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“IN MEMORY OF VITTORIO ADORNI WE SAY ‘NO’ TO WAR”

The major part of the magazine is dedicated to the memory of our former President, Vittorio Adorni – it is a tribute, which is well deserved.

With his reputation as an athlete, a top-level director and his commitment in service of Panathlon, he has given an incisive touch in spreading our ideals in the world of sport.

For several years now, one global crisis has been followed by another. People's health was hit with Covid and world peace was shaken by the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine. All these crises have also had an impact on the world of sport.

So, why mention it again in this editorial?

Because while Covid has eased up a little and effective vaccines have allowed it to be fought, no vaccine can defeat the insane, armed aggression that is devastating a European country.

A year ago, the IOC reacted, with determination, after Russia violated the Olympic truce. We did not think, at that point, that the crisis would have lasted so long.

Today as a result of the continuing grip of war on the world of sport, a new kind of thinking and new measures are required.

During the round table in Rome last October, Panathlon International contributed to the discussion on the impact of this conflict in the world of sport.

Since then, as the magazine reports, IOC issued new and firm resolutions at the Olympic Summit in December 2022. This was followed by a press release on 22 February 2023, in which the IOC wished to commemorate the sad anniversary of the beginning of the conflict. In particular, the strengthening of solidarity aid for Ukrainian athletes was announced. The solidarity funds for these athletes have been tripled. About 3,000 Ukrainian athletes have already benefited from this financial and logistical support to ensure their participation in various sports competitions around the world.

I am pleased to announce more good news from our Movement.

Firstly, the creation of new clubs. Following the Primorska Club in Slovenia, a second Club in Buenos Aires – Zona Norte - in Argentina has been founded allowing this country to approach the formation of a new District in Latin America. Finally, we welcome the creation of a third club in Austria, in the Land of Carinthia, Kärnten - thanks to which Austria can remain a District of Panathlon International - as well as the new Caudium Club in the 11-Campania area.

Among our new projects, I would like to highlight the implementation of our collaboration with the “One Ocean Foundation”, an organization dedicated to defending the oceans from pollution. This project is part of the 2020 + 5 agenda of the Olympic Movement, point 10 of which emphasizes the protection of our environment. Our Clubs, especially those located close to seas and lakes, should contribute to achievement of the “Emerald Charter” goals promoted by One Ocean.

Enjoy reading our magazine



Pierre Zappelli
International President

THE PRICELESS LEGACY OF VITTORIO ADORNI

A man of great charisma and an all round champion: as runner, sports executive, panathlete, television commentator and as a friend to all



Cycling and Panathlon International mourn the death of Vittorio Adorni the great protagonist of a human and sporting story that has profoundly affected both of these worlds. He was 85 years old.

The commitment that involved him most “off the bike” was with Panathlon International’s worldwide sports club service where he was International President from 1996 until 2004. His charisma as a champion and leader increased the movement’s membership and profile within the International Olympic Committee.

In cycling, he has set an example of being an authentic and kind champion - one who turned pro from 1961 up until 1970, was able to conquer the highest goals, such as Giro d’Italia in 1965 and world champion in 1968, and all the while remaining an extremely modest human being. He was also fortunate to be a sporting director of champions like Eddy Merckx, before becoming a brilliant television commentator alongside Sergio Zavoli, as well as being the presenter of the popular television program together with artist Liana Orfei.

In addition, he always took on union positions as a representative of the professional sector for cycling sport both within the International Cycling Union and the IOC. He was also involved in politics as a city councillor for sport in his hometown of Parma.

Wherever he worked he left the indelible mark of his fiery presence, while possessing a capacity for calm, objective and positive analysis during sporting or political events, along with deep a respect for people and the truth.

In the pages that follow you can read accounts of those who have known and esteemed him.

Christmas 2022 and the painful announcement by President Pierre Zappelli

by Pierre Zappelli

"Panathlon International mourns the death of Vittorio Adorni.

The news has made us grieve and has deeply affected us making Christmas sadder for each panathlete out there. I feel the desire to share with you my thoughts and feelings regarding this very grave loss that has affected our Movement and the whole sporting world.

A world-class athlete, former world champion of cycling, winner of the Giro D'Italia, former president of the Panathlon International, which he directed from 1996 to 2004.

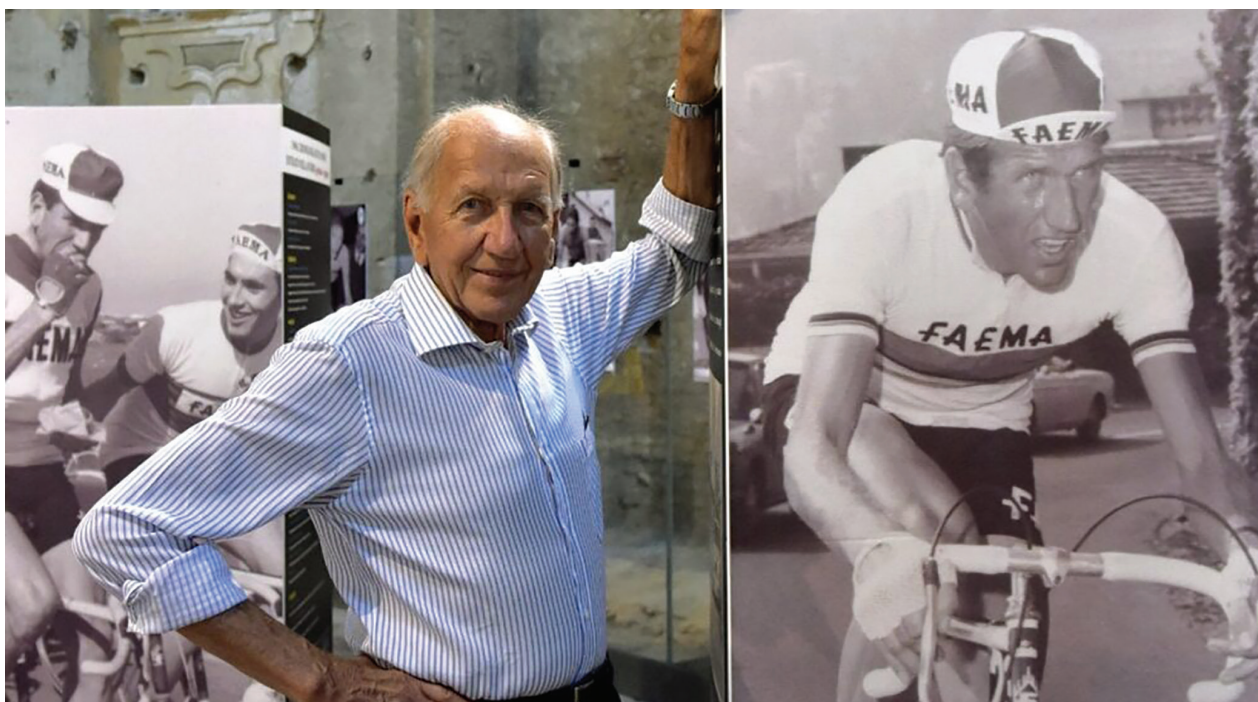
On a personal level, I have an enduring memory of him as a kind, attentive and very understanding person. I also had the opportunity to know him as a panathlete: he was my first President of Panathlon International. It should also be remembered that Vittorio Adorni held leadership positions at the International Cycling Union (UCI).

He chaired the Professional Cycling Council and was also a member of the UCI Steering Committee. This gave me the chance to meet and share the pleasure of his friendship while I carried out the duties of President of the Licensing Commission of the International Cycling Union.

His death has touched me very deeply. It is a great loss for the world of sport and for the entire Panathlon International family.

Dear Friends, let us all embrace the family and the Club of Parma in this painful moment.

His values, smile and great humanity will always remain in our hearts."



A champion as a friend

by Enrico Prandi

The rivalry between Parma and Reggio Emilia is well known in Italy - throughout the centuries during the Ducati period - and was present in naming of one of the most famous cheeses in the world, as well as in naming its football fans. But it is equally true that beyond the jokes made between the "Bagoloni" from Parma, and the "Teste Quadre", from Reggio, there has always been mutual esteem - albeit with a pinch of envy - and a recognized appreciation for common initiatives and projects which can be shared between the two in order to achieve important goals.

'Goals' is a magic word of which Vittorio had a clear idea in his youth and for which he committed himself to with passion and determination to reach...with a smile.

It's hard to find photographs where Vittorio doesn't smile.

And that one of the first significant goals was achieved in Reggio Emilia is of course, no surprise.

It was 1956, Vittorio had not yet turned eighteen, and he was an amateur cyclist with Audax of Parma, his first team. At the time, in Reggio, there was an important 30 Km time trial cycling race called the "Reggio-Casina" with 10 Km of flat ground and 20 Km of ascent. He arrived in Reggio Emilia by bicycle from Parma accompanied by friends, did the race and then made the best time. He won by surprise - nobody knew him except the friends who had followed him - and returned by bike to Parma passing Rossena and beside Val d'Enza. Vittorio confided in me 40 years later that because of his "happiness he had not even felt the fatigue ..."

In spring 1996, we met in Rapallo for the first time, and obviously he greeted the "Testa Squadra" with a vigorous handshake (I immediately thought of the dumbbells he had squeezed tightly during his career) and with his proverbial and ever-present smile. He was a candidate for the International Presidency of Panathlon International, and I was a Councillor.

It was the beginning of a long friendship that saw us give presentations in all of the important events in held - in Italy, Europe, South America, Africa, and Asia - organized by the Panathlon, the International Olympic Committee and other international organizations.

I wanted to combine these two events: 1956 or rather the spontaneity, the joy of a young man beginning a prestigious career (World Champion, Giro d'Italia and more than 60 important titles); in 1996 he was still a simple and cheerful man that, without weighing medals and success, always made himself available to consolidate the presence of Panathlon in Italy and throughout the world.

Because of close proximity - I had gone to university in Parma, he had had supporters from Reggio Emilia and many Reggio Emilia Associations invited him - a dialogue and

sharing began of initiatives, ideas, decisions to be taken, choices to made that have marked a long period (16 years) of panathletic life.

His Presidency lasted 8 years with two terms - and during the second I was elected Vice-President - then Vittorio became Past President during the eight years of my Presidency.

It's really hard to recall all the events that we've been through together - I'll just mention the most significant ones. However, I can remember that his smile, his spontaneity and his natural joy always accompanied us on every journey and on every occasion.

The car trips with him were a unique opportunity because Vittorio - especially in Italy, but also in France and Switzerland - loved to pass, en route, the roads where he had been a runner. He remembered them with precision, he anticipated the route, recognized hotels, petrol stations, and knew how to identify fountains.. and there were opportunities for anecdotes, jokes made or received, but also to narrate his exploits ... Returning to Panathlon, we must remember that with him relations with the Presidency of the International Olympic Committee resumed and intensified, first with Juan Antonio Samaranch, then with Jacques Rogge.

We must also not forget that, in 1997, we managed to realize the project of Panathlon International Cultural Foundation - Domenico Chiesa, wisely built by Antonio Spallino with Italo Chiesa in previous years.

The Conventions of Vienna (1997), Palermo (1999), Fiftieth anniversary in Venice (2001), Basel (2003) and the publication of "Sport, Ethics and Culture" (2003) a publishing enterprise of great scope, conceived and curated by Antonio Spallino.

