambiguous and not conflicting.

The purpose of the school and of the family is the same: to educate young people to become conscious citizens.

Who is the project aimed at.

The project is aimed at all students of all levels, starting with pre-school. But to their parents, too.

“If a society values its children, it must cherish their parents” (John Bowlby): this sentence leads us to think that it is also fitting to direct action to the parents. It is thought, in fact, that Fair Play must be taught regardless of age limits, and that every child, boy/girl, can internalize it in a different and appropriate way for their given age. Furthermore, it is deemed important that the skills acquired at school are strengthened in every area of life.

From this perspective, this topic fits well within the civic education project and can be addressed in different ways and by different means over the years.

It can also be revised and re-proposed from year to year, thus providing the certainty that Fair Play is a trait that characterizes our entire existence and that encompasses several areas of our life.

PHASES OF THE PROJECT

Phase 1 Identify a *Panathlon International Club member* who can liaise with the school:

- a member who is a PA teacher, or of another subject, who can directly deal with the project within the school
- a Member who can interact with teaching staff to deliver an introductory presentation
- Where there is a Panathlon Club Junior, its members can be engaged.

Phase 2 The school organizes one or more days (depending on the number of classes) in which several classes meet in the gym (Covid regulations permitting) or on an online distance learning platform. During these meetings, the contact member presents “Fair Play” using the slides created and made available by Panathlon International or any self-produced material.

Optional: an additional meeting can be planned in which each class engages in a circle time activity (circle discussion, sharing): students are asked to collect information and form their own opinion on the topic and to then share with the rest of the class.

This activity should be carried out in person, possibly by placing the chairs in a circle and maintaining safety distancing.

This activity is optional, but it certainly helps to ensure that the kids do concentrate on this topic.

Phase 3 The pupils engage in cooperative learning and carry out a group work to create multimedia material: they will be asked to devise a campaign to promote Fair Play through videos, flyers, columns and other channels that they consider useful. In this phase, the teacher may offer initial guidance, but then he/she will leave the students free to choose the tools they deem most appropriate.

PRE-SCHOOL: drawings, posters, storytelling, acting.

PRIMARY SCHOOL: drawings, photographs, small videos, songs.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OF FIRST GRADE: videos, flyers, power point presentations.

UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL: more structured videos, commercials, posters, creation of a You Tube channel of the school (with limited access, if not already in place) and presentation of the videos on the channel. These are just a few suggestions, but at this stage you can give ample space to your imagination.

Phase 4 (this may be used by the teacher for assessment purposes) Fair Play Day: each group presents its project on Fair Play. Safety regulations permitting, it could be interesting to run several stands in the gym or in an

area of the city/town made available by the Council, where each group sets up a table with flyers, posters and videos. Also, the final day could be organised to include the presence of the president of the Panathlon Club or of representatives of other organizations (sports associations, coaches, Mayor and councillors...).

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PHASE TARGETED TO THE FAMILIES: the program devised for students may include seminars on various topics targeted to the parents

- Fair Play
- Bullying and cyberbullying
- Children's rights in sport.

These seminars may be run face-to-face or online. It is advisable to tackle issues such as Bullying and Cyberbullying with the support of a psychologist or other people with specific background on the subject.



TOP SENSITIVE 4 ALL CLUB

By Eugenio Guglielmino
International Board Member
and Roberta Cascio
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The need for actions ensuring assistance to disabled people is felt in a particularly dramatic way by the weakest sections of the population; in particular, it emerges that families bear the greatest burden for the care of their loved ones.

Yet, even with enormous investments from the State, these measures fail to reach and maintain the expected levels of efficiency and sustainability.

These considerations end up being particularly important when compared to the “after us” issue, a complex subject which involves some very delicate aspects, not just emotional, but also legal and financial.

Panathlon International has decided to make this criticality its own by committing to support these groups so to overturn the paradigm according to which social care is something that comes after development. On the contrary, Panathlon International wants to demonstrate that the third sector, voluntary work, families and the establishment, can together bring forward an innovative welfare by sparking a process of self-development.

Regarding the above, Panathlon International intends to turn its attention to the support for disabled people, both in sports and not, and wants to reward the Clubs that will further develop inclusive projects during 2021.

Studies on the participation of disabled people in sport activities have shown that, over the years, this brings various benefits in those who take part in it, and contributes to stimulating mental, social, aesthetic, moral, as well as motor development.

Educating through sport is sometimes interpreted exclusively as a rehabilitation effort. In the majority of cases, however, it becomes a strong driving force, focussed on the recovery of the person, not just towards improved motor functioning, but also towards the acceptance of one's condition.

In fact, sporting activity helps the recovery of people who have become or were born disabled, in their emotional and interpersonal aspects and in relation to their surrounding social context.

Sport in general continues to create great interest, and

through it disabled people have the chance to express their autonomy, organize their spare time, thus integrating into their socio-cultural context.

Nonetheless, it is equally important to give disabled people the possibility to access studies and cultural life in general, offering them the opportunity to discover the world that exists outside their home.

Panathlon International, therefore, intends to establish the *Top Sensitive Sport-for-All Club* awards as a tool to urge the Clubs to become progressively open to the more vulnerable, to those who have difficulty in accessing "civil society". Many, in fact, still see disability as something to be ashamed of and, for lack of public spirit, find it hard to accept the so-called "DISABLED".

Even more so out of ignorance, because everything that is unknown is frightening. We often mistakenly think that disability is synonymous with "non-productivity"; this is due to the difficulty in fitting into a society, so busy in pursuing its own economic ends that it marginalises all those who appear "different".

Panathlon International will take into consideration those projects that focus on the following issues:

- Critical issues relating to the mobility of the disabled;
- removal of architectural barriers;
- purchase of games adapted for stately homes and parks;
- purchase of sports equipment;

- payment of sports lessons;
- payment of studies (books, fees, etc.);
- organization of trips to amusement parks, or to theatres, cinemas, museums, etc.

The project evaluation criteria will be:

- economically disadvantaged groups;
- type of disability of the people involved;
- number of people involved;
- possible public aid;
- impact on the community;
- place where the project takes place (suburbs, schools at risk, etc.);
- duration of the project;
- continuity of the project;
- what it leaves to the local community.

The project will award a cash prize to three Clubs that, according to a ranking established by a jury chaired by the International President, will have best implemented the objectives of the project.



An appeal to the Youth by the District presidents

Growing concern for the age of members and the declining generational changes

As customary, a District Presidents' Committee meeting is always held in conjunction with every general meeting. In Osimo the consultations were carried out in reduced form due to Covid which, precisely at that time, had intensified after the short interlude that followed the oppressive spring.

Only the District Presidents of Italy, France and Switzerland attended this meeting in person, and others joined in by videoconference. Still, the discussions proved to be quite effective and satisfactory.

Panathlon International President Pierre Zappelli welcomed the District Presidents and thanked all the attending members (whether in person or via weblink) for their availability and commitment to Panathlon International in their respective regions.

The limited physical presence of District Presidents is uncommon therefore, being able to benefit from Internet technology is a blessing. At the same time, however, it cannot be taken for granted and cannot replace face-to-face human interaction. Sometimes technology does disappoint us.

Each District President issues a comment regarding the

report he or she wrote and shared.

It is clear that the global pandemic caused by COVID-19 is having a major impact on the smooth running of Clubs. Nonetheless, despite this unusual and exceptional situation, many Clubs have remained active; in some cases, they have given assistance to health facilities in their country or region.

Reports show that most clubs are concerned about ageing members. The District Presidents advise P.I. to launch initiatives aimed at young people, in order to motivate the younger generations to join Panathlon International.

Panathlon International is often recognized, in many countries, as an ambassador of Olympic values and honour, although this is not the case in every country where P.I. is represented.

The District Presidents, therefore, call for Panathlon International to embark on active talks in those countries where this recognition is not yet fully established.

The agreements between the National Olympic Committees and the Districts were also discussed.

Elaine Cook confirmed Chairperson of the Commission for Culture, Science and Education (CSEC)

The International Board has confirmed its trust in Elaine Cook, Chairperson of the Commission for Culture, Science and Education for the past four years, and renewed her term for another four. This endorsement also expresses the deep appreciation for the work carried out, together with the other members of the Commission, for the growth and the protection of the fundamental principles of Panathlon International.

Elaine Cook, a resident of Canada and a member of the Club EU Brussels, works at the University of Toronto as a coach, lecturer, facilitator and leader. With over twenty years' experience in high-risk environments where learning, performance, growth, leadership and personal well-being are essential elements of strategic success, Elaine has gained extensive experience and skills, all transferable to the world of sports.

The other Commission Members who will support Elaine over the next four years are: Anne Tiivas, Pierremarco Zen Ruffinen, Antonio Bramante, Eugenio Guglielmino, Thierry Zintz.

Warmest congratulations to the Chair and the whole Commission, and best wishes for your work!lla Presidente e a



Remember that sport is a human right

The body of the Council of Europe has addressed the protection of children and the social and economic rights of athletes

Panathlon International is considered an important partner in the European debate about sport. Its participation in EPAS meetings allows it to interact on an equal footing with other European bodies under the umbrella of the Council of Europe and with the representatives of the Ministries of Youth and Sports of the 47 member states.

