



Panathlon International

Presentation of the DOMENICO CHIESA AWARD to Paul De Broe and posthumous to Vic De Donder

Jos Vanlerberghe, president of the Panathlon club of Brussels, the club of Paul De Broe and Vic De Donder, opened the session held January 23, 2018 at Hotel Serwir, Sint-Niklaas, Belgium:

Panathlon Flanders celebrates 2018 its 40th anniversary and honors on this occasion its founding fathers Paul De Broe and Vic De Donder with the DOMENICO CHIESA AWARD. The club of Brussels (Jos Vanlerberghe & Maurice Desmet) initiated the procedure and Panathlon Flanders (Willy Pennoit) applied formally for the Award with following justification:

*For **Paul De Broe** the DOMENICO CHIESA AWARD has been asked and granted for introducing Panathlon International in Flanders/Belgium (1978); realizing and coordinating since 1988 the annual Panathlon Stipendium; managing and organizing multiple