Even in his eight years as Past-President and President of the PI Domenico Chiesa Foundation, we could not help but notice his commitment and experience. To him we owe the institution of the Domenico Chiesa Award, the dissemination of the Declaration on the Ethics of Youth Sport and the organization of the Convention of Parma (2005)

Nevertheless, all this fails to explain what Vittorio was for me, for Panathlon International and for all those who have been close to him: an authentic Champion who with joy and simplicity has always committed himself to the sports movement - a life companion and a friend that everyone would like to have by their side forever.

Farewell Vittorio

A man on the run who loved the group

by Giacomo Santini



On Christmas Eve Vittorio Adorni passed away. The Alpini would say, in their dialect that combines resignation with hope: "And so it goes on". And no sentence could be more appropriate for Vittorio. Someone who was always ahead at every juncture of his professional life not to mention his voluntary activities, because he was never satisfied with waiting for things to happen nor accepting second place.

Like that day in 1968 when, at Imola during the World Championships, he noticed the others had gone ahead and remained in the chase. It wasn't his natural position, so he went out of his way to hook up with the breakaway pack. And once caught up, he kept pedalling to go out in front of everyone and continued to pedal until he eventually found himself on his own, for 90 kilometers, and then he finally won the world title.

That trophy was immediately added to his Giro d'Italia victory three years earlier when, once again, he moved ahead of everyone not only in ranking places but by inventing a multifunctional runner figure with an active role in the famous process during the Sergio

Zavoli stage. He rode and interviewed his colleagues. He reached the finish line, fatigued like everyone else, but ran to the microphone to provide flashes of authentic poetry and technical explanations that helped not only fans, but also many insiders, to understand the dynamics of a sport made of muscle but above all made of intelligence - just like his own.

His cycling with a microphone opened the way to becoming a true television commentator. Once again, a forerunner who reinvigorated an entire discipline, with generations of riders transfixed at the ironic: "I'm glad one of us has arrived", until it was then abused in the service of others.

I met him for the first time in 1974 when RAI entrusted me with cycling for the radio sector, in tandem with Claudio Ferretti. Vittorio had hung up his bicycle four years earlier and divided his time between the teams and TV. He was a fundamental guide and advisor for me to join a totally new wagon. The relationship between us was consolidated further when, between 1987 and 1994, I joined him on TV with Adriano De Zan.

His capacity for empowerment and innovative intuition immediately projected him into the role of sports director and only he could have envisaged becoming the manager of his old rivals like as Felice Gimondi or Eddy Merckx.

With the category of professional cyclists in a developing phase, it was not difficult to attract him into union roles: first at a national level before advancing to the highest positions within the UCI, which was an antechamber of the upper tiers of the International Olympic Committee.

He always conducted himself in a controlled and calm manner as if he were only there by chance. There were no high-flown or pompous words in his speeches - when he spoke he knew how to achieve the rare effect of everyone listening carefully and with full respect. He was fascinated by cycling and sport in general more than competition itself; of the human aspects, educational dynamics towards young people, examples of commitment to fatigue and the effects of cohesion within civil society. When he was put forward to become Panathlon International President, succeeding Antonio Spallino, that throne was already made for him.

He was president from 1996 to 2004.

The commitment, charisma and reputation he enjoyed projected the panathletic movement to the attention of the whole sporting world not to mention raising its profile and creating more clubs and members.

In 2001, it was his turn to organize Panathlon 50th anniversary in Venice where he was born. It was a success in terms of both sporting and civil authority participants. At the time, I was Member of the European Parliament and Vittorio asked me to lead the ceremonies as we had done for so many years in cycling. I told him about my concerns for the incompatibility of

such a role with that of being a Member of the European Parliament. However, he said, "But I'm asking the commentator, not the European Member..." And while I was looking for a clever answer to reiterate my doubts and fears, I found myself already holding the microphone.

The same thing happened at the end of 2011 when he came to Rome with Enrico Prandi, his successor as President, to propose candidacy in June 2012. In the meantime, I had become a Senator of the Republic and I couldn't wait to finish that mandate in order to retire, after 40 years of journalism and 20 years of parliamentary commitment.

This reason was not even considered to by the two interlocutors, but I had the ace up my sleeve in support of my refusal: "The Panathlon is non-partisan and apolitical and I am still a senator, nor is it conceivable that I resign, so for more than a year I would be incompatible..."

Like a cat and a fox, the two Presidents looked at each other and it was Vittorio who responded with his reassuring and sly tone: "No problem, we have already talked with many people and nobody will raise objections..."

Once again, he had already overcome the obstacle. In fact, he had moved way beyond it.

A man always on the run but with an innate sense of group.

Call him if you want emotion

by Maurizio Monego

*In front of the photograph of Pelé and Adorni from the book *The Flight of the Heron* on the life and feats of a cycling champion, I borrow the title of the song by Lucio Battisti for some remarks that are nothing, if not pure emotion.*

Perhaps it is because they both left us a short while ago - Vittorio on Christmas Eve and 'The King' on December 29th - or perhaps it is because of the lens of friendship for the Parmense and the myth of the Brazilian, two forms so different from each other, two of the most popular sports in the world - football certainly the most universal - or perhaps it will be the memory of their enterprises, however I will also feel sorry to consign permanently to memory the emotions experienced in youth for Pelé and those most recent emotions of my personal friendship with the president of Panathlon International.

The memory of 1958, of that World Cup in Sweden, is unforgettable when Pelé, only two and a half years older than me, began to build his throne as King of football. And it is exciting to reminisce on the times I met and collaborated with Vittorio from 2000 onwards.

In '58 the final won by Brazil led to the discovery of a new kind of football, a new art form. In Venice, I witnessed it in Campo S. Aponal, on the wicker chairs that Gigio, the bar manager, lined up on the pavement with my eyes glued to the television set that towered above us under the canopy, sheltered from the sun of that late June afternoon. The scenes of jubilation for the goals of Vavá and Pelé, the passages of play from Garrincha, Didi and Zagalo as well as the saves made by Gilmar from that final match with Sweden all enhanced the amazement of that discovery. Even more unexpected because the green and golds had not yet shown the 'ginga', the basic capoeira step applied to calcio bailado, which translates into virtuosity of dribbling, headers, chest stops, quick dribbling and changes of pace. All characteristics that only with age would I understand and learn to distinguish, but whose excitement, at that time, I experienced. Kind of like it was for the Harlem Globetrotters of basketball - pure spectacle.

In receiving the Flambeau d'Or in 1978, accompanied by his friends Heraldo Pagnoca and Henrique Nicolini, Edson Arantes do Nascimento showed a great willingness, gentleness of character together with an open smile. The Brazilian panathletes in these days of mourning have re-

flected on it in many ways. Especially through the many photographs taken at events and meetings of the Panathlon club in the State of São Paulo.

During my time, Vittorio Adorni was the second President of Panathlon International, after Antonio Spallino, who



had impressed me with his culture and language since the international congress in Avignon in 1995. Two very different personalities, both captivating for the elegance with which they held themselves as well as for their own sporting experiences.

I met Adorni the following year when he was elected president in the general assembly of Rapallo. He came to Venice in March 1999, for the conference that I organized at the Military Naval School "F. Morosini". The theme "Ethics and Sport" was debated, which was particularly close to the heart of former-president Spallino. In front of the classes of cadets, from classical high school and the scientific high school, Adorni introduced both Panathlon and Panathlon's goals. This was followed by a presentation from philosopher Massimo Cacciari whom I had invited as an influential speaker on the subject of Antonio Spallino.

A few months later, at the international congress in Palermo - where as president of the Venice club I presented the project for the celebrations of the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the panathletic movement - the "electoral committee" and Vittorio invited me to run for the Central Council that would be formed in 2000. Honoured by the proposal, I nevertheless declined the invitation out of respect for my club, which had elected me as its president with the specific commitment to lead it to the 2001 celebrations, which I had already begun working on with the city's institutions. I believe it was the right choice. I would of course later provide my own contribution to the leadership of Panathlon International. Thanks to the extraordinary team of members and the Council, in which the figures of Paolo Chiaruttini and Luigi 'Gino' Serafini, chairman of the organizing committee and head of logistics, respectively, were fundamental, the Venice days were unanimously judged an all-round success.

At the official celebration in the Doge's Palace, Vittorio received from Albert of Monaco's very own hands - whom he himself had convinced to come to Venice with the help of Juan Antonio Samaranch - the collar of the Olympic Order. Vittorio was moved on that occasion and I wouldn't be mistaken, if I interpreted such emotions as satisfaction for seeing his wound of disappointment suffered at the Rome Olympics - for being summoned but not fielded in the team pursuit quartet - going some way to being healed. He would have given, I don't know what, to be on that podium to see the tricolour rise to the sound of the Mameli anthem. He experienced that feeling, to which all high-level athletes aspire, in his world triumph in Imola in 1968. In Venice, he received high recognition from the IOC, for his extraordinary career as an athlete, sports leader and also as a panathlete. At the end of that 2001, President Samaranch also called him to join the IOC Commission on Olympic Culture and Education, making him a member of the Olympic Family.

The following years held in store for me the honour and pleasure of numerous formal and informal meetings with him giving me the privilege of frequenting him, albeit occasionally, and hearing him on the phone. I retain many memories and find in his book confirmation to the feelings of esteem and admiration I have always felt for his intelligence, for that gift of his to understand what was going on, to understand situations, identify solutions and look ahead. A gift he used in racing and as a sports director (two world titles for athletes of his Salvarani and Bianchi-Campagnolo: Marino Basso in '72 and Felice Gimondi in '73), which helped mark the transition between the old and the new world of cycling, also as a communicator alongside great journalists and sports reporters who became his friends, starting with Sergio Zavoli, Alfredo Provenzali, Claudio Ferretti, Adriano De Zan and the many others mentioned in the *Lectio Doctoralis* presented when he was awarded the "Honary

Degree in Science & Technology of Physical Education" on May 18th, 2015. An accomplishment for which he was justifiably very proud. He had great communication skills that stemmed from the directness of his character, the Parmesan-ness of his sympathy.

The network of relationships that he was able to build and cultivate in his life led him to be a forerunner in sports marketing in some cases, including promoting the "Parma food" project that he cared so much about. It was his hand in introducing Parmalat to the Alpine Skiing World Cup finals, in the parallel that saw Gustav Thoeni prevail over Ingemar Stenmark. He had been able to involve his friend Serge Lang, well known as a journalist for *L'Equipe*, following the Giro D'Italia and Tour de France, who had "created" the Ski World Cup by responding to the request that came from Jacques Goddet and his newspaper. Vittorio also had some involvement in organizing the Italian expeditions to the 1975 Mediterranean Games and the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games.

He was in love with Panathlon. He wrote about it with pride in his book - *The Flight of The Heron* - and in his *Lectio Doctoralis*, highlighting what the international presidency gave him as a person entrusting him "A role that gave me the opportunity to enter places I did not know, that is, to meet members who come from all sports, who really love it and promote it always keeping in mind the respect for those who practice it with a basic principle: the right for young people to play sports." Since the Panathlon he has had "incredible satisfaction being able to know the sport from different points of view entering the world of the International Olympic Committee (...)". Without forgetting that it was during his presidency that the Panathlon International Cultural Foundation - Domenico Chiesa - was born of which he was also president.