These discussions are also attended by the delegates of third countries, which include nations of the Balkans and of the Caucasus regions, Turkey, Switzerland and Russia. Delegates from Asia, Africa and the Americas are also attending as observers.

The objective of EPAS (Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport) is to create a shared and comprehensive awareness of sport values, seen primarily as basic rights for all human beings, hence with a strong focus on disadvantaged and under-developed areas, as well as placing emphasis on the weakest social groups, such as children and the disabled. Lastly, attention is given to defending athletes' material rights, such as compensation and their role in society after the end of their career.

Following the opening of the 16th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport and the initial session of 5th November 2020, which focussed on the revision of the European Sport Charter, the 3rd online session of this conference ("Human Rights in Sport") took place in December.

This meeting was exclusively for invited delegations and observers; the General Secretary Simona Callo attended on behalf of Panathlon International.

The chair of this session was André-Noël Chaker. Topics included an in-depth examination into human rights, such as the right to a fair trial, the protection of children and the economic and social rights of athletes.

Some of the speakers were:

-Tiina Kivisaari, Director of Sports of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Finland.

-Marko Bošnjak, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights.

-Claudia Bokel, President of the German Fencing Federation, former President of the IOC Athletes Commission.

-Pierre Cornu, President of the Foundation Board of the International Centre for Sports Studies (CIES).

The session was opened by Lefteris Avgenakis, Deputy Minister of Culture and Sports of Greece.



16th Council of Europe
Conference of
Ministers responsible
for Sport

16e Conférence du
Conseil de l'Europe des
Ministres responsables
du sport

The UN recognizes sport as a means to post-COVID recovery

The resolution encourages member governments to incorporate amateur and professional sport as a resilience tool to fight back the virus



During a plenary meeting of its General Assembly, the United Nations (UN) adopted – by consensus – a resolution reaffirming the role of sport as a global accelerator of peace and sustainable development for all, and in building global resilience to address COVID-19.

Importantly, the resolution recognises the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on all aspects of sport, and encourages UN “Member States to include sport and physical activity in recovery plans post COVID-19, to integrate sport and physical activity into national strategies for sustainable development, taking note of the contributions sport makes to health, to promote safe sport as a contributor to the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities”.

The text also acknowledges the “importance of holistic approaches to health and well-being through regular physical activity, including sport and recreation, to prevent and control non-communicable diseases and promote healthy lifestyles, including through physical education”.

At the same time, the resolution acknowledges the Olympic Charter and the principle of non-discrimina-

tion, and “supports the independence and autonomy of sport as well as the mission of the International Olympic Committee in leading the Olympic Movement and of the International Paralympic Committee in leading the Paralympic Movement.”

The text also affirms “the invaluable contribution of the Olympic and Paralympic movements in establishing sport as a unique means for the promotion of peace and development, in particular through the ideal of the Olympic Truce, acknowledging the opportunities provided by past Olympic and Paralympic Games, including those held in PyeongChang, Republic of Korea, in 2018, as well as the Youth Olympic Games held in Lausanne , Switzerland, in 2020”.

The resolution welcomes “with appreciation all upcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games, in particular those to be held in Tokyo in 2021, in Beijing in 2022, in Paris in 2024, in Milano-Cortina, Italy, in 2026 and in Los Angeles, United States of America, in 2028, as well as the Youth Olympic Games to be held in Dakar in 2026,” and calls upon “future hosts of such Games and other Member States to include sport , as appropriate, in conflict prevention activities and to ensure the effective imple-

mentation of the Olympic Truce during the Games.”

The IOC President, Thomas Bach, said: “The IOC welcomes this resolution and thanks all UN Member States for their support. This is another expression of the excellent partnership between the UN, its Member States and the IOC which fully respects the autonomy and the political neutrality of the IOC. We also appreciate the great recognition of the positive role of sport for the post COVID-19 recovery.

The IOC is grateful that our call to include sport in the post COVID-19 recovery plans of the UN Member States has been heard.”

The UN has long recognised the contribution of sport to development and peace; and the collaboration between the IOC and the UN has played a central role in promoting sport as a means of achieving the internationally agreed development goals. In 2015, sport was officially included in the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and was called an “important enabler” to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The new resolution calls sport once again “an enabler of sustainable development”.

The resolution was tabled on the occasion of the General Assembly’s debate on the biennial report of the Secretary-General: “Sport: a global accelerator of peace and sustainable development for all”.

Prepared in the context of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the report highlights the important role of physical activity and sport in mitigating the impact of the pandemic on health and well-being. It also examines ways of building global resilience to counter future shocks through investment and innovation in sport and sport-related policies.



Olympic Agenda 2020+5 with COVID as a hurdle

A review of the first five years of the Olympic strategy and upping for a future still shrouded in uncertainty

Olympic Agenda 2020+5 builds on the results of Olympic Agenda 2020 which, in the six years since it was adopted in December 2014, has had a profound impact. It has strengthened the IOC and the Olympic Movement by introducing changes intended to make the Olympic Games fit for the future; safeguarded the Olympic values; and strengthened the role of sport in society.

Now, as the world continues to battle the global health crisis and its likely consequences for society at large, the IOC and the Olympic Movement need to seize on the successes of Olympic Agenda 2020 and continue to drive change for tomorrow.

The 15 recommendations that make up Olympic Agenda 2020+5 have been developed through an inclusive and collaborative process. They are based on key trends that have been identified as likely to be decisive in the post-coronavirus world. They are also areas where sport and the values of Olympism can play a key role in turning challenges into opportunities.

The key trends include:

- the need for greater solidarity within and among societies;
- the growth in digitalisation, while keeping in mind the need to expand digital capability to the currently digitally underserved;
- the urgency of achieving sustainable development;
- the growing demand for credibility, both of organisations and institutions; and
- the need to build resilience in the face of the financial and economic consequences that will result from the COVID-19 pandemic and which will influence priority-setting among governments and enterprises

Each of the 15 recommendations, which have been inspired by these trends, are tangible with key deliverables. The recommendations call upon the IOC and the Olympic Movement to:

- Strengthen the uniqueness and the universality of the Olympic Games
- Foster sustainable Olympic Games
- Reinforce athletes' rights and responsibilities
- Continue to attract best athletes
- Further strengthen safe sport and the protection of clean athletes

- Enhance and promote the Road to the Olympic Games
- Coordinate the harmonisation of the sports calendar
- Grow digital engagement with people
- Encourage the development of virtual sports and further engage with video gaming communities
- Strengthen the role of sport as an important enabler for the UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Strengthen the support to refugees and populations affected by displacement
- Reach out beyond the Olympic community
- Continue to lead by example in corporate citizenship
- Strengthen the Olympic Movement through good governance
- Innovate revenue generation models

Commenting on Olympic Agenda 2020+5, IOC President Thomas Bach explained: "When we adopted Olympic Agenda 2020 in 2014, we did so under the adage of 'change or be changed'. This still holds true today. The world around us has continued to evolve. Nothing illustrates this better than the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences for society. As challenging as the circumstances may appear right now, if we draw the right conclusions, we can turn these into opportunities. To do so, we must address this future environment without delay. We need to carry forward Olympic Agenda 2020. This is why we have developed Olympic Agenda 2020+5 and its recommendations with the IOC Executive Board and based on the feedback we received from stakeholders following the Olympism and Corona messages."

The IOC EB has also finalised the Closing Report of Olympic Agenda 2020. This report describes in detail each of the 40 recommendations of Olympic Agenda 2020, the different activities carried out to implement them, and their impacts on the IOC and the Olympic Movement.

The EB concluded that 88 per cent of the recommendations have now been achieved. This represents a slight increase from December when the EB determined that 85 per cent had been achieved. This increase demonstrates that Olympic Agenda 2020 is an ongoing process. The changes it introduced are continuing to evolve and will carry on having an impact going forward.

The Closing Report of Olympic Agenda 2020 will also be submitted to the IOC Session in March for final approval.

THE FIRST PLAYBOOK FOR SAFE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES



The International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee, in agreement with the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee, have released the first “playbook” in order for the next Olympic Games to take place in total adherence to health security measures. This guidebook outlines the personal and corporate tasks and responsibilities to deploy all the worthy measures that will allow athletes to compete without the risk of getting infected.

The series of Playbooks provide a framework of basic principles that each key stakeholder group will follow before they travel to Japan, when entering Japan, during their time at the Games and when leaving the Games. They will provide direction and set parameters that will enable people and organisations to advance their planning at this stage. A preview of the Playbook for athletes was already given in a call with the Global Network of Athletes’ Commissions on Monday.

The first of this series of Playbooks is, for logistical reasons, aimed at International Federations and Technical Officials. Playbooks for the athletes, media and broadcasters will be published in the coming days. Accompanying the publication of each Playbook will be a series of briefings from the IOC, IPC and Tokyo 2020 with the stakeholders in question.

These Playbooks are the official, centralised source of information for the Olympic and Paralympic Games stakeholders, and the first versions will be updated with more detail over the coming months, as the global situation relating to COVID-19 becomes clearer ahead of the Games.

The Playbooks are the basis of our game plan to ensure that all Olympic and Paralympic Games participants and the people of Japan stay safe and healthy this summer. They have been developed jointly by Tokyo 2020, the IOC and the IPC. They are based on the extensive work of the All Partners Task Force, which also includes the World Health Organization, the Government of Japan, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, independent experts and organisations from across the world, and the interim report published by the Three-Party Council in December 2020.