Family, Sport, Work, Friendship, Panathlon, IOC, humanity are the colours of the rainbow that Vittorio has been able to trace out with his life.

Thank you, champ.

Rest in peace.

“Community & the Panathletic movement”

by Simona Callo
PI General Secretary

Celebrations for the 14th Pan-American Congress of Cochabamba, in Bolivia, were a complete success. They were held at Gran Hotel Cochabamba with representatives present from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Peru, Ecuador and Uruguay.

Panathlon International was represented by International President, Pierre Zappelli, Vice President Orietta Maggi, CI America representative, Luis Moreno, President of the Expansion Commission, Patrick van Campenhout, as well as PI Secretary General, Simona Callo, who all presented Panathlon International's projects, in particular: “Fair Play starts again from the school”, activities of the General Secretariat, and the 2022-25 Strategic Plan.

The International President, at the beginning of proceedings, reminded everyone of the importance of meeting in person and how this contributes to strengthening friendship, cultural and sporting exchanges and the possibility of further developing the presence of Panathlon International within the South American continent.

Guest of honour was President of Bolivarian Sports ODEBO, Baltazar Medina, from Bogota - Colombia. After the welcome by President of Panathlon International Club of Cochabamba, Silvia Jimenez, as well as every other representative, the projects were presented that have been carried out by the clubs in the various territories and on various themes: school, fair play, environment, relations with the Olympic Committees, etc.

Vice President, Bernardo Pavic, spoke for Club Cochabamba and explained their activities while committing, together with the President, to developing our movement in Bolivia and trying to create a new District as soon as possible.

At the end of the second day, all representatives came together to draft the final document to be published. Before concluding the Convention, and after the discussion, participants decided on future venues for the Pan-American Convention: 2023 in Ecuador and 2025 in Mexico.

All participants were accompanied by Silvia and Bernardo, President and Vice-President of the Panathlon International Club of Cochabamba, to visit the city centre and the Christ that overlooks it, in an atmosphere of both great friendship and fellowship.

For all participants, this experience in this beautiful Bolivian land will remain close to their hearts and in particular within the city of Cochabamba that with its young members has proven to be both welcoming and enthusiastic in spreading the values of Panathlon International.



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At the conclusion of the working days of the Congress, we issue the following statement:

1) The central theme of the XIV Pan American Congress allowed to meet and exchange views on the work done by the American clubs and districts.

2) The presence of Dr. Pierre Zappelli, President of Panathlon International, accompanied by an important number of members of the International Board, as well as international sport, provided the appropriate level to broaden the vision of the participants in view of the institutional future.

3) The Congress ratified the philosophy and objectives of the panathletic movement in its vision to serve the community by working in different scenarios and at all levels demonstrating the need to promote communication

between clubs to make their actions visible and increase teamwork.

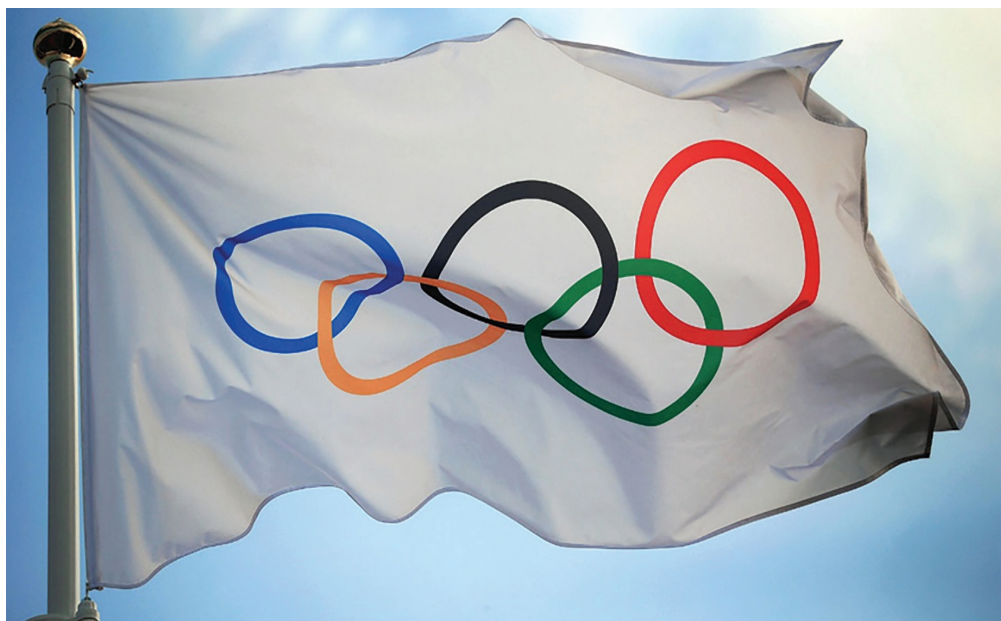
4) The presence and participation of many representatives of institutions opens a door to the future to strengthen the movement in America.

5) We must emphasise that the 14th Pan American Congress was attended by governing authorities, representatives of sports institutions and local media, which gave the event greater relevance.

6) We underline and appreciate the organisational work and the excellent result of the congress thanks to the commitment of the members of Panathlon Club Cochabamba. We hope it will motivate a better response and presence in the next meetings.

From IOC solidarity to Ukraine and new sanctions against Russia

Deserting demonstrations in Russia and Belarus, excluding athletes, no national anthems and flags of the two countries



The Executive Board (EB) of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) met to consider the unanimous conclusions of the Olympic Summit (9 December 2022), which comprises the leaders of all the stakeholder groups of the Olympic Movement and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). Following this Summit, consultation calls were held with the IOC Members, the global network of athletes' representatives, the International Federations (IFs) and the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) on 17 and 19 January 2023.

The discussions had three parts: first, the sanctions against the Russian and Belarusian State and Government; second, the solidarity of the Olympic Movement with the Ukrainian athletes and the Ukrainian Olympic community; third, the possible access to sports competitions for individual athletes with Russian or Belarusian passports.

1. With regard to the sanctions, participants in each of the consultation calls unanimously reaffirmed and called for a reinforcement of the sanctions already in place:

- a. No international sports events being organised or supported by an IF or NOC in Russia or Belarus.
- b. No flag, anthem, colours or any other identifications

whatsoever of these countries being displayed at any sports event or meeting, including the entire venue.

c. No Russian and Belarusian Government or State official should be invited to or accredited for any international sports event or meeting.

2. With regard to the solidarity with Ukrainian athletes and the Ukrainian Olympic community, there was also unanimous support to:

a. Continue and even strengthen the full and unwavering commitment to solidarity with the Ukrainian athletes and the Ukrainian Olympic community in order to have a strong team from the NOC of Ukraine at the Olympic Games Paris 2024 and the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026.

b. Encourage all IFs, NOCs and sports event organisers to undertake all possible efforts to facilitate the training, preparation and participation of Ukrainian athletes in international sports events.

3. With regard to the individual athletes with Russian or Belarusian passports, the vast majority of the participants in each of the consultation calls expressed the following:

- a. Strong commitment to the unifying mission of the

Olympic Movement, requesting and encouraging it to live up to this unifying mission, particularly in these times of division, confrontation and war.

b. Respect the rights of all athletes to be treated without any discrimination, in accordance with the Olympic Charter. Governments must not decide which athletes can participate in which competition and which athletes cannot.

c. No athlete should be prevented from competing just because of their passport.

d. A pathway for athletes' participation in competition under strict conditions should therefore be further explored.

e. Such strict conditions being:

1) athletes would participate in competitions as "neutral athletes" and in no way represent their state or any other organisation in their country, as is already happening in professional leagues, particularly in Europe, the United States and Canada, and in some individual professional sports.

2) only athletes who fully respect the Olympic Charter would participate. This means in particular: first, only those who have not acted against the peace mission of the IOC by actively supporting the war in Ukraine could compete. Second, only athletes who fully comply with the World Anti-Doping Code and all relevant anti-doping rules and regulations would be eligible. There must be individual checks carried out for all entered athletes.

f. In the event of any athlete failing to respect the eligibility criteria or failing to respect the strict participation conditions as set out above, the IF and/or the sports event organiser concerned should immediately remove them from the competition, suspend them from further competitions and report the incident to the IOC for its consideration for further measures and sanctions.

g. Welcomed and appreciated the offer from the Olympic Council of Asia to give these athletes access to Asian competitions.

The vast majority in each of the consultation meetings requested the IOC to continue the exploration of the above-mentioned concept by way of bilateral consultation, with each International Federation being the sole authority for its international competitions.

The participants' deliberations were informed by a number of documents, including but not limited to the following:

1. A letter from the Special Rapporteur in the field of

cultural rights and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

- The letter from the Special Rapporteurs states: "We express serious concern, however, about the recommendation to ban Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials such as judges from international competitions, based solely on their nationality, as a matter of principle. This raises serious issues of non-discrimination."

2. The UN General Assembly resolution A/77/L.28: "Sport as an enabler of sustainable development" adopted by consensus by all UN Member States on 1 December 2022, including Ukraine, Russia and Belarus.

- The Resolution recognised that major international sports events "should be organised in the spirit of peace" and that "the unifying and conciliative nature of such events should be respected".

- It also supported the political neutrality of the Olympic Movement and "the independence and autonomy of sport as well as the mission of the International Olympic Committee in leading the Olympic Movement".

- Opening the debate in the UN General Assembly, the President of the 77th Session of the UNGA said: "I encourage all Member States to preserve the unifying spirit of sports and the Olympic Movement. It is far more promising to the world if nations compete on the fields of sports than on the battle fields. The former makes us more noble and stronger, the latter leaves death and devastation behind."

3. Reference was made to the situation regarding the participation of individual athletes from the former Yugoslavia at the Olympic Games Barcelona 1992.

- At the time – contrary to the situation today – there were United Nations sanctions in place against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, calling on all Member States to: "Take the necessary steps to prevent the participation in sporting events on their territory of persons or groups representing the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia."

However, even under this UN sanction regime, the participation of "independent athletes" was allowed at the Olympic Games Barcelona 1992.

The roots of Fair Play are in the Olympic spirit

The ancient Greeks harshly punished cases of corruption, cowardice, excessive violence, bought victories and...delays.

by Livio Guidolin
Maestro dello Sport and panathlete

In ancient Hellas there were four major Games:

- Olympics started in Olimpia in 776BC in honour of Zeus
- Isthmian games in 589BC in honour of Poseidon held in Corinth and Paros island (Platone vinse nella lotta)
- Pythian games in Sanctuary of Delph in 586 AC in honour of Apollo
- Nemea games in 572BC in honour of Hercules held in Cleon on the road between Corinth and Argos

These first competitions were held near shrines to celebrate the dead and to celebrate the Gods with sacrifices.

To make the funeral rites more solemn these "races" were carried out with competitiveness full of "religious" sentiment. A scholar of history of religions, Karl Meuli, defines the race as "the expression of anger and grief generated by the death of a deceased"

In funeral ceremonies there was therefore an organic relationship between sport competition and religion - a link developed between rites and sacred acts, evocation of myths and traditional stories.

In time, the religious and spiritual tension in the contests - races - evolves into pure Agonism, competition tending to bring man to the "ideal form" that is of the actual Divinities.

For the Greeks Agonism, and also Competition, terms that comes from Latin mean to ask, go together and converge towards the same point.

The common goal of agonism is to measure oneself, to compare one's strengths. Who wins, excels is the champion who for his own value guarantees the quality of the others and becomes a unit of measurement. Agonism comes from agony that at the same time means struggle, race and the grounds, well limited and measured, where it takes place.

So the uniqueness of the race is to dispute in a small and defined space, in intimacy with others, shoulder to shoulder, in such a position so as to compare oneself. Therefore, competition is the very essence of sport competition because the need to compare with each

other, to measure oneself against others is a certificate of value and thus acquires a reassuring, comforting meaning. (it helps us understand if we are up to the task at hand)

The induced Spirit of Olympia resulting from Agonism thus includes:

- a) harmony and strength tempered by kindness,
- b) prestige,
- c) honour before material interest
- d) conception of glory as goal and reward.

It should be noted that the winners of at least three races in Olympia also obtained the Divine Honor, that is: the right to place their statue in Altis, the sacred place of Zeus.

To complete this quick spiritual, divine excursus, on the Agons of ancient Greece, it is only right to report some of the events and anecdotes that are less known in literature. These are some examples that nevertheless show that even the Greeks were not perfect and they also knew the excesses, deviations, disloyalty of competitors, attempts at corruption, venality and exaggerated passions of distraught crowds, which today would be defined "ultra violence".

Utopia of "peace among peoples"

1. The Sacred Truce was not a generalized suspension of war as it is presented in the media - it had a very limited scope and concerned exclusively the Sanctuary where the Games took place and the freedom participants had to access these games.

2. In the 72nd Olympics (492BC), Kleomedes of Astipalea is deprived of the crown assigned to the winner after having killed in boxing the rival Ikkos of Epidaurus. This is most likely the event that leads organizers to fix the first rule: homicide is not allowed not even in the toughest boxing contest. Intellect must prevail over the brutal fierce blow.

In the 73rd Olympics (488 BC) we meet the first athlete who breaks the rule: the boxer of Crete Dionietos kills the opponent Herakles and is deprived of the crown.

3. Sources report: "next to the terrace there are bronze statues of Zeus built with the proceeds of fines imposed on athletes who have transgressed the rules of agony." And indeed:

- The first six statues were erected in the 98th Olympics with fines imposed on the boxer of Thessalia EUPOLO for corruption.
- The 112th Olympics were boycotted by the Athenians.
- The 170th Olympics saw numerous cases of corruption
- In the 189th, parents were fined for buying the victory for their children.
- The 201st games saw an athlete punished for cowardice.
- In the 218th games an athlete was expelled for turning up late.
- The 226th games saw an economic agreement between two boxers for victory.

Fair Play

Fair play is a principle in the world of sport related to correct behaviour that athletes must maintain and it means much more than just honest play and following the rules.

The positive concept of Fair play is a way of thinking, not just a way of behaving: it is the smile with which you welcome victory or defeat, it is the impartial judgment in recognizing your mistakes and highlighting the positive attributes of your opponent.

It includes: the fight against cheating, against cunning to bend the rules, the fight against doping, violence (both physical and verbal), sexual harassment and abuse of children, young people or women, exploitation, inequality of opportunities, over-commercialisation and corruption.

Olympic Spirit vs Fair Play

In conclusion, we have observed that the Spirit of Olympia with its "religious" and spiritual roots rewards



valour, as in the valor of time, the values of skill and victory as well as the harmony of gesture, body, sociability and contest.

In Fair play, loyalty, friendship, social interaction, fun, volunteering with participation, taking responsibility, sensitivity to the environment are all recognised.

There is no trace of Agon, Agonism or Competition; no instrument of measurement, a common standard accepted nationally and/or internationally. Determining what is of merit is often left to one's own sensitivity or personal and cultural consciousness.

The Spirit of Olympia is therefore very different from the Spirit that runs through Fair Play.

Panathletes live or have lived the sport, the sporting event, not just practiced the sporting activity as a simple activity – they have expressed through the event the agony, spirit of competition, of Fight, and of Emulation.

Panathletes feel the essence of sport is Competition, sport is only intended for Competitiveness.

The Fair Play award is handed out on very different principles: it is a prize that paradoxically "honors" non-agonism, rewards one's behaviour, a gesture made without any feeling of competitiveness. And therefore, it is a prize that is awarded to a winner who does not necessarily match up to the traditional sports canons.

The ancient Greeks behaved very differently. Even today we can see engraved at the bottom of Zeus' statue that 1,998 years ago the athlete Pancrazio Sarapione of Alexandria was fined for cowardice (201st Olympics, 25 AD)

Without wanting to create false moralisms or "rediscover" the beauty of healthy and honest competition, it is however necessary to return to ethics when it comes to handing out awards.

Our partnership should focus firmly on the Olympic spirit, acknowledging in other institutions the competence to identify and reward the virtuous behaviour of fair play.

However, we must condemn without hesitation - and as far as possible inflict some kind of punishment, as the ancient Greeks did 2000 years ago - by condemning and sanctioning against unsportsmanlike and unfair behaviour, even when it comes as a result of excessive agonism.

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Even “the Forlì Train” has arrived at the end of the line

Olympic champion, professional world champion, winner of a Giro d'Italia and panathlete for 57 years

by Maurizio Gioiello

Ercole Baldini, “the Train of Forlì”, passed away on 1st December last year. He was born in Forlì on 26th January 1933 and, so was just short of his 90th birthday.

Long-standing member of Panathlon Club Forlì, Baldini was not only a champion, but also a very interesting and original person, and not in the least bit banal. To confirm this, it is enough to mention an answer given by him when he was asked during an interview what his greatest joy was: he did not say, for example, Olympic victory or, perhaps, success at Giro d'Italia, but instead and surprisingly, responded «the day I was born»! Baldini loved life, had the fortune of leading a fulfilling life and so, for this he was grateful to his parents for bringing him into the world.

Ercole was a road and track cyclist. He was professional from 1957 up to 1964, and in the period between 1956 and 1958 won: the time record, a Grand Prix de Nations, Italian Championship on track, 2 Italian Road Championships, a World Championship on track, a World Road Championship, an Olympic title in the online test as well as a Giro d'Italia. A complete rider, he boasted the enviable record of being the only cyclist in history to have won a career Olympic gold medal, a World Championship and a Grand Tour. In 2016, he was inducted into the Giro d'Italia Hall of Fame.

Shortly after embarking on his cycling adventure, in 1951, he was already ranked third amongst Italian students' Championship. He turned amateur the following year, then, at the end of his military service in 1956, became Italian champion of the chase surpassing previous world amateur champion, Leandro Faggin.

Later, he took the record of the hour from Jacques Anquetil - who would later become a great friend, so much so that he was amongst the last admitted to the bedside of the late French champion - covering a distance of 46.393 km in Milan's crowded and raucous Vigorelli velodrome. Also, during 1956, the piece of music “The Train of Forlì”, which was composed by Secondo Casadei, was dedicated to Baldini.

To crown off the season, in early December, came triumph at the Olympic Games in Melbourne in the road test, after he took off on the final ascent of the track. At this point we must recall an anecdote: apparently because none of the organizers had predicted the victory of an Italian, the recording of Mameli's hymn was nowhere to be found. To make up this, an Italian emigrant began singing “Fratelli d'Italia” at the top of his

lungs and was followed by a spontaneous chorus from the few Italians present.

In 1958, he won Giro d'Italia beating Charly Gaul both uphill - in a Dolomite stage and in that of Bosco Chiesanuova - and in the time trial - in Comerio and Viareggio. What's more, within the same competitive season, he won the tricolour jersey of an Italian champion on the road for a second time.

Because of his elegant cycling style, he was soon nicknamed “new Coppi” however, his career soon entered into decline. In the years following 1958, in fact, Baldini could not repeat the feats of previous seasons and this was his greatest regret - being aware that he could have achieved even more prestigious results.

After having been sports director for professional teams (including 4 years with SCIC), he was appointed President of the Cyclists' Association and, finally, President of the League. He was also a collaborator of the International Cycling Union under the presidency of Hein Verbruggen.

2022 has been a sad year for cycling in Forlì: first the death, on July 6th, of another great champion, Arnaldo Pambianco, winner in 1961 of the 100th Giro d'Italia followed by Baldini's death. Nevertheless, their memory, we are sure, will never die.



Ercole Baldini (center) in 1956 race together with fellow Forlì champion, Arnaldo Pambianco (left), who was winner of Giro d'Italia

Sport and youth education in the spirit of “EWOS 2022”

Panathlon partner of the initiative shared by dozens of clubs across Europe

2022 was also a sporting highlight for Panathlon. As one of the earliest partners in this European initiative, Panathlon International continues to promote this great EU initiative to its Clubs and at the same time our members themselves also participate through local and regional initiatives.

Paul Standaert, Panathlon International EU Brussels, represented P.I. at the EWOS events that the Commission organized such as the Kickoff in Prague on 23 September 2022 and the Award Ceremony in Brussels on 28 November.

The #BeActive Awards Ceremony 2022 took place at The Square in Brussels on 28 November. The event was opened by speeches from

- **Mariya Gabriel**, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

- **Tomasz Frankowski**, MEP co-chair of the Sports Group

Every year a jury selects the best and the most inspiring projects and individuals, which contribute to the advocacy of healthy lifestyle and sport in Europe.

Commissioner Gabriel was joined by MEP Tomasz Frankowski. She awarded the winners alongside ministers of sport from across Europe.

12 finalists competed for the grand prize in four categories.

Each finalist received €2 500, while each of the four first-place winners received €10 000.

Congratulations to all the winners and finalists of the 2022 #BeActive Awards!

Education

The award went to Krokiet & Lama Academy, an initiative combining education, entertainment and movement in kindergartens and primary schools in the format of online videos.

Workplace

The award went to Move@work « Je bouge + au travail », a global approach created by Azur Sport Santé, based on scientific recommendations and literature, to help change the physical activity work-related habits and promote a more active and healthy lifestyle.

The Move@work approach is custom made and it can vary from a simple informative campaign to a full-scale revamping of the company's active culture.

Local Hero

And the winner was Elias Mastoras. He is the founder of



Mariya Gabriel Commissaria Europea per sport, cultura, gioventù, educazione ed innovazione

the International Campaign “A ball for all” and he has patented the unique mini blind football. The light sound ball is not for sale, but only for donation. 8 500 have been distributed for free in 213 countries and territories.

Ilias is the IBSA Blind Football Chairperson for 2021-2025. Blind football is the only paralympic football in the Paris 2024 paralympic calendar.

Across Generations

Univerza V Ljubljani won with its SLOfit Lifelong project. SLOfit Lifelong was created to promote physical activities adapted to be used for all generations of Slovenian citizens, raise awareness for all generations to engage in healthy lifestyle choices. The project has been continuously monitoring physical fitness of children and adolescents for the past 30 years.

Recently, SLOfit Lifelong was devised as a way for individuals to take advantage of tracking and understanding their own health status once they leave the public school system, with special renewed attention to inter-generational support. Testing is free of charge and easily accessible at local level.

The closing dinner was the moment to get acquainted with initiators from the participating countries and to promote our movement.

(more on : sport.ec.europa.eu)

All on track, in field, in the woods, in the sea, in gyms, in rivers....