In addition, they also draw upon the lessons learned from the successful measures being implemented in other sectors, including the successful resumption of thousands of international sports events across the world. Each stakeholder group will have to follow specific guidelines tailored to their individual operational needs. However, in this first edition, stakeholders will find many of the standard and commonly accepted key health countermeasures currently being implemented around the globe relating to personal hygiene, testing

and tracing.

The Playbooks also outline a typical journey for each stakeholder group, beginning with measures starting 14 days before arriving in Japan, testing before departure and upon arrival in the country, and the use of smartphone applications to report health and support contact tracing during Games time. Measures will also be in place to identify, isolate and treat any potential positive cases.

In the Athletes and Team Officials Playbook, for example, this stakeholder group will learn more about their time in the Olympic and Paralympic Village. There they will be subjected to strict control measures to ensure their safety. This will include limiting the amount of time athletes and support staff stay in the Village, restrictions on socialising outside the Village, their movement between official Games venues, and a COVID-19 screening system that will see athletes and support staff screened during the Games.

The measures outlined in the first version of the Playbooks will be gradually built on over the coming weeks, as and when circumstances change and subsequent decisions are made. Information will continue to be shared and updates to the Playbooks are expected by April and June, providing more details that will allow people to progress to the next stage of planning.

Speaking about the publication of the Playbooks, IOC Olympic Games Executive Director Christophe Dubi said: "The health and safety of everyone at the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 are our top priority. We each have our part to play. That's why these Playbooks have been created – with the rules that will make each and every one of us a sound, safe and active contributor to the Games. We know these Olympic Games will be different in a number of ways. For all Games participants, there will be some conditions and constraints that will require flexibility and understanding. We are providing the main directions at this stage, but naturally don't have all the final details yet; an update will be published in the spring and may change as necessary even closer to the Games. We will make sure all the information needed is shared as quickly as possible to ensure we are fully prepared to protect all those coming to and residing in Japan during the Tokyo 2020 Games." He continued: "By committing to following the Playbooks we will be stronger together. In return, the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 will be remembered as a historic moment for humanity, the Olympic Movement and all those contributing to their success."

Craig Spence, the IPC's Chief Brand and Communications Officer, said: "To ensure safe and successful Games this summer, every single stakeholder involved in, or attending the Games has a key role to play. Central to this are the Playbooks that form an integral part of a new and robust masterplan developed over the last 12 months to

protect every Games stakeholder and, importantly, the people of Japan during Tokyo 2020.

"Since March 2020's postponement we know much more about COVID-19, while the thousands of international sports events that have taken place safely over the last year have given us valuable learning experiences. Combining this new knowledge with existing know-how has enabled us to develop these Playbooks, which will be updated with greater detail ahead of the Games."

Tokyo 2020 Games Delivery Officer Nakamura Hidemasa commented: "The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the daily lives of people around the world, and the Olympic and Paralympic Games need to adapt accordingly. Safety and security have become everyone's top priority, and this summer's Games will be no different. Accordingly, Tokyo 2020, the IOC and the IPC have jointly published individual Playbooks for each stakeholder outlining the rules that need to be followed by all Games participants. The Playbooks were created from the perspective of the participants themselves, based on the interim summary that was published at the Coordination Meeting for COVID-19 Countermeasures last December. They include not only the specific measures that need to be taken, but also details of the rules that need to be observed and the appointment of a single person to oversee COVID-19 countermeasures in each stakeholder group to ensure effectiveness. The purpose of this first edition is to communicate 'what we know at this time' to a large number of people in an easy-to-understand manner. The Playbooks will be updated to the second edition this spring as the situation changes.

"Through careful communication we would like to ensure that everyone involved in the Games around the world is aware of our plans. We hope thereby to assure them that, if each and every one of them follows the rules when participating in the Games, they can be held in a safe and secure manner. We hope that daily life can return to normal as soon as possible, and we would like to express our gratitude to the medical professionals, essential workers and everyone else who is working hard to ensure this. In the meantime we will continue our preparations for ensuring a safe and secure Games in the spirit of 'Safety will be the number one priority of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.'"

The first published Playbook for International Federations can be viewed and downloaded on olympic.org and via the IPC and Tokyo 2020 websites. Upcoming stakeholder Playbooks will be published after the respective stakeholder briefings.

"Panathlon's European project against fraud in sport"

Universities and Sport Organisations from eight nations adhere to the "EPOSM Erasmus +" initiative

di Paul Standaert & Yves Vanden Auweele



General objectives and collaborating partners

On January 10, 2020, the EPOSM project ("Evidence-based Prevention of Sporting-related Match-fixing") has been launched with a kick-off meeting at Ghent University.

The EPOSM project will run for two years (2020-2021) and is co-funded by the European Commission in the context of the Erasmus+ collaborative partnerships in sport program.

During this project, eleven high-performing European institutions will join their forces to

- (1) raise awareness about the prevalence of sporting-related (i.e. non-betting related) match-fixing,
- (2) stimulate moral judgment regarding sporting-related match-fixing, and
- (3) share and transfer this knowledge.

The project team consists of

Coordinating organisation

Universiteit Gent - Belgio

Project partner organisations

- *Universiteit Utrecht - Paesi Bassi*
- *IRIS - Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques - Francia*
- *Play Fair Code - Austria*
- *National Olympic Committee of Croatia- Croatia*
- *Université de Lausanne- Svizzera*
- *University of Loughborough - Regno Unito*
- *Panathlon International - Italy, via Panathlon Representation in Brussels*
- *International Centre Ethics in Sport (ICES)- Belgio*
- *Counter Sport Corruption Foundation for Sport Integrity (CSCF)- Paesi Bassi*

Associated partner organisation*Consiglio d'Europa*

These objectives will be pursued by

- (1) conducting a questionnaire on the prevalence of match-fixing in seven European countries,
- (2) developing country specific action plans and workshops against match-fixing, and
- (3) disseminating these results to as many stakeholders in the sport as possible.

Panathlon Internationals' contribution

Panathlon International, in concreto the Panathlon club EU-Brussels, i.e. the Panathlon antenna at the EU in close contact with the Cultural and Scientific Committee of Panathlon, has been asked to collaborate especially for its familiarity with the complex sport landscape, for its broad network and the sport-practical expertise of its members. P.I.' specific task is to support the partners in the 7 countries in the realisation of the second and third objective,

The national action plans should aim to transform general policy recommendations into operational tools both to evaluate the functioning and efficacy of the already existing measures and to suggest additional measures to prevent and manage sporting-related match-fixing in the specific contexts of the collaborating countries: Belgium, The Netherlands, France, Austria, Croatia, Switzerland, UK.

EPOSM national action plans against match-fixing should describe

- (a) The current situation of (sporting-related) match-fixing in the respective countries for the respective sport disciplines (e.g., scandals, research projects, legislation, etc.).
- (b) The current status of the fight against (sporting-related) match-fixing: i.e., "What is already present in the respective sport disciplines to fight against (sporting-related) match-fixing?"
- (c) The results of the EPOSM questionnaire for the respective country and the respective sport disciplines. (d) What is still missing to prevent sporting-related match-fixing? What actions/suggestions should be taken to prevent sporting-related match-fixing?

The national action plans are expected to consist of more than a mere listing of actions, they should be integrated in the integrity management framework provided by Panathlon International EU-Brussels.

The basics of this framework have already been presented and published in the proceedings of the 2012 Panathlon International congress in Syracuse.

This framework offers a common vision on integrity in sport, aggregates all measures suggested in the match-fixing literature or given as answer on the EPOSM questionnaire, demonstrates coherence and interdependence of these measures, gives some indication of priority in terms of efficacy and allows at the same time sufficient flexibility for adaption and concretization to national contexts and a gradually implementation (roadmap).

Workshops: Panathlon has additionally an advisory and supporting role in the organization of the workshops organized in these 7 countries to inform the targeted sport organizations and stakeholders inside (managers, trainers, referees, players) and outside these organizations (sponsors, agents, Law enforcement, Authorities/Governing bodies on local or national level) about the current status of the fight against sporting-related match-fixing in their country and to encourage them to initiate or intensify their efforts.

Because the results of the EPOSM questionnaire indicate most of the incidents in the non-betting-related match-fixing (the betting related match-fixing seems only in the UK a more than marginal issue), focus will be on that type of match-fixing. In the elaboration of national action plans one has to keep in mind that both types of match-fixing require different preventive measures.

In the case of non-betting-related match-fixing, the people involved often lack (moral) awareness of the issue and don't judge it as (morally) wrong, whereas those involved in betting-related match-fixing are usually more confronted with (criminal) acts such as (external) inducements and/or pressures.

A multiplier Event nov 2021:

Because one is aware that moral, sport-political, international political and media pressure is needed to have an effective dissemination and implementation of corrective measures Panathlon International (in a unique collaboration: the Panathlon Brussels-EU-antenna, the Panathlon Lausanne-club, the Panathlon-Lausanne-antenna, the Cultural and Scientific Commission, the Panathlon general secretariat of Rapallo and the university of Lausanne) has been asked to organize at the end of the project a so-called Multiplier Event.

Due to Corona this event has been planned at the end of November and Lausanne in Switzerland has been chosen to target the IOC and as many sport federations on European and international level as possible.