Alessandria: rehabilitation through sport



On 11th September, the 38th "Giro of the Dead" (295 participants) took place with the great participation of athletes and enthusiasts. Then on September 17th it was "Borsalino day" with sports activities related to the rehabilitation that happens within the Borsalino Center of Alexandria. Panathlon Club Alessandria Cittadella was involved in the organization including the setting up of a stand. Among those present were Omar Zuffo of Panathlon Alessandria, Governor Area 3 Piemonte-Valle d'Aosta, Maurizio Nasi, former Juve footballer, Domenico Marocchino, President Ass. Stand by me, Acqui Massimo Pivotti, and the President Panathlon Club Alessandria Cittadella Peo Luparia. Not to mention two great athletes: Manuela Falletti Age Group world champion of tennis and Valeria Straneo Olympian and runner-up in the world championship's marathon.

On Monday 19th September, the conference "Goal-keeper, evolution of the role" was held in Altavilla at the Mazzetti Distillery with the collaboration of the Club. Christian Mossino, Panathlete and Vice President of the Italian Amateur League Figc both spoke. On Saturday, September 24, in Acqui Terme, the Club was a partner in the presentation of the book "Letter to Bearzot".

Ariano Irpino: sport in nature



In the context of "European Sport Week 2022", Ariano Irpino Panathlon Club was promoting and spreading Panathlon's sporting ideals to the next generations. Among the most impressive and pleasant moments was a walk in the woods with many curious and enthusiastic children. The organization of this day was also blessed by a crowd of parents, aware that the combination of nature and sport means harmonious and balanced growth for their children.

The "Race of Hope" in Biella

There were over 600 participants in 2022's race, a return after two years of absence, firstly due to the pandemic and then as a result the bad weather. Their registration fee is to become a donation for cancer research projects of the Edo Tempia Fund, sponsor of the event since 2004, and is in collaboration with Panathlon Club Biella with whom they share the project, "Together" to win in life and in sport. And as in the previous event before the pandemic, the Race of Hope was included in the events of the European Week of Sport. #BeActive.



Cuneo: event in the square

Panathlon Club Cuneo, together with Section L. Pellin of the Veterans of Cuneo sport, participated at the EWOS 2022 event with its own "gazebo" in order to promote the values of Panathlon International with the initiatives of Cuneo Association.

In fact, together with European Sport Week, we organized the Meeting - Gathering of the month on "Karate: a great master and our member panathlete" and we manned the square throughout the day meeting with municipal authorities (Mayor, Councillor for Sport, CONI etc).

The event, in connection with other Italian cities where Sportcity Foundation had organized the event, was a

great success. It is not by chance, as every year Club Cuneo is present at the initiatives of the City where we talk about sports and where, as in this case, there was a remarkable participation of society, public and personalities of the city sport.



Firenze Medicea: archery for the blind

Panathlon Club Firenze Medicea has demonstrated its commitment to Paralympic sport with the slogan: even the blind shoot arrows. The event took place at the Centro SportHabile ARCIERI Ugo in Tuscany.

The event has fully demonstrated the value of the spirit of volunteering and the role of those who dedicate their lives to inclusion, the ethics of Society and the School. These were the values expressed and underlined during the award ceremony as well as the series of meetings that followed the competition.



In Ghent the "Pierkesloop"



Ten days of sport in our school group: we like to move! In collaboration with the Panathlon International (a network platform for sports ambassadors) all primary schools of the school group GO! Ghent celebrated the European Week of Sport.

On Monday 26th September, the cross-country race took place in Merelbeke and the Pierkesloop in the days that followed – all the children, once again, gave their best.

Genova Levante: derby for those with disabilities

Also this year, in Sampdoria in Bogliasco's ground, disabled athletes from BIC Genoa and Diver Time Sport Sampdoria For Special had a lively, fun and engaging meeting of their athletes. The President Giorgio Migone, introducing the athletes, highlighted how this is a particular derby, for special boys, where the colours of the teams come together in one colour: that of loyalty, friendship, fun and integration.

A true example of Fair Play. The result of the match (4-4) was not important, as the real winner was that of a pure spectacle of healthy and genuine sport that took place. The ceremony ended with the award ceremony: commemorative medals for all, offered by the City of Bogliasco, cups and plates for the two teams and the referees.

The event ended, as always, with nice refreshments generously offered by: Panificio Pasticceria Paolin Genova Nervi, Biscottificio Grondona, LatteTigullio, Caseificio Val D'Aveto, McDonald, amaretti Cavo.



Fair play walk in Latina

The 'Fair Play and Inclusion' walk was held in Latina. There was a great turn out for the second occasion the event has been held in the streets of the centre from Largo del Fair Play, passing through Piazza del Popolo, Piazza della Libertà, Falcone and Borsellino Park before arriving at San Marco Park at the Monument of Inclusion. A varied and joyful procession that delivered the simple message to the city: physical activity and competitive and non-competitive sports are an extraordinary catalyst for positive universal values as well as being a vehicle for inclusion, participation and social togetherness.

The participation of so many diverse associations, schools and citizens confirms the goodness and value of an initiative aimed at raising awareness of these values. Thanks to all participants particularly the young

people from school and the many associations sponsoring entities and sponsors. Thanks also to Lazio Area



Governor Cesare Sagrestani as well as panathletes from Naples and Rome.

Molfetta: sport and health

With the latine proverb - 'Mens sana in corpore sano...' - we could sum up the two days last weekend, which witnessed the two important associations present in the territory come to the forefront: AVIS and Panathlon Club Molfetta. The event is part of the European Week of Sport created to promote sports activities and healthy lifestyles.

So, what better time to talk about Sport and Health? And, so, on Saturday October 8th at Puglia Village Outlet, sport was the protagonist together with one of its legends: basketball player, Giacomo Galanda, front man of the Italian national basketball and Olympic champion.

Sunday, October 9th, a second event was held: the walk to discover the countryside. Starting from the Ipercoop

to youth sport and inclusivity. At Polisportiva Saliceta San Giuliano, the "Fair Play Panathlon Tournament" was again renewed, and scheduled over two days by Accademia Modena 1912, and reserved for the five seasons between 2011 to 2015. Almost 170 young athletes present, among those engaged on the first day - category First Kicks - and in field on the second day - Chicks and Beginners.

A real party that involved, in addition to the yellow teams, even their peers, families, Polisportiva Nonantola, Sanfa (union between the football school Pol. San Faustino and World Child asd), U.S. Monari and Alcione Milano.

Still in collaboration with Panathlon Club Modena, at the "Botti" field of the Citadel of Vis Modena, the Preview of the "Bper Cup" was held - organized by Ness1 Escluso. Over one hundred athletes, coaches, educators and chaperones, in a national tournament of Soccer 7s with on the field, in addition to the hosts, also the teams of Parma, Vharese, Insuperabili Bergamo and Sala Baganza.

The Ness1 Excluded boys were involved in two other events: in Piazza Roma, in the inclusive multi-sport initiative "Sport and wellness for all", organized by Asd Army Military Academy and then in the Castelfranco Emilia-Piumazzo stage of a five-day trip with horses, donkeys and carriages organized by Equestrian Club Equilandia da Cognento al Passo di Croce Arcana, in collaboration with Villa Forni.

Panathlon then sponsored the 1st Open Tournament of sitting volleyball, overseen by provincial FIPAV, which was open to all members aged 14 and upwards, and was held in San Cesario sul Panaro.. "In a week that reminds everyone in Europe just how important sport is" - says Maria Carafoli, president of the Panathlon Club Modena - "I am particularly pleased with the var-



ied and comprehensive program, which brings together diverse groups of people with whom we collaborate permanently. Synergies and mutual help, also between different disciplines, are fundamental, if we all have at heart the promotion of the same values"

In Naples playing bowls

Club Napoli and Neapolis organized a bowling tournament for European Week of Sport. Lots of competition and lots of joy for a sport that involved players of all ages.

At the end of the evening a series of tournament match-



carpark a large and enthusiastic group of participants walked towards Zappino, which despite the neglect of time, is one of the best-preserved historic houses of our territory.

Horses, sitting-volleyball and many young people in Modena

Also this year, Panathlon Club Modena has responded Panathlon International's invitation, to participate in the European Week of Sport, promoted by the European Commission, with a series of initiatives dedicated

es had a winner, Vincenzo Petrocco, already a great CONI manager and assistant in many Olympic games for the Italian National Weightlifting Team. A warm final moment in the holiday complex "Oasi di Baia" concluded the evening, during which there were insights into panathletic issues such as fair play and the spread of sport as a tool for growth among young people.



Oberwallis and Mottarone together on an iceberg

Panathlon Clubs Oberwallis and Mottarone continued a forty year long tradition of meeting together every 2 years. On 17 September, Panathlon Club Mottarone was a guest of the Upper Valais. More than sixty people took the new 10-seater cable car from Fiesch to Kühboden. They then continued by cable car to the Eggishorn, at an altitude of 2900 metres.

The view of Aletsch alpine and the largest glacier in Europe, Aletsch glacier, was impressive. The Valais mountains were a particularly impressive experience for the Italian guests. At Jungfrau restaurant on Kühboden, the two clubs expressed their camaraderie through food and drink.

As usual, presidents Carlo Ricchetti and Bruno Schmid gave a gift to each partner club. LUDIS IUNGIT - long live Panthlon Club Mottarone and Oberwallis!



Ozieri - space for the "cards of values"

Ozieri Club, in collaboration with the Youth Sector of ASD Junior Ozieri Football, and in the presence of municipal administrators, gave a presentation on panathletic ideals and values. After the reading of the Charter

of the Rights of the Children in Sport and the Charter of the Duties of Parents in Sport, both were signed and displayed at the headquarters of the Logudorese Football Club, which makes panathletic values a part of its flag.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Panathlon International memorabilia were distributed, with the intention of doing similar initiatives in the near future.

On Saturday, September 24 - in the presence of the Governor of Area 13 and panathletes of Sassari, Alghero, Ozieri clubs - Interclub was held in the city of Ozieri during which a strong example of the universal value



of sport came from the transplant and dialysis patients of Prometeo Association. Together with the president of the AIDO Section of Ozieri Virgilio Pirastru and the representative of the AITF of Sassari, Marco Di Battista, they distinguished the Interclub, outlining, not without emotion, their very positive experience, at the recent European Championships for Transplanted and Dialysis patients in Oxford.

A debate in Padua

Panathlon Club Padua joined the European Week of Sport, organizing, in collaboration with Paduan AN-SMeS (National Association of Stars, Palms and Gold Collars for Sporting Merit of CONI and CIP), a meeting



– a debate, open to the public, on the extremely topical subject of "WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR YOUTH AND SPORT?" where national, regional and local sports authorities, Olympic and international champions as well as highly qualified sports managers were in attendance.

The event took place on Thursday evening, September 29th, at the “Memo Geremia” Sports Centre – a temple to rugby and a cradle of youth sport.

Pavia regattas on the Ticino

Pavia Panathlon Club organized a big party on Ticino river with regattas in honour of the spirit of the #BeActive event.



The competition immediately gave way to the higher values of friendship and the underlining of the values of Panathlon.

There were also moments of celebration, with smiles and exchanges of best wishes, on a wonderful sunny day, on the magnificent banks of Ticino.