Virtual but heartfelt award ceremony for the winners of EWOS 2020

The three most prestigious prizes went to Croatia, Spain and Denmark –
Strong turnout of P.I. Clubs

The preventive rules dictated by Covid have affected even the award ceremony, the closing event of EWOS 2020.

The usual gathering of people and passion was replaced by a large webinar with over two hundred delegations online, joined by sport personalities and policy-makers.

In fact, EWOS brings together all the member states of the European Union in a sort of extended competition to set up, around sport principles, events and various initiatives to celebrate their core values and protagonists.

Panathlon International is an official member of EWOS, thanks to the agreement entered into with the competent European Commissioner in The Hague in 2005. Since then, every year, many clubs respond to its call and participate by creating all kind of events in all the areas where Panathlon is present.



European Commissioner Mariya Gabriel hosts the online award ceremony

Also present at the virtual award ceremony, and representing P.I., were International Board member Patrick Van Camphenhout and the President of District Belgium, Paul Standaert. From Brussels, both executives maintain contacts throughout the year with the European Commission, where EWOS is based.

To confirm the importance conferred to the event, the online ceremony was hosted by Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth.

Particularly significant was the presence of Tomasz Frankowski, member of the European Parliament and vice-president of the MEP group in charge of sport policies.

EWOS 2020 submitted 95 projects from 26 EU countries to the European Union.
Finally, 3 categories were awarded:

- # BeActive Education Award: Primary School Petra Preradovića, Croatia
- # BeActive Workplace Award: House of the Code, Denmark
- # BeActive Local Hero Award: Tomás Slavata, Czech Republic

In addition to meeting the 2019 winners and hearing about their further achievements, the delegates were offered a beautiful show of a dancer and an acrobat riding a bicycle.



Tomasz Frankowski, Member of the European Parliament and vice-president of the MEP group in charge of sport policies

A shot against COVID

Great participation in the photo contest of Panathlon International - The web-winners have been chosen, now it's the turn of the technical jury

By Simona Callo
Segretario Generale PI

In this difficult year, during which we all have suffered, the idea of capturing the images but, above all, the emotions linked to the pandemic in a photo sprung on a day of lock-down, while I was thinking of the many children stuck in their homes, of the panathletes who could not meet and of the impossibility of practicing sport and moving freely.

This is how the first PI "Sport & Covid" Photo Contest was born: nothing grandiose, but a simple, smart contest, with a Facebook photo album where one can publish and browse the photos of the participants in the Contest. It is nothing but a moment of reflection to fill long empty hours and "stop" this time made of dreams, suffering, hope, emptiness, longing, memories... just an invitation to vote with a "like" for your favourite photo.

On 31 January 2021, this competition ended. Each photographer received a certificate of participation and a thank you for giving his/her time and wanting to share their shot with us.

The Internet Argonauts expressed their preference thus declaring the two winners: Martino Pota, member of Club Roma and manager of SS Lazio Bowling (colour section), and Lucia Custodi, President of Club Orvieto (black/white section); their photos are published on the cover of this magazine.

In a short while a Jury nominated by PI International Board will decide the two top winners in each category (colour and black/white) who will be awarded a smartphone. The names and photos of the winners will be published in the next issue of the magazine, which will be widely distributed.

There has been great satisfaction for the large number of participants and the widespread appreciation that the Contest has received. In just a few months, many photos were entered, and not only from the countries where Panathlon International is present. Photographers from Argentina, Belgium, France, Italy, Russia, Switzerland and Uruguay have all met, speaking the language of images, to communicate their emotions, concerns and the new behaviours that this pandemic has forced on us, in sport as well as in our lives, sometimes even with a hint of irony!

Heartfelt thanks to all the many participants, looking forward to seeing you all again in another Photo Contest, with a new title, which we hope will be "The Rebirth of Sport after Covid-19"!



Sport frees women from anti-historical stereotypes

The personal baggage, difficult to shift, goes back to young age and more often than not stems from the family

by Guillaume Poisson



Over the course of Women's Sport Week, France tv sport examined the barriers that women athletes face today. Thus, as various sport federations increasingly embark on the path of gender equality, sexist stereotypes persist.

In January, the Brazilian women's team suffered a heavy 6-0 defeat against the under 16 boys of Gremio (Porto Alegre, Brazil). Some French media then maliciously reported the news to arrive at unpleasant conclusions such as: *"... and then they want us to believe that female athletes deserve men's salaries; once again this is proof that women's football is at a different level"*.

In thirty years, gender stereotypes have not disappeared from the world of sport. What is, then, the real impact that they have on athletes' life and performance? We asked four champions, still active or retired, what their experience is, or was, with these clichés.

All of them have constantly highlighted the large pay gap between male and female athletes in the same sports and with comparable performances, the gross underrepresentation of female disciplines in the media and the lack of recognition from peer athletes.

Still, perhaps we need to pinpoint another type of obstacle that sportswomen face in their career: self-sabotage.

"Sometimes I see fantastic girls, far better than most boys in their technique, in their courage, but they are too humble, too meek. You would like to tell them: hey you, shake up, stand up".

Nouria Newman is a slalom canoeist. She speaks bluntly, both about her canoeing and in her choice of words. She thinks that girls are told very early in life that they are less competent than boys. *"It starts with the parents: that's where your relationship is built with the risk of discrimination."* If the parents tell the girl: *"Be careful, don't dare too much, don't get dirty in the water, you will hurt yourself, and next to her there is her brother who has the right to try everything, there is already a problem."*

According to a study by **Aïna Chalabaev** - professor of psychosociology at the University of Grenoble and author of *"Can stereotype threat increase women's performance?"*, gender stereotypes are in part responsible for the choice among girls to leave sport. *"Stereotypes are internalised, and some girls, at the first hurdle, will say: 'football is not for me'."* Self-criticism is one of the ways in which stereotypes influence the choice of a sport, and women fight against their own mental structure well before sexist remarks and other labels from the boys.

Their subconscious is often fed by coaches in their childhood or adolescence.

Frédérique Jossinet is an ex-judoka, Olympic finalist in 2004. She remembers her first training sessions with the elite of the French Youth. *"Our trainers often told us that women judo is a classic discipline, and such has to remain. It must be technical. You build up on your strong points and this is how you will express yourself. I remember thinking: 'No, each one takes control of judo and adapts it to his or her own profile, it's not a question of boys and girls'".*

Psychological barrier

The needless desire to "adapt" sport rules and its framework was also part of Nouria Newman's early years of activity in the club. "It is not as though we have set limits" she heard saying "a little man, we'll push him. We will also put a lot of pressure on him to overcome his fears". When it was a little girl, they would tell her: "Forget it, it doesn't matter that you do better next time, dear".

Psychological barriers, thus built from an early age, are then retained by stereotypes, which end up having an impact on sport. A 2007 study by Aïna Chalabaev shows how anxiety can be generated by simple words. The participants are asked to perform an exercise, for example football dribbling, or a free throw in basketball. The same people, then, have to do it again after hearing stereotypical remarks such as "on average, women perform fewer dribbles and fewer baskets than men". After this, the second exercise is generally less successful. "This shows that stereotypes do generate some anxiety, and this puts a stop to the practice. This is what I call the stereotype threat," comments Aïna Chalabaev.

Mélina Robert-Michon, 2016 Olympic finalist discus thrower, remembers the reactions around her when she suffered a drop in her sporting growth. "I was at a very high level in the juniors but then it took me some time to reach a similar level in the higher categories. There, I heard some strange things flying around, as if this fragility was one of my characteristics. They were constantly insinuating: 'You don't know how to handle pressure. It will be like this for the rest of your life'. Mélina Robert-Michon quickly proved them wrong, evidence that self-criticism is anything but lethal: on the contrary. At high levels, especially the ones who today are in the spotlight, are among those who have, more or less, overcome it.

Yet, at a time when the gender gap is being evened out, especially in sport, the latest studies show that stereotypes are preserved from generation to generation.

"The internalisation of standards is quite similar from one generation to the next," confirms Julie Boiché, senior lecturer at the University of Montpellier and author of a sociological study on this subject, while adding that to be completely accurate there is need for "new data". Only sport among children, since becoming more popular, seems to be less stereotyped than before. For example, in a 2017 study, the

researcher asked children (both boys and girls) to draw a person who played sports.

"There was no big change there: almost 100% of the boys drew a boy, and so did most of the girls".

"Today, those who used to attract girls to sport choose various disciplines, sometimes football, sometimes neutral sports, sometimes sports with a 'feminine' connotation. Previously, it was almost exclusively ballet".

For Julie Boiché, this indicates a "new appropriation of sports space" by girls, partly free from certain stereotypes.

The value of a model...

With events becoming more and more popular, the image of women football is probably the one that in recent years has gone through the greatest upheaval, especially in terms of stereotypes.

Frédérique Jossinet, director of the female division of the French Football Association since 2014, evaluates the progress made:

"When I arrived, our events were full of pink and purple. It was 'princess' football. The strategy was clear: seek more support from the parents and then reassure them about the 'feminine' side of football ... I understand it. Today, however, we believe that footballers should be considered kids. We changed the pink into blue, white and red, for everyone. These small changes are, however, a symbolic shift that can have considerable significance.