With victory in the most important regatta, after the ‘Double Classic’, Pavia’s partner and President of Rowing, Pavesi Alessandro Baciocchi, paired with Elia Belli. Councillor, Maria Luisa De Margheriti, Secretary Giacomo Saglio and Treasurer Antonio Maggi were also present at the awards.

‘Running colours’ in Pontremoli Lunigiana

The first ever “ColorInCorsa” was an incredible success that occupied the streets of Pontremoli this afternoon..! 350 registered participants from all over the region and



neighbouring provinces... 110kg of coloured powder “#holicolorsitalia...” above and beyond the 1000 sachets of powder... the data speaks for itself! Starting off with a white dress-code, they arrived

literally coloured from head to toe, Mayor Jacopo Ferri included! In every km, the passage in colour Point spared no one... our very young and fantastic kids were spraying colours relentlessly in a sea of laughter! Their arrival in Piazza della Repubblica then gave a rhythmic and engaging performance by the legendary Pulsar, a band of 16- to 24-year-olds, who arrived directly from Florence with their percussion instruments made from recycled material, as well as the music of DJ Marco B., who made young and old alike dance! The battle of colours continued into the square until the end of the party...a battle to the end of the very last ounce of dust!!!

Trapani: 4000 in march

Panathlon Club Trapani, chaired by Roald Vento, celebrated European Week of Sport with a parade of



numerous students, about four thousand, which gave rise to a day filled with the healthy values of sport and Fair Play. Many young people and children crowded the centre of Trapani to participate in the various initiatives. The procession started from Piazza Municipio and was preceded by a meeting at the Council attended by school leaders of the area where they were greeted by the Mayor, Filippina Cocuzza.

After meeting with the institutions, competitions in the various sports began. Inside Villa Margherita a photographic exhibition entitled “The Sport Trapanese in the twentieth century” was set up comprising 55 posters of 1 meter by 70 cm. There were moments of sport also in Piazza Vittorio Emanuele and on Lungomare Dante Alighieri, to embody the principles and values typical in sport. The congress was attended by all Sicilian Clubs and important local and national authorities.

ATrieste - 130 years of rowing

Panathlon Club Trieste sponsored and supported the FIC-FVG Regional Committee that wanted to celebrate 130 years of FISA by organizing a series of cultural/sporting events aimed at enhancing the city and regional sport at an international level. On Saturday,

September 3, 2022, a commemorative regatta was held between the founding companies reserved for the specialisms of "two without" and "double skiff" in junior male and female categories.

The festivities ended in Trieste on Saturday 15 October with the inauguration of a historical photographic exhibition, dedicated to the rowing companies of Friuli Venezia Giulia.

The Presidents of the Panathlon Clubs of Area 12 FVG, with members of the Panathlon Club Trieste, participated in the commemorative evening.

Special guest Miran Müllner, President of the Panathlon Club Primorska, made her first appearance in Panathletic Slovenia



Valdarno Superiore: discovering Valdambra

Panathlon Club Valdarno Superiore is back again to celebrate '#BeActive' day. The customary appoint-



ment - with support from Panathlon International in the European Community and which takes place under the initiative 'September European Month of Sport' - focused this year on the pristine Valdambra, in the Bucine: a side valley of the Arno, always connected to Siena and the Tyrrhenian coast, increasingly valued for its international and high quality renowned slow tourism that favours its natural landscapes and the many opportunities to stay in a location in the centre of the

triangle of the cities of art - Florence, Siena and Arezzo - as well as being very close to Chianti.

The visit of a lovely group of Valdarno panathletes started in the small medieval village of Badia a Ruoti, where, under the astute guidance of Claudio Bressan, they were able to discover the wonder of the monumental complex of ancient Badia di S. Pietro, where there is the great fifteenth-century table of Neri di Bicci dedicated to the Coronation of Mary and Saints.

The excursion then continued to the small village of Montebenichi, bordering with the Chianti hills, where it is possible to discover a true treasure chest of art: the Castelletto from the gentle Siennese forms, rightly included in the list of Italian Historical Houses, perfectly preserved and enriched with many works by the owners Marco and Marcello Gasparini, who have generously opened the doors of their residence for an unparalleled visit and, and for the many who attended, an unexpected one. The day ended with the Club's friendly gathering number 415 led by President Siro Pasquini at 'La Leccarda' Restaurant

The Wallonie Brussels' great relay

Panathlon Club Wallonie-Brussels' 1000km of Fair Play - this great relay that unites on foot or bike all member bodies of Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels, took place from 20 to 24 September during the European Week of Sport.

The goal has been achieved: 80 passes of the baton putting Fair-Play to the forefront within sports clubs, schools and other representative places throughout the Wallonia-Brussels Federation to show how Fair-Play is an essential part of a civilised society.

The relay officially ended on Saturday, September 24, at the geographical center of Wallonie-Brussels Federation in Yvoir.



Fair Play: the brilliant idea from Wallonia-Brussels Club

Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels has one mission: to promote and defend Fair Play. Since 2003, initiatives have multiplied in and around sports fields, schools and citizens, everywhere throughout Francophone Belgium. 2022 was marked by an increase of measures and initiatives from the association raising awareness on the importance of maintaining a positive state of mind in all circumstances.

Here are some examples of the actions carried out in 2022 by the Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels.

World Fair Play Day: the third World Fair Play Day was celebrated in the Gothic Brussels City Hall. Present were: Dominique Monami, vice president of the Belgian Olympic and Inter-Federal Committee (COIB) and Olympic medalist; Sven Gatz, minister of the Brussels-Capital Region government; Herman Van Rompuy, former president of the European Council and minister of state; Philippe Housiaux, president of the European Fair Play Movement; Jenő Kamuti, president of the International Fair Play Committee; and Pierre Zappelli, president of Panathlon International. A film was made especially for the occasion using photos from the IOC archives of Fair Play gestures, video sequences of top athletes illustrating Fair Play, and, most importantly, "face camera" video sequences of people pronouncing in their native language (*) "Fair Play, is everyday."

(*) *French, English, Dutch, German, Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Albanian, Sign Language, Hindi, Tamil, Mandarin, Swahili, Urdu, Turkish and Arabic.* Click here to see footage: <https://youtu.be/aszln8WJS9w>

1000km of Fair Play: 1000km of Fair Play is a large relay race connecting all institutions associated with Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels through running or cycling. 2022's race took place during European Sports Week with one goal: to show Fair Play is an essential component of our society by creating one hundred moments of excitement and Fair Play awareness within which everyone could participate in. A relay running through 5 schools in Frameries, a walk through the youth training centre of the Spirou Charleroi Basketball Club, a relay starting in a school in Dison and even the presence of a Fair Play mascot at the Hockey Club Park in Auderghem are just some examples of moments that made up this 5th edition of the 1000km of Fair Play and confirming that the global state of mind that is Fair Play goes far beyond just the sports field and needs to be reinforced day after day to everyone.

The "No Racism In Sport" campaign: At the initiative of Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels and nonprofit organization, "Stop Racism In Sport," under the auspices of the Wallonie-Brussels Federation and in collaboration with RTBF Sport (national media), the "No Racism In Sport" campaign is based on a series of concrete actions that everyone

can take ownership of. All members of the sports family can join to further convey, at a deeper level, the positive messages of openness, understanding and tolerance with an aim to combating racism in sport. More than 400 banners reading "No Racism In Sport" were deployed at hundreds of sports fields throughout French-speaking Belgium. Sports arenas, soccer fields, tennis courts,... all these places where thousands of people from all walks of life come every day to "play" with friends, colleagues, teammates, parents or classmates. Films have also been produced, in collaboration with RTBF sports, and several other films and will continue to be produced spreading the word to young people from sports clubs and top Belgian sportsmen and women. And all this to raise the challenging questions: "Are you born or do you become racist?", "What could we do to reduce racism in sports?". Between positivity and realism, the answers to these questions are very striking.

Fair Play Panathlon Awards: With the award of the "Fair Play Awards", the Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels wishes to honor the protagonists of the sports world, whether they are players, coaches, parents, fans, referees, managers, volunteers or entities, clubs, associations, federations, municipalities, provinces, schools, classes, etc. who have made remarkable gestures or developed a particular project in favour of the promotion of Fair Play in Sport. For this 11th year, the award ceremony 2021-2022 was organized at the recreation centre in Remouchamps - one



Great mobilization of people around the fight against racism in sport

of the municipalities hit hard by the terrible weather of July 2021 in Belgium - and we wanted to coordinate a ceremony in favour of those clubs and infrastructures that have lost a lot by continuing our campaign, SolidarSport. Sculpture Fair-Play: 1m by 80cm, welded on a base 1m and 80cm high, the first monumental sculpture "Fair Play" in Europe was inaugurated in Ganshoren (municipality in

Brussels-Capital region). This work was inspired by the Fair Play Awards trophy and it strengthens the body's spirit within the municipality and will leave its mark by reuniting the population in a moment of positivity.

The travelling photographic exhibition "The Spirit of Sport":

the primary objective of this exhibition is to bring to the forefront the true positive values of sport. Those values that make sport an indispensable and social phenomenon. That's why this exhibition is designed to be displayed in a public outdoor setting.

The photographic exhibition, inaugurated 13 years ago, revolves around the generic theme of "The Spirit of Sport" and stands as a real instrument for promoting the universal values of sport as a lever of dissemination to all generations. This year, 2022, the exhibition was present in 18 locations in Francophone Belgium.

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Philippe Housiaux hands the Fair Play sculpture to Mayor Ganshoren (Bruxelles)

LOMÉ CLUB

Togo football tournament against violence and doping

Initiative on the fair play culture and sport as a tool for social growth

During this Christmas weekend, on a very sunny 25th December 2022, in the season of harmattan, a tournament raising awareness against non-violence, doping and the culture of fair play was organized by PANATHLON CLUB LOMÉ at VOGAN, a city located 45 kilometers northeast of Lomé.

It was a complete success with great organization. So, a big thanks and congratulations to Mr. GAFAN Kougbénou Maurice (Vice-President) and other members of the Club namely: Mr. SEGNEDEJI Franck (General Treasurer), Mr. AMOUZOUVI Messan, Mr. MAWOUGBEDJI Dimédo, Miss AMEGAN Elise and the main organizer Mr AMOUZOU Kokou Beaugard. They were all responsible for raising awareness among local young people about the consequences of using doping or other stimulants. They also encouraged young people to avoid violence between players or fans, before, during, and especially after, sporting events. Activities were aimed at uniting people and communities rather than dividing them.

They also urged young people to display fair play and consider sports activities as more than just games and leisure. The competition brought together several teams from different parts of the city and the four finalists were: Kokouy-okopé, Kodjoviakopé, Gagbazékopé and Totsoagni.

Gagbazékopé won the cup and were crowned champions receiving trophy, medals, footballs and a financial award.



The runners-up also received medals and footballs while the referees were given fair play awards and jerseys.

Overall, the event was a success bringing together spectators from different backgrounds.

The tournament was so appreciated that locals have asked for it to be done again in order to join together in a climate of joy, communion and above all as a means to promoting sport in their city.

More than a thousand athletes from 47 nations attend the sports gym of peace

In the presence of the Governor of area 12 – PI Friuli Venezia Giulia - Paolo Perin, President of the District Austria PI and Josef Muller, President of the new Panathlon Club Primorska Miran Müllner (Slovenia), were awarded The Fair Play Awards during the closing day of the European Youth Olympic Games “EYOF 2023” at the Udine Fair.