Other changes deserve to be implemented, according to **Béatrice Barbusse**, a former handball player, now sports sociologist and author of the book *"Du sexisme dans le sport."*

"The use of words is crucial. For example, when you hear the coach of the women's team masculinizing all positions when talking to his players, you think that there is a problem. Why do we always say women's football but not men's football? These are crucial expressions in the fight against stereotypes."

Are these labels destined to survive? Not necessarily, according to **Aïna Chalabaeva**. The main reason for this hope lies in the media coverage and the appearance of role models for girls.

"For football, the breakthrough came in 2011, in France. FIFA Women's World Cup had been well attended; the semi-finalist French Women team achieved a very positive image after the boys' fiasco."

For the researcher, today's youth academy have adopted different models from those of their predecessors.

Could the recent arrival of **Megan Rapinoe**, Ballon d'Or in 2019, passionate about sexism and stereotypes, help change the game?

"In any case this girl is really cool," states Beatrice Barbusse. "She wanted to dye her hair pink? She did it. She is proud to shout that she is a lesbian. She breaks all stereotypes: the athlete who cannot comprehend the position of women in sport has to review his whole concept of women, heterosexuality et al.

All of this proves that things are evolving, at a deeper level.

A “water bridge” with Africa on pillars made of sporting solidarity

Swimming as a vehicle for social and cultural advancement with Panathlon's patronage

Panathlon International has endorsed a unique social-sporting initiative by granting its patronage to a project of solidarity and friendship between Sardinia and Senegal.

“Sardinia - Dakar Freedom in Water” aims to build a cross-cultural bridge between the two regions by sharing mutual experiences in the field of social inclusion and swim school.

The “Freedom in Water” sports club and the amateur sport association “Progetto AlbatroSS” have been working for years in Sardinia (and in Italy in the field of education) to promote sport, specifically swimming, in specific groups of the population such as the elderly, the disabled, children or vulnerable teenagers.

Thus, from this experience of a social-sporting nature and from the constant and daily cooperation with sports psychologist, the idea of connecting Sardinia and Senegal was born.

The President of the National Swimming Federation of Senegal is personally involved in this journey. To optimise the development of the partnership, Dr. Manolo Cattari (sport psychologist, swimming instructor and manager of both the aforesaid sports clubs) will travel to Senegal in February 2021 to personally establish personal relationships with the president of the Senegalese Swimming Federation.

The aim is to develop a cross-cultural exchange as well as to promote those activities that identify each organisation, especially where inclusion and appreciation of diversity through physical activity is concerned.

The specific objectives of the project are:

- Raise awareness among the instructors involved about challenging and complex situations in other countries
- Implement, in both countries, standard and inclusive practices in schools and swimming pools
- Support knowledge, training and skills development in the two countries involved
- Create a sport twinning program between Italy and Senegal through a “water bridge”
- Promote tangible acts of international solidarity
- Experiment and spread a framework for training and inclusion of the disabled in the two countries

The project “Sardinia - Dakar Freedom in Water” is self-funded by the two associations.

Thanks to the interest of the governor of Area Sardinia, Francesco Sanna, Panathlon will be able to provide its moral patronage to this project, which embodies the fundamental values of our history such as solidarity, friendship and support for the disadvantaged.

Let us hope that, from this cooperation, a seed of growth of our movement may germinate in a country so full of historical, human and sporting values.

The role of Lausanne as an “Olympic” city

Online conference by sport councillor Oscar Tosato

With free travel at a standstill and the difficulty in organizing events that sportsmen can attend in person, Panathlon International officers have found the inspiration to seek new forms of online communication, from webinars to conferences on social networks.

This is the case of Club Lausanne, which relaunched its activity with a videoconference hosted by member Oscar Tosato, Sport Councillor at Lausanne Municipality.

The Club President opened the event by wishing all the members a happy new year and hoping that future meetings would be held in their usual form as soon as possible.

He then handed the floor to Oscar Tosato who, during his term as City Councillor, experienced among others the Youth Olympic Games, the inauguration of the Tuillière stadium and the Vaudoise Arena.

He also focussed on the particularly significant role of Lausanne as an Olympic city in the field of sport policy.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEMBER 2016-2020

Thanks to José Pilar Sánchez from the pan-athletes of South America

Luis Moreno G, new member of the International Board (2020 - 2023) has organised a Zoom meeting to recognise the work done by José Pilar Sánchez Gonzales, International Board Member from 2016 to 2020.

The event was attended by Jorge Minuto, President of Buenos Aires Club; Pedro De Souza, President of Brazil District; Bernardo Pavisic, of the Cochabamba - Bolivia Club; Eduardo Gurovich, President of Chile District; Danilo Carrera, President of Ecuador District; Socorro Samaniego, President of Mexico District; Victor Castro, President of Peru District; Edgardo Ettlin, President of Uruguay District and Carlos De León of Maldonado - Punta del Este Club.

The highlight of the meeting was when Luis Moreno showed, from Lima, a commemorative plate and offered to deliver it in person to José Pilar at the Pan-American Congress; at the same time, Socorro Samaniego, in Mexico, gave José Pilar an exact copy of the same plate.

The tribute was very moving and helped to emphasise the friendship among American Pan-athletes, to gather previous experiences and talk about the Pan American Congress which, God willing, will take place in October 2021; this will help pan-athletes in Europe and in America strengthen their bonds of friendship, always present in the meetings of Panathlon International.

PANDEMIC VS SPORT

Panathlon contribution to Sport challenges and recovery

Satisfying retrospective of a really difficult season across the world

The year 2020 was already identified as one of the worst years for sports. The adjectives used to characterize it are severe and understandable. It was a year in which the 2020 Olympic Games but also of many other sporting competitions, including professional and amateur, youth and women leagues were postponed or even cancelled. In these difficult times, the Panathlon Club of Lisbon suffered, like all Portuguese and the world, the enormous contingencies caused by the pandemic COVID-19. However, even in the context of such contingencies, initiative, innovation, and intervention were not left out, although it was not always possible to guarantee the important face-to-face contact with our members, which is a characteristic of our activity.

During the year of 2020, the Panathlon Club of Lisbon was able to gather physically with its members in January 2020, to proceed with the approval of the 2019 Annual Report and Accounts and the 2020 Budget and Activity Plan, in February, to attend a debate and presentation with the Portuguese Secretary of Youth and Sport, who presented the Government's Sport Strategy for 2020 and in September 2020, although in this session we only had limited seats available and not all of our members could come to attend it physically.

When the pandemic situation was declared and the first lockdown was summoned in March 2020, we had to re-schedule the sessions that we had planned and that could not be held physically. Starting in March and throughout the year, our monthly sessions were streamed or broadcasted live, enabling our members to view them on their PC, Tablet or Smartphone. As we went online with our sessions, we were also able to plan and organize an international session with other Panathlon Clubs ("PC"), which counted with the participation of the Panathlon International.

Furthermore, we also launched an online interview/discussion series on Instagram Live, which we called "30' à conversa com ...". This initiative counted with guests, such as the President of Panathlon International, Mr. Pierre Zapelli, but also with other PC Presidents, such as Mr. Philippe Housiaux or PC member and former Olympic Athlete, Mr. Pedro Dias.

Additionally, the Panathlon Club of Lisbon was able to set virtual meetings with other PCs and this was especially important, as we were able to share experiences and impressions on many different topics. In August we met

virtually with a great number of members of Brazilian PCs and Panathlon International District of Brazil and discussed important topics, such as joint initiatives, etc.

In December, due to still ongoing pandemic situation, the Board of Directors decided to cancel the annual dinner with its members, breaking the annual tradition of hosting a dinner with numerous institutional and sports guests in celebration of the Club's anniversary, where there is room for an in-depth intervention by a guest speaker and for the delivery of annual prizes. Instead, the Board of Directors of the PC of Lisbon decided to hold a Remote Meeting with its members to whom it had previously sent a bottle of Port wine and an engraved chalice.

With regards to Annual Prizes of 2020, the Panathlon Club of Lisbon decided to award the "Prémio Mário Simas 2020 Fair Play" to the cyclist of the Tavira Cycling Club, David Livramento, in recognition for his demonstration of "Fair-Play" in the 2nd stage of the 81st Volta a Portugal, for helping a professional colleague from an opposite team, who had fallen and needed assistance. Furthermore, the "Prémio Panathlon 2020" award was given to professor José Manuel Constantino, in recognition of his value, behavior, "Fair-Play", and of a long career dedicated to the sports cause.

Finally, the Board of Directors decided to create a third annual prize to be awarded by the Panathlon Club of Lisbon, on an annual basis. Furthermore, it was decided to name it "Prémio Gen Rodolfo Begonha de Mérito Associativo", in honor of the Co-founder, first President of the Club and Honorary President, General Rodolfo Begonha. This award is based on the public recognition associated with the granting of a monetary value, which in this first edition was set at € 1,500. Based on a regulation and respective application form, six candidacies were submitted and a multiple secret ballot was made within the Board of Directors, which resulted in the attribution of the 1st "Prémio Gen Rodolfo Begonha de Mérito Associativo" to the Johnson Semedo Association.

This retrospective can be concluded under the exact same terms as it was started: when much had stopped, Panathlon Club of Lisbon continued. We are certain that the year 2020 demonstrated the vitality of our Club, and equipped it with a communication experience that, in the long term, will allow a broader and more comprehensive range of activities.

As such, we can say, that we are ready for 2021!

Anti-Covid Fair Play Award To four heroic health-care workers

Using a football metaphor, everyone can score against the virus



The representatives of Cesena health facilities have received from Panathlon Club Cesena, supported by Dr. Vladimiro Giovannini, the Fair Play Prize for their work on the front line in the fight against Covid. The emotional ceremony took place in the Council Chamber of the Municipality of Cesena.

The Mayor, Enzo Lattuca, and his Deputy, Christian Castorri, presented the silver trophies to four managers of the Bufalini Hospital in Cesena: Beniamino Praticò, Director of the Internal Medicine Unit; Vanni Agnoletti, Director of the Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Unit (recipient of a portable ultrasound machine from Panathlon Club Cesena in March); Riccardo Varliero, Director of Primary Care Services in the province of Forlì-Cesena and Michela Poggioli, Head Nurse of the Internal Medicine Unit.

In his opening address, the President of Panathlon Club Cesena Dionigio Dionigi thanked the health care workers for their unwavering efforts in the battle against Covid.

The Mayor then took the floor: "After a 2020 spent on the defensive, for the new year we must undertake an offensive approach. Continuing with the football metaphor used by Dionigi, each of these professionals plays a role. Dr. Praticò is the midfielder, supported by the staff coordinated by Dr. Poggioli; Dr. Agnoletti is the goalkeeper while Dr. Varliero, with his thirty-strong team who guarantee home care for the sick, plays high pressing. Our thanks go to all of them".

Each of the winners made a comment: "It will be a long and difficult road" admits Dr. Praticò "We are working hard. Do not pay attention to the doctors who, on TV interviews, downplay the extent of this epidemic".

Dr. Agnoletti praised the health workers: "In difficult situations, it can happen to concede a goal and lose the game but we don't give up. It will take time but we have to win the championship".

Finally Varliero declared: "We are a team of 33 doctors; we make home visits to bring medical and psychological support".

Jean Luc Grillon Is the new President

The great cycling champion Bernard Thévenet is Honorary President

A successful evening for District France of Panathlon International, as the General Assembly met to take stock of the activity carried out so far and to plan for its future.

Despite the difficulties that the pandemic is causing, also to French travellers, a high number of passionate participants was present, in representation of the many decentralised Clubs.

The fundamental principles of Panathlon International were reaffirmed in reports and interventions, thus recognizing its great significance, particularly in such a challenging moment also for sports activities.

A special tribute was paid to racing cycling champion Bernard Thévenet for his passionate commitment in the role of District President, which great prestige bestows to Panathlon International District France.



Voting was then carried out for the renewal of the District Board and the following members were elected:

President: Dr Jean-Luc Grillon (Paris Club)
Honorary president: Bernard Thévenet (Grenoble-Alpes Club)
Vice-president: Bruno Catelin (Beausoleil Riviera Française Club)
Vice-president: Véronique Gerbelot (Grenoble-Alpes Club)
General Secretary: Doctor Marc Rozenblat (Paris Club)
Acting Treasurer: (pending the appointment of a treasurer) Bruno Catelin.

All of this under the coordination of International President Pierre Zappelli.

DISTRICT ITALY

After the clubs' here comes the area newsletter

Covid is crippling but sharpens the wit, also where information is concerned.

A part from the promotion of dozens of webinars with discussion panels and virtual socialising, there is also the need to multiply the publication of online editorials in order not to lose sight of each other.

A very good example comes from area 3 of District Italy whose governor, Maurizio Nasi, has promoted an online newsletter styled on those published, for quite some time, by other Clubs. Como, Pavia and Cremona particularly stood out for their dedication and the quality of their online publications.

This area newsletter is a rare jewel and deserves to be praised for allowing an information medium to all the Clubs in this Area, including those that, individually, would be unable to deliver this information.

Governor Nasi requested the press officers of the Clubs to send in sport articles, short reports on topics covered in the few convivial dinners of 2020, summaries of conferences, seminars and discussion panels on sports topics, presentation/review of sport books or films, written up by Members or speakers; all these materials have been collected in the newsletter.

For those interested, there is a link on the Panathlon International website to access the whole series of inputs.

A GREAT MOBILIZATION AGAINST RACISM IN SPORT

The recent incidents during the match PSG-Basaksehir, together with the worrying figures from the Belgian Football League (more than 7 out of 10 referees say they have witnessed acts of racism against players on a football pitch), highlight the current situation and the severity of racism in society and, therefore, in sport.

The problem, so far, has been addressed in a random and uncoordinated manner; the response to it is now clear and unanimous, with players who refuse to continue playing under these circumstances. This gesture is strong, courageous and exemplary. Now it is the time to act so to prevent, report and condemn this kind of behaviour, unworthy of sport values.

This is what we have been working on in recent weeks. We - Thierry Witsel, the association Territoires de la Mémoire and Philippe Evrard, Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels and Philippe Housiaux, Sport and Citizenship and Laurent Thieule, as well as Marco Martiniello (sociologist at Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies - CEDEM ULiège) - have laid the foundations for an association that was established in January 2021 and is committed to be at the forefront of collective action in the fight against racism.

Stop Racism In Sport aims to mobilize the world of sport as a whole: from occasional athletes to champions, in every discipline, we want to develop an ambitious program of field action to contain this phenomenon.

Many actors and sports federations have already expressed their interest and their willingness to be part of this movement.



STOP RACISM IN SPORT

Domenico Chiesa Foundation for Sport, culture and art

by Maurizio Monego

How it was born

The name of this Foundation shows its nature: it is organically functional to Panathlon International and dedicated to the patron who made it possible. Domenico Chiesa, one of the founders of the Club of Venice, has served Panathlon for all his life starting from June 12, 1951. He has covered, with continuity, the most different assignments, from secretary to board member, to international vice president and Honorary Member Co-founder. After his sudden death (November 19, 1994) it was discovered that he was the anonymous patron he had invoked in the Report of the Central Board at the Assembly of Rapallo (June 4-5, 1994). This was revealed in the article that Antonio Spallino published in n. 1/1995, (pages 3-4) written to remember the deceased. There was no written record of that wish. When the Chiesa family became aware of their relative's wish, they generously decided to honour him by donating the considerable sum of 400 million liras - it was 1997 - with the condition that Panathlon International would increase that capital with a contribution not less than half of the legacy. The 200 million were collected by clubs and individual Panathletes expressing the will to provide Panathlon with a useful tool for the diffusion of its values.

Purpose.

In the constitutional act, the purpose is "the creation of an award to be assigned periodically to one or more works of visual art inspired by sport".

The Foundation "will also be able to promote other cultural initiatives and publications aimed at achieving the objectives established in the statute of Panathlon International", (...) "if their funding is ensured by the fruits of resources other than those coming from the investment of the initial capital, which remains "intangible", or from sponsorships.

The cultural basis of the operation.

Pierre De Coubertin, in conceiving the birth of the modern Olympics, was inspired by the concept of paidéia (παιδεία), that is, training, education, according to the pedagogical model widespread in Athens in the fifth century BC. It should be remembered that in the second half of the European nineteenth century there was a strong appeal to the values of harmony that many archaeological excavations evoked. Think of the discoveries of Heinrich Schliemann in Troy, Mycenae, Tiryns, and Ernst Curtius in Olympia with the discovery of Hermes with Dionysus by Praxiteles, which stimulated great interest in Greek civiliza-



tion. It was strong in De Coubertin, in reviving the spirit of Olympia, the idea of combining Art and Sport. The history of the Art Olympics or the cultural events connected with the Olympic Games between 1912 and 1948 are well known. Attempts to reinstate them as a complement to the Olympics were numerous and had mixed fortunes. It is interesting to recall how, during the XXXII General Assembly of Panathlon International held in Trieste in May 1986, a round table was held on the theme "The restoration of art contests in the context of the Olympic Games", cited not only in the Review of P.I., but also in the Enciclopedia dello Sport of Treccani.

On that occasion, which celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the Club of Trieste, there was the inauguration of the statue "The swimmer" by the sculptor Ugo Carà. In the 11th issue - December 1986 of the Review there are the interventions of Sisto Favre ("Arts and Olympics"), Jean François Pahud ("philosophical and historical Considerations"), Henrique Nicolini ("Art, Sport and Olympism"), Christian Garrabos ("Myths and sports images of the 20th century") and the "final resolution" of that round table in the Congress Palace. The resolution called for the reinstatement of art competitions associated with the Olympic Games, beginning with those in Barcelona.

The contests "would cover architecture, furniture art and design, sculpture, painting, music, dance, literature, photography, cinematography and television, having as their only limitation the fact that they be inspired by the idea of sports."

Of absolute importance, in the following June, was the "XI Art and Sport Exhibition" set up at Palazzo Strozzi by the Panathlon Club Firenze. Approximately 200 works were exhibited from the competition previously announced, alongside which, out of competition, there were works by famous artists: Renato Guttuso, Franco Messina, Giacomo Manzù, Aligi Sassu, Emilio Greco, Primo Conti, Antonio Bertini, Giuseppe Cesetti, Ugo Attardi, Gastone Breddo, Giovanni Colacicchi, Gianni Dova, Pericle Fazzini, Mario Rossello, Mimmo Rotella. The award ceremony, under the high patronage of the President of the Republic, was held in

the Salone dei Dugento in Palazzo Vecchio. For over thirty years the club has carried out this meritorious activity and always at a high or very high level.