The European Fair Play Movement (EFPM), together with the Panathlon International, also awarded the Ukrainian delegation the “Fair Play for Peace” award as a symbol of EYOF’s ideals and the absolute values of peace.

A very heartfelt Ceremony united all the athletes, deserving of these awards, together under a single flag of Fair Play.

In the official speech, the governor of Friuli Venezia Giulia emphasized the special character of the region.

“We are honoured to have hosted 1300 athletes from 47 countries in a land that has always been a meeting

place for cultures and peace as well as having the capacity to overcome the dramatic moments of the twentieth century with dialogue and with the values that sport is representing here today”.

The flag of the European Olympic Committees passes from Friuli Venezia Giulia’s 2023 organizing committee to representatives of Borjomi and Bakuriani in Georgia who, in two years, will host the next EYOF.



BELGIUM DISTRICT

In sports schools talking about ethics and values

Panathlon cards presented by Chairman Standaert to students

During the District Presidents meeting in October 2022, participants highlighted initiatives which promote Panathlon values of among young people, in particular, the role of young people as ambassadors of sporting ethics.

To follow up on the initiatives of the Panathlon clubs in other countries, the Panathlon Belgium contacted secondary schools, in particular, the elite sports schools of Ghent.

Paul Standaert, president of Panathlon Belgium, was one of the speakers last December during project week for students at Flemish ‘GO! TopsportSchool’ (elite school) in Ghent.

There was an audience of almost 100 participants - comprised of girls and boys between 14 and 18 years – all of whom have elite athlete status and combine their studies with elite sport.

In addition to their studies, they train several hours a

day with a focus on Belgian and European championships. Some of their predecessors have already won Olympic medals.

Their dream is to become the best in the world in their sport whether it is football, fencing, cycling, gymnastics.

They were also given a presentation on Panathlon’s Declaration. Then, in small working groups, they discussed the relevance of the declaration - which for some of the audience was written before their birth - connecting it to their own personal experience. Their attitude towards sporting ethics was also on the agenda.

Paul Standaert invited these athletes to participate, in a consultative role, in the development, in 2023, of a new Panathlon Belgium trophy for any ethical gesture made, initiatives or ethical sports personalities in Belgium.

To be continued...

WOMEN IN SPORT MISTREATED BUT SUCCESSFUL

A conference with experts from various disciplines demand more dignity and safety in line with European directives

by Angelo Porcaro

The conference's theme was dictated by the current ranking of Italian sports in major international competitions, with reference to Tokyo and Beijing's last Olympics and Paralympics in summer and winter.

At the last "Games" Italy, as it appears from the official rankings, not only maintained its prestigious position but even increased their medals' toll compared to previous games.

However there is a but: compared to previous Olympics, the increase occurred mainly as a result of athletes, rarely held in consideration, and yet proving they could add that extra value allowing Italian teams to improve their overall position in the world ranking.

Starting from these simple and evident considerations, although the overtaking has not occurred in all fields, the convention has tried to analyse in an in depth way the causes of this "added value" with the hope that such situations can be repeated in the future or even improved.

A cultural problem.

In Italy, sportswomen are not protected by laws of State and are considered exclusively amateur or even as a "secondary sport".

In our country, there have not yet been the desired improvements, even if on 5th June 2003, the European Parliament asked Italy to ensure equal opportunities in sport and to eliminate gender discrimination including competitive level sports. And although this imbalance has been easing in recent years, there is no doubt that, even in sport, women still feel less encouraged to contribute because of the obvious gender differences. Even more than for men, the women's situation sports shows us that considering bills need to be paid, if you are training, it does not leave enough time to do another job.

In short: sport, or rather, Italian sport, does not seem to have much love for women.

But fear not. The task of this conference was to bring this problem to the attention of the wider public to find a solution. It is hoped this will happen in the near

future, but it is absolutely essential that we make ourselves fully aware of this phenomenon.

The fact this problem is not only confined to Italy is also reflected by IOC that is pushing for more and more women to participate in the big competitions. The Tokyo 2021 Olympics, at least, can boast their record of being the first games with almost 49% female athletes.

For the IOC (International Olympic Committee) it was the first "gender balanced" games in regards equality. In addition, there were nine more mixed events than in Rio 2016, bringing the number of mixed races to 18.

But let us return to the main theme.

In this conference we talked a lot about the situation of women's sport and we think we have sufficiently stressed that all sport is still permeated by an underground tone of machoism - even considering Olympic Games and the Paralympics in Tokyo and the Winter Paralympics in Beijing, there is no doubt that women are on the right track to overtake men in the field of sport, which has always been the preserve of the so-called "strong sex".

The process of spreading sport amongst women is marked by a continuous and difficult negotiation of, above all, the symbolic and cultural barriers that relegate women to the domestic sphere to the role of mothers.

Gregori's report tried to show that, since ancient times, women have tried to chip away at the commonplace that saw them relegated to "angels of the house" and yet there are still, all over the world, too many talented women who are denied access to sport or who are socially stigmatized when they decide to excel in one of the sports.

Gender inequality in sport also persists between decision-makers, technical professions, the media, sponsorship and in the handing out of awards.

The message that Gregori wanted to send is that there is a close relationship between cultural change and the gender gap. The two variables cannot be separated from each other. The gender gap must necessarily be preceded by radical cultural change.

In Giuseppe D'Antona's report, the development of sport amongst women is undoubtedly an important sign of women's emancipation. Where athletic effort, traditionally associated with virility, gradually becomes available to women, it seems to be out with the more traditional idea of femininity that wanted them to be passive and sedentary, and they seem to enjoy the new spaces for experimenting with a different use of the body as well as building new forms of identity.

The report by Maria Rita Gualea suggested how, in women's sport, situations are unique and require care and skills that are completely unique to women even if some risks of the malpractice that afflict men's sport - like doping - affect women in the same way.

Subsequent reports have also generated significant interest like those of FITRI Technician, Alberto Casadei, and accountant, Lucio Aricò, who emphasized that amongst the reasons for promoting best performance in athletes one cannot escape the remarkable weight given to a situation where Italy is at the forefront when it comes to promoting the military within top sport.

The existence of Military Sports Groups and Police Forces has allowed a "professionalism of state" that we can barely find anywhere else.

The possibility of continuing to practice the preferred sport and, even more than that, have a stable occupation that may support an Olympic dream, together with the possibility of training in state-of-the-art facilities with a staff of competent technicians, has meant Military Sports Groups have been favoured with the best talents that grassroots sport could provide, explaining, in fact, the source of results at international level.

As a result, out of 384 Italian athletes present at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, 129 are military: 47 from the Italian Army, 14 from the Navy, 30 from the Air Force and 38 from the Carabinieri. Then, in addition to those numbers, you can add the police corps - like the 72 Golden Flames of which Marcell Jacobs is part - as well the Fire Department.

And, not surprisingly, the situation has turned out to be even more favourable for women who, despite being underestimated in the sports and social society, have found themselves with the entry into the military thus enjoying, at the same time a job, safety and, above all, the ideal conditions to develop their sporting potential.



Numerous institutional representatives attended the conference. From left to right: Mayor of Pavia, Fabrizio Fracassi; testimonial, Elisa Di Francisca; Commissioner of Pavia, Alessio Cesareo; testimonial, Monica Boggioni; and President of Pavia Panathlon, Andrea Libanore.



The many students present celebrating, with sparkling enthusiasm, the testimonial, Elisa Di Francisca

Erasmus+ Summit in Malta against match fixing

Patrick Van Campenhout and Fábio Figueiras tabled Panathlon International's proposals

Panathlon International (PI), represented by Patrick Van Campenhout and Fábio Figueiras as well as the remaining partners of the project funded by Erasmus+ - Sports Against Match-Fixing (SAMF) - met on 17 and 18 November 2022 at Malta Football Association's headquarters (National Stadium, Ta' Qali) to discuss the progress and results of the research phase as well as the preliminary results of the quantitative and qualitative analytical work carried out so far by the partners before planning and setting deadlines for future actions.

Participants included: Portuguese Football Federation (Rute Correia and Miguel Bento Pinto), Lithuanian Football Federation (Ramune Bistrickaite and Audrius Remeika), Maltese Football Federation (Peter and Leane Bartolo), FIBA Europe (Gabriel Zangenfeind), EUNIK (Marcos López-Flores), SEA (Marcos and Thiago Santos) and P.I. (Patrick Van Campenhout and Fábio Figueiras).

This Transnational Project Meeting (TPM) was organized by Malta Football Association, which organized the Agenda, accommodation and travel suggestions, as well as post-event activities including: a visit to the Museum of Malta Football Association, a friendly match between Malta men's national football team and the Greek national football team, as well as a traditional planting of trees event to compensate for the carbon footprint partners have left when traveling to the TPM.

At the headquarters of the Football Association, the match started on time, November 17 at 10:00 in the morning, with a series of welcome speeches. These were provided by the representative of the Maltese Football Association's partner, Hermann Mula, as well as the Secretary General of the Football Association of Malta.

Subsequently, representative, Mrs Rute Soares, from the Portuguese Football Association partner (FPF), as coordinator of the project, welcomed all participants.

SEA moreover, reminded all Partners of their own individual responsibilities (those agreed in the draft of Plan) and, in particular, Panathlon International was reminded that Quality Control (plus a report) must be done following the conclusion of the TPM.

Partners also discussed and set a date for the next TPM, which was agreed from 27 September 2023 to 30 September 2023, and is to be held in Lithuania.

In addition, a point of discussion for the partners was the Pedagogical Toolkit and everyone agreed that seven units should be included in the development of a pedagogical tool, which has as its primary target audience members of the staff of sports organizations. For Panathlon International, the unit that will be relevant, and that will have to be worked on, relates to the consequences of match-fixing (i.e. sports, criminal, etc.).

The pedagogical toolkit is part of Work Package 3. After lunch, and the visit to the Football Association Museum, the meeting continued and the Partners were asked to discuss and define the profile of the SAMF Ambassadors.

For PI, in particular, it was decided that three ambassadors should be defined and that these should be athletes or former athletes preferably made up of two females and one male from different sporting roots (preferably not football as there will be enough football ambassadors appointed by other partners).

The deadline for this is 31 May 2023. The partners were also reminded that their appointed ambassadors must be present in the TPM (in Lithuania) as they will be trained and will have to organize and participate in the multiplier sports events, which the partners themselves will have to organize.

During discussions, it was also mentioned that PSF will be responsible for the development of the materials, which will be used for communications (which will mostly be digital, except for the poster) and that all partners should produce at least three posters - one for each sporting event multiplier - and that partners are also required to input their expertise for the creation of these materials (deadline 31 March 2023).

Finally, FPF will be responsible for the development of the first video, which will serve as an example to all Partners who need to produce a video (PI is exempt from this obligation). The video will be a simulation or real-life scenario of an interview of match-fixing (where the source can be made anonymous).

On November 18, 2022, the Partners met to plant their trees compensating for their respective carbon footprints as a result of the journeys they made to participate at the TPMs.

Following this, the EUNIK partner presented an update on how the app game development was going and also

asked partners for their support regarding the plot of the game.

The partners agreed to meet on 5 December 2022 to discuss the date and deadline of their contribution on storylines, which will be an integral part of the game.