Domenico Chiesa's dream.

In the cultural climate described above, Domenico Chiesa dreamed of being able to find a permanent collaboration with the Venice Biennale, awarding works that were inspired by sport and its values. He believed in this so much that he financed the Foundation that would be created ad hoc in the ways and with the resources described above.

Recent History.

In the celebrations of the fiftieth anniversary of the Club of Venice, the Foundation realized the first edition of the prize that Domenico Chiesa dreamed of. This was due to the commitment of President Vittorio Adorni, Antonio Spallino who led the Cultural Commission of P.I. and the Club of Venice. From the very first meetings with Prof. Paolo Baratta, president of the Biennale, and with the director of the Visual Arts sector, Harald Szeemann, the commitment appeared improbable. In the end, the international jury led by Szeemann chose and the winner was the Swiss Urs Luhti for an installation that occupied the entire Swiss pavilion at Gardens of the Biennale. It was a solemn award ceremony during the celebration of the club's fiftieth anniversary in the Sala dello Scrutinio in the Ducal Palace. Subsequent considerations made by the Foundation highlighted the impossibility of maintaining such a commitment even every four years: it was too onerous in

perceived in sports. The 18 editions that have involved clubs since 2003 have produced appreciable results from a formal point of view, albeit with ups and downs, and the Foundation has had the satisfaction of exhibiting an anthology of the best works of 17 editions at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, with an exhibition that was much visited and appreciated within the IOC, so much so that the Organizing Committee of the Winter Youth Olympic Games, held in Lausanne, selected 4 works exhibited, together with the panathletic charters and our symbols and publications in the stand that the panathletes of Lausanne set up and manned in the old town where international sports federations and cultural associations were present. The last edition of the contest, which followed some editions positively participated and qualitatively among the best, has seen a fall in internationality, which led the Board of the Foundation to suspend the 2019-2020 contest, which would have been awarded in this year of pandemic. A choice of consistency considering that the internationality of the last contest could not be justified by the presence of only one country (Chile) outside Italy. A choice that, unfortunately, also turned out to be unintentionally prophetic.

The future of the Foundation.

Given the nature and the constraints of the Foundation, the Board of Directors that will be appointed by the International Board of Panathlon International for the four-year period that began with the elections in Osimo, will have to resume its activities by implementing the latest decisions taken to broaden the range of activities to multiple fields of visual arts, taking into account the most modern means related to information technology and open to contributions of ideas and proposals that the same base of P.I. can propose. Currently, the most compelling constraint is economic resources. At a time when returns on capital investment are scarce, it is necessary for P.I. to support the Foundation by entrusting it with the realization of part of the cultural activities, such as promotional campaigns or other. In a relationship that to some extent already exists, but which should perhaps be organically defined. Clubs and panathletes have the possibility to contribute to the forms foreseen until now.

The Domenico Chiesa Awards, launched by Vittorio Adorni, on the model of what exists in the most important service clubs, to pay homage to personalities, panathletic or not, who have significantly contributed to spread the culture of Panathlon and the values of Olympism, are a prestigious recognition, second only to the Flambeau d'Or. On the website you can make donations as "Friends or Supporters of the Foundation".

If clubs and Panathletes will be able to perceive the Foundation as their own resource and if the Foundation will be able to propose useful projects to the activities of the clubs themselves, the actions that P.I. will be able to develop will receive a significant benefit.



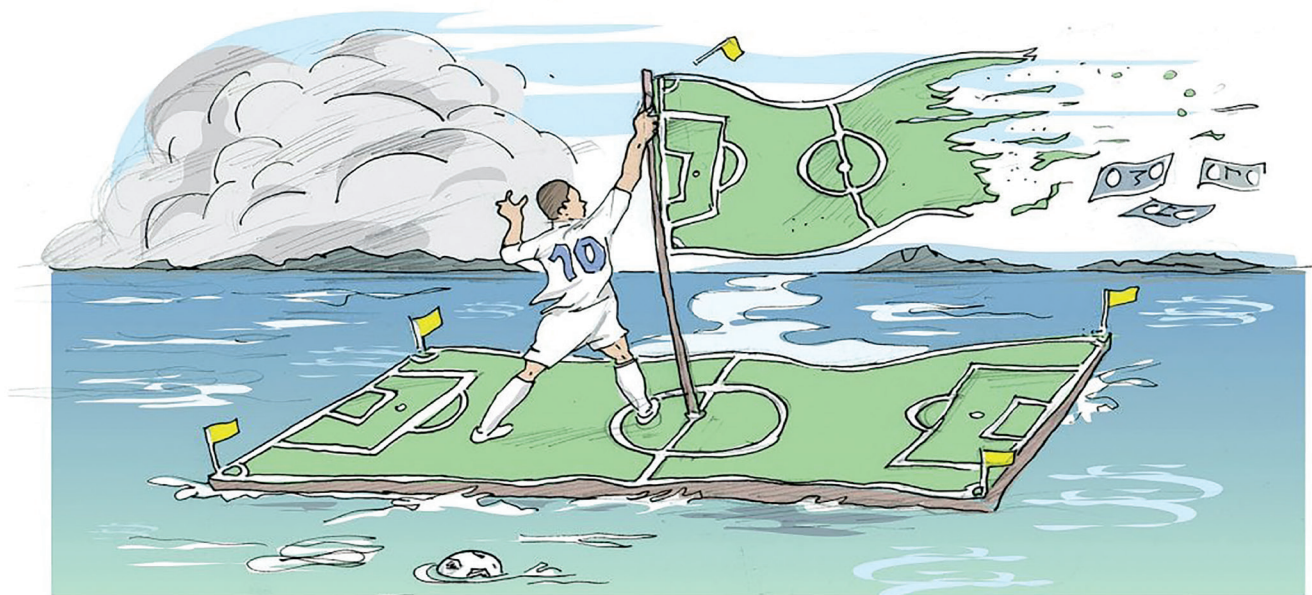
Canaletto, Regata sul Canal Grande (1732)
- London, National Gallery

absolute terms and the visibility that could be obtained in future editions was disproportionate. Times had changed. Contemporary and avant-garde art could not admit themed exhibitions and sport could only be a metaphor to represent social instances or human principles dramatically violated. For this reason, the Foundation changed step and created the "International Competition of Graphic Arts", which for years allowed clubs to enter high schools to organize meetings with students and challenge them to render on canvas or paper the values and suggestions

"The punctured ball"

Football, victim of the pandemic

by Maurizio Monego



A detailed and interesting survey on the state of the art that is professional football in Europe was recently published in the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica*, and it refers to the economic and financial difficulties which this sport is facing because of the pandemic.

But this is not all. *"Il pallone bucato"* (The punctured ball), edited by Carlo Bonini, with contributions by Maurizio Crosetti, Enrico Currò, Ettore Livini, Giovanni Pons and Franco Vanni, examines the most significant events, from national championships such as Premier League, French Ligue 1, Spanish Liga and Italian Serie A, to deep concerns across Europe.

An alarming new trend seems to emerge: the decline in fans' interest, almost as if the strain of fighting against Covid in the past few months had largely extinguished the passion even among the most die-hard supporters.

It is pointless to dwell on the reasons why this is occurring, for it stems from a series of factors. It is only a matter of time and its consequences are still not known. This situation brings to mind the song *Il pallone*, by Samuele Bersani, sung by Simone Cristicchi at the 2012 Sanremo Music Festival; if we go over its text, we discover metaphors to reflect upon, and the reference to Romolo Moizo's novel *Hansa Scrum* is evident.

The history of Italian football will certainly have a different outcome from that of the German leather ball, kicked for too many years, but its convalescence will take time. Yet, *Hansa Scrum* gets a new lease on life from the memory the writer conveys of him, after the ball lands in his room through the shattered windowpane.

Football, European and world-wide, will certainly know how to write a new chapter. One can only hope that its source of inspiration will bring back somewhat more compassion and love for a game that, if it were not reduced to mere business, would really be beautiful.

Rower misses a buoy and reports it From victory to disqualification

Giovanni Borgonovo is awarded the CIFP International Trophy named after Jacques Rogge

Due to the impossibility of holding its usual ceremony in Autumn, the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP) has conferred its Trophies, Diplomas of Honour and Letters of Congratulations during its Council Meeting, which was held via video-conference in August 2020.

The Award categories are:

Pierre de Coubertin for an "act of fair play"

Willi Daume for "promotion of fair play"

Jean Borotra for an individual's "sports career"

Jacques Rogge for "Youth" - named after the President of the IOC who created it -. *Note: at the origin of this special and recent prize category there is the idea of emphasizing gestures of loyalty in sport and to underline the importance of educating young people on Fair Play and Olympic values .*

Three of the prize winners were nominees submitted by Panathlon International, member of CIFP):

- **Diploma of Honour:** presented to **Katia Pedrini** (Panathlon Club Modena,) for her career in the "Jean Borotra" category and Eugenio Dondi (Panathlon Club Ferrara) for the "Youth" category; both athletes are mentioned in issue 3/2020 of the International Magazine.