The development of the game has been outlined as important by all partners and should be concluded early 2023, so it can then be tested and discussed at the next TPM.



“Mastro7” confirmed as Panathlon’s official supplier

The International Panathlon Council approved the proposal to renew the agreement with Mastro 7 - from Trento and who produce various kinds of merchandise - up until 31 December 2024.

Given the positive experience gained in recent years, the Board decided to entrust the exclusive management of Panathlon’s brand on a wide range of merchandise including trophies, medals, badges, flags, banners, pennants, ties, caps, and T-shirts.

Partnership with Panathlon will also mean favourable terms to produce other articles of fine jewellery created to order as well as custom made trophies.

Clubs will be able to contact “Mastro7” directly using the link on Panathlon’s website and found at the bottom of each newsletter.
Or, alternatively, by visiting <https://www.mastro7.it>



President Pierre Zappelli, Secretary General Simona Callo and Luca Tamanini, Managing Director of “Mastro7” next to the sculpture made in honour of Panathlon International’s 70th anniversary, at the Rapallo headquarters

DOMENICO CHIESA FOUNDATION PROJECTS

- PHOTO CONTEST 2023

At the end of the photo contest "IDENTITY AND SPORT" - organised by the Foundation jointly with the Sports Foundation of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia and in collaboration with the Palazzo Magnani Foundation, in Reggio Emilia - the thirty finalists' works, selected by Representatives of the accredited Panathlon Clubs, will be displayed at an exhibition held at UN-IMORE University in the Emilian capital from May 6th.

On the same day, the winners nominated by the Jury will be awarded in the context of the OFF Circuit award program of EUROPEAN PHOTOGRAPHY, the international festival now in its eighteenth edition and which the Palazzo Magnani Foundation organizes from 28 April to 11 June 2023.



- INTERNATIONAL VIDEO COMPETITION 2023

The competition is organized in cooperation with the Fédération Internationale Cinéma Télévision Sportifs and, as of this year, is part of the official program of the 41st edition of "SPORT MOVIES & TV - Milano International FICTS Fest," Final of the World Championship of Television, Cinema, Culture and Sports Communication, which will conclude the International Circuit "World FICTS Challenge" (20 Festivals in 5 Continents) scheduled in Milan (Italy) from November 7 to 11, 2023.

The competition "SPORT MOUNTAIN & OLYMPISM - SNOW & ICE SPORTS" is included in the "Shorts" section of the Festival program with prize money of six thousand euros. It is an opportunity for everyone, from video makers to fans of mountains-in-winter scenery and sports activities that can be practiced in the Olympic spirit, with respect for people and the environment, in friendship and as a source of well-being (fun, health, discovery and practice of virtues, ...).

Participation is free and free of charge. Videos, made with any technique and up to 4 minutes in length, can be submitted via WeTransfer (mailto: info@ficts.com), or by posting on Facebook and/or Instagram (tagging @ficts-federation).

Submissions are due on May 14th, 2023. Rules and Entry Form, in Italian and English languages, can be downloaded at the link:

<https://www.panathlon-international.org/index.php/it-it/fondazione-domenico-chiesa/competizione-internazionale-di-audio-video>



Big party for two members with over half a century of sport

Dr. Hans Rainer and Dir. Günther Fritz were honoured for having over 50 years of membership to Panathlon Club Innsbruck

The final evening of the Panathlon club Innsbruck was dedicated to the two jubilarians. Dr. Hans Rainer and Dir. Günther Fritz were awarded the Certificate of Honour for over 50 years membership to Panathlon by President Dr. Winfried Sponring. In addition, both received the book, "Ich bin was ich bin" (I am what I am), with a personal dedication from Barbara Schett-Eagle who is a former Top 10 tennis player and member of the Panathlon Club Innsbruck.

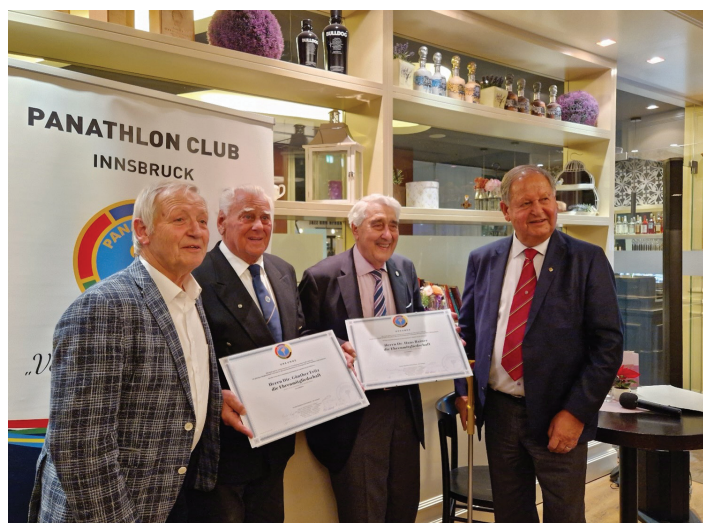
In the course of their careers, both honourees have not only earned valuable merits in sport, but above all, have always been committed to Panathlon's movement with President Dr. Sponring recognising the commitment of both members. In his speech, Dr. Sponring appealed to the many members of the association: "The values of the Panathlon must be spread, and this must be done by all members together". The Panathlon is synonymous with values and is an ideal that goes beyond sport, said Dr Hans Rainer when giving thanks while also expressing the following wish:

"It is immensely important that we do more for school sport".

Another highlight of the event was a presentation from Prof. Günther Mitterbauer, Honorary President of the Union and Vice-President of Panathlon Club Innsbruck, on the theme "Thoughts on high-level sport". In recent decades, high-performance sport has greatly benefited from society's ever-growing need for entertainment and consumerism - and continues to do so," Mitterbauer stressed, adding: "The focus on a few sports and their spectacular peak performance provides high entertainment value for many, but reduces the level of awareness in others, with a significant losses in competitiveness. The hierarchy of sport has also become problematic.

This applies to all the regulations of international federations - regulations for sports facilities, regulations for rules, regulations for framework conditions that are followed around the world, from national and regional professional associations to clubs.

Some of these requirements are expensive or complex from an organizational point of view and therefore are not achievable for many sports institutions. Mitterbauer concludes: "In the many facets of sport, high-performance sport runs the risk of losing its freedom, of limiting itself to being a consumer sport with many interest groups and thus losing its legitimacy".



Il Presidente Dr. Winfried Sponring (a destra) e il Vice-Presidente Univ. Prof. Günther Mitterbauer (a sinistra) hanno premiato il Dir. Gerhard Fritz e il Dr. Hans Rainer per i loro oltre 50 anni di appartenenza.



Il Past-President e consigliere locale Andreas Wanker, il Vice-Presidente Univ. Prof. Günther Mitterbauer, il membro del Panathlon ed ex tennista top-10 Barbara Schett e il Presidente Dr. Winfried Sponring si sono congratulati con il Dir. Gerhard Fritz e il Dr. Hans Rainer per la loro fedeltà al Panathlon Club Innsbruck.

The roots of sport are in culture

by Renato Zanovello
President Emeritus of Padua Panathlon

Padua's Panathlon International, founded in 1956, has for several years organized its activities along 5 principal lines: monthly thematic meetings and high-level conferences; promoting scientific research with publications and various documentation on sport; awarding scholarships and prizes to young people studying and practising sport; handing out the particularly significant Fair-Play awards; and, promoting our Project in schools, now delivered throughout Europe, which is called "1 hour for the disabled (sports)".

That said - with particular reference to the second scientific director - in 1964, Padua Panathlon, then chaired by Aldo Travain, organized a trip to Japan on the occasion of the first Olympic Games in the Asian continent, held in Tokyo. Prof. Giuseppe Morandini of the University of Padua, a luminary of Geography in Italy and who was part of an expedition collecting important scientific documentation and photographs displayed to panathletes and supporters, and today kept in the Geography Museum's Archive at the prestigious Padua University with over 800 years of history. And, all of this is set out in a detailed communication entitled "Wonders in the Closet", recently sent to me by Dr. Giovanni Donadelli, Technical Director of the Museum.

In addition to this positive "historical" news, there is even more good "current" news, concerning our panathlete bearer of the Golden Flames Civitas Vitae, Francesco Bettella, who is also a brilliant PhD student of Padua University and a great champion, multi-medallist, Paralympian and world champion in swimming. In fact, in this sport, Bettella has achieved the new world record, breaking the 24 year old record held by Swede, David Lega, in the 50m freestyle.

The above, in addition to being a source of satisfaction for Panathlon, is yet more evidence, through positive concrete facts witnessed over the years, that sport and culture, as well as leisure, healthy competition, health, ethical fair play,



Spirit and Ideals

The Foundation was established in memory of Domenico Chiesa, on the initiative of his heirs Antonio, Italo and Maria. In 1951, Domenico Chiesa had been not just a promoter of the first Panathlon Club but had also drawn up its draft statute and, in 1960, he was one of the founders of Panathlon International. Although not technically binding for his heirs, Chiesa had expressed, in life, the desire to allocate a share of his assets to the regular assignment of prizes for artistic works inspired by sport, as well as for cultural initiatives and publications sharing the same objectives as Panathlon International.

In the constitution of the Foundation, alongside the substantial contribution of Chiesa's heirs, one should also remember the generous input of the entire panathletic movement through its numerous clubs and the personal intervention of many panathletes, that managed to offer the Foundation the necessary conditions to make its debut in the world of visual arts in a prestigious and striking way: the establishment of an award implemented in association with one of the leading organizations in the world, La Biennale di Venezia.

Domenico Chiesa Award

On 24 September 2004, the Board of Panathlon International, considering the need to increase the capital of the Foundation and to honour the memory of one of Panathlon's founding members, first benefactor and inspiration for the same, established the "Domenico Chiesa Award" to be assigned, on the proposal of the individual clubs and on the basis of specific regulations, to one or more panathletes or non-member personalities who have lived the panathletic spirit. In particular, the award is for those who are committed to the promotion of the sporting ideal and who have made an exceptionally significant contribution of the following:



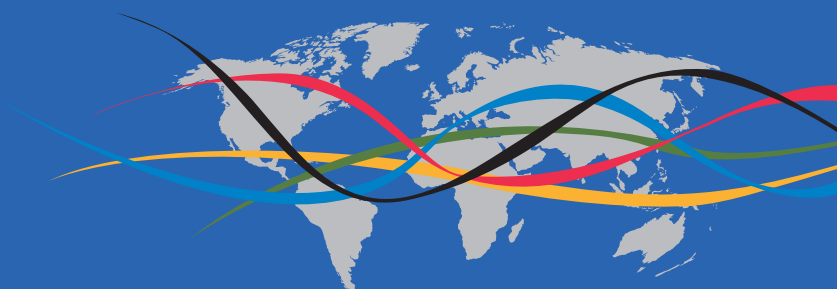
***Understanding and promoting the values of Panathlon and of the Foundation
through cultural tools inspired by sport;***

***For members: to those who have made an exceptional contribution to the concept of friendship
between all panathletes and those who work in the world of sport, thanks also to the diligence and quality
of their participation in Panathlon activities;***

***For non-members: to those who have made an exceptional contribution
to the concept of friendship between all sports components, recognizing panathletic ideals
as a primary value in the educational training of young people.***

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