- **Youth Trophy:** awarded to **Giovanni Borgonovo** (Panathlon Club Como) in the Jacques Rogge "Youth" category - The young rower of Canottieri Cernobbio, after participating in and winning the Villa d'Este 2019 Trophy, was the protagonist of a gesture of loyalty, courage and selflessness. In full observation of the principles of fairplay he reported to the judges that he had missed a buoy by mistake, an error that cost him the disqualification from the race. Giovanni received a letter of congratulations for this coveted award from Jeno Kamuti, President of the CIFP, and from Pierre Zappelli, President of Panathlon International.

The Award of the Trophy is scheduled for September 2021 in Budapest.



2021: year of hope?

Not everything of these ill-fated months is to be thrown away

Some have learnt a discipline, some have discovered sport, others have more trust in Science, our approach to work has changed and family ties have deepened

by Renato Zanovello
President emeritus Panathlon Club Padova

The great Irish playwright and Nobel Prize G.B. Shaw, maintaining that in every person/thing/situation non everything is to be discarded, used to say that even a broken clock is right twice a day.

I wonder, then, whether Shaw would have repeated the same concept when referring to the current wretched Covid pandemic, responsible for so many bereavements, misfortunes and severe economic upheaval. I think that, even though with great difficulty, he would have answered yes.

But why, considering the millions of deaths and hospitalisations recorded in the world, and the businesses forced to close down with dramatic consequences for the employment? Sport has been particularly hit. We just have to consider the extremely serious repercussions following the penalising and deadly restrictions that sport clubs and athletes, at every level, have suffered: closure of sport facilities, from local gyms to national arenas and empty stadiums, fleeing sponsors, cancellation of competitions, events, themed meetings, large in-person events, including the Olympic Games.

At this point the temptation to throw it all away, including Shaw's citation, is very strong. And yet, calling upon my inner strength, I think that something can be salvaged even from this very sad time.

In fact, the prolonged lockdown has allowed for ample space to be spent with our families, as well as rediscover time for silence and for individual and collective meditation.

This has also highlighted how the digital support with which we swiftly navigate the Net has become fundamental to maintain social relations, to buy online, organise public webinars, work from home in a smarter way, play virtual sport, alone or in a group, and much more.

In this awful pandemic many have embraced a new sport, abiding by the imposed rules, and have renewed their faith in Science for delivering vaccines in a short time. We also have to take into account the reduction in pollution; according to the magazine "Earth System

Science Data" carbon dioxide emissions have decreased by 10%.

With regards to physical activity, the number of those who rediscovered the pleasure of walking, running and cycling has risen by 30%. Finally, solidarity has grown exponentially through fundraising, donations and many other forms of volunteering with doctors, health workers, priests, sportsmen of all ages and social groups sacrificing, sometimes to the extreme, their lives.

What will 2021 (to highlight the origin of this pandemic one might call it twenty twenty - wuhan) have in store for us? We are all wishing for the damn Covid to disappear and to go back to a normal life saving, though, those "good" experiences mentioned above, certain that no dark winter lasts forever because it always turns into a spring of light.



The spirit and the ideals

The Foundation was created in memory of Domenico Chiesa, at the initiative of his heirs Antonio, Italo and Maria. Domenico Chiesa, who in 1951, in addition to being the promotor of the first Panathlon Club, had also written the draft of its charter, and who in 1960 was one of the founders of Panathlon International, had expressed the wish during his lifetime, albeit not technically binding for his heirs, that part of his wealth should be used to assign awards periodically to artistic works inspired by sport, as well as to cultural activities and publications sharing the same goals as Panathlon. With regard to the creation of the Foundation, alongside the Chiesa family's conspicuous contribution, the generous support of the whole Panathletic movement must be remembered. It came from very many clubs as well as personally from many Panathletes, letting the Foundation achieve the conditions needed for entering the world of visual art in a prestige and striking manner: introducing an

Domenico Chiesa Award

On 24th September 2004 the Panathlon International Central Board, considering the need to increase the Foundation's capital and to honour the memory of one of the founder members of Panathlon, who was its source of inspiration as well as its first financial backer, decided to start the "Domenico Chiesa Award". It was to be assigned following proposals by the single clubs and on the basis of specific rules, to one or more Panathletes or even non-members who had lived according to the Panathletic spirit. In particular, it was to go to people who had undertaken to uphold the ideal of sport and had contributed in an exceptionally significant manner:



towards the understanding and promotion of the values of Panathlon

and of the Foundation through cultural means inspired by sport

towards the concept of friendship among all Panathletes and everyone operating in sporting circles,

thanks also to the assiduity and quality of their participation in the activities of Panathlon,

for members and for non-members, recognising in the Panathletic ideals a top value

for the education and training of the young

towards the willingness to serve, thanks to their activities for the benefit of the Club

and their generosity towards the Club and the world of sport.

Chiesa Italo - P.C. Venezia 20/10/2004
Chiaruttini Paolo - P.C.Venezia 16/12/2004
Pizzetti Martino - P.C.Parma 15/12/2004
Chiesa Italo offerto Enrico Prandi 20/10/2004
Battistella Bruno P.C.Vittorio Veneto 27/05/2005
Ferdinandi Pierluci P.C.Latina 12/12/2004
Mariotti Gelasio P.C.Vald.Inf 19/02/2006
Prando Sergio P.C.Venezia 12/06/2006
Zichi Massimo P.C.Latina 06/11/2006
Yves Vaan Auweele P.C.Brussel 21/11/2006
Viscardo Brunelli P.C.Como 01/12/2006
Giampaolo Dallara P.C. Parma 06/12/2006
Fabio Presca I Distretto 15/02/2007
Giulio Giuliani P.C. Brescia 12/06/2007
Avio Vailati Venturi P.C.Crema 13/06/2007
Luciano Canavese P.C. Crema 13/06/2007
Sergio Fabrizi P.C.La Malpensa 19/09/2007
Cesare Vago P.C. La Malpensa 19/09/2007
Amedeo Marelli P.C. La Malpensa 19/09/2007
Fernando Petrone P.C. Latina 10/12/2007
Vittorio Adorni P.C.Parma 16/01/2008
Dora de Biase P.C.Foggia 18/04/2008
Albino Rossi P.C.Pavia 12/06/2008
Giuseppe Zambon - P.C.Venezia 18/12/2008
Maurizio Clerici - P.C.Latina 15/12/2008
Silvio Valdameri - P.C.Crema 17/12/2008
Enrico Ravasi - P.C.Varese 21/04/2009

Attilio Bravi - P.C.Bra 25/05/2009
Antonio Spallino - P.C.Como 30/05/2009
Gaio Camporesi offerto Enrico Prandi 21/11/2009
Mons.Mazza - P.C.Parma 15/12/2009
Mario Macalli - P.C.Crema 22/12/2009
Livio Berruti - Area 3 19/11/2010
Gianni Marchiol - P.C.Udine N.T. 11/12/2010
Mario Mangiarotti - P.C.Bergamo 16/12/2010
Mario Sogno P.C.Biella 24/09/2011
Mariuccia Lombardini - P.C.Reggio E. 19/11/2011
Bernardino Morsani - P.C.Rieti 25/11/2011
Roberto Ghiretti - P.C.Parma 15/12/2011
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Giuseppe Molteni - P.C. Varese 17/04/2012
Enrico Prandi Area 5 11/12/2012
Sergio Allegrini - P.C.Udine N.T. 17/12/2012
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P.C.Udine N.T. 17/12/2012
Don Davide Larice P.C.Udine N.T. 17/12/2012
Maurizio Monego Area 1 31/10/2013
Henrique Nicolini Area 1 Area 2 31/10/2013
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Enzo Cainero P.C. Udine NT 30/11/2013
Giuseppenicola Tota Area 5 11/06/2014
Renata Soliani P.C. Como 12/06/2014
Geo Balmelli P.C. Lugano 12/06/2014
Baldassare Agnelli P.C. Bergamo 30/10/2014

Sergio Campana P.C. Bassano 09/12/2014
Fabiano Gerevini P.C. Crema 13/11/2015
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Bruno Grandi P.C. Forlì 22/01/2016
Mara Pagella P.C. Pavia 18/02/2016
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Oreste Perri Area 02 26/11/2016
Gianduia Giuseppe P.C. La Malpensa 13/12/2016
Giovanni Ghezzi P.C. Crema 14/12/2016
Roberto Peretti P.C. Genova levante 26/01/2017
Magi Carlo Alberto Distretto Ita 31/03/2017
Mantegazza Geo PC Lugano 20/04/2017
Palmieri Caterina PC Varese 16/05/2017
Paul De Broe PC Brussels 28/01/2018
Vic De Donder PC Brussels 28/01/2018
Buzzella Mario PC Crema 28/02/2018
Balzarini Adriana Distretto Italia 16/06/2018
Guccione Alù Gabriele PC Palermo 09/11/2018
Di Pietro Giovanni PC Latina 27/10/2018
Speroni Carlo PC La Malpensa 13/11/2018
Dainese Giorgio Area 05 26/10/2019
Bambozzi Gianni Area 05 26/10/2019
Marini Gervasio PC Latina 9/12/2019
Pecci Claudio PC Como 12/12/2019
Lucchesini Giorgio PC Altavaldelsa 16/12/2019
Facchi Gianfranco PC Crema 18/12/2019
Marani Matteo PC Milano 28/01/2020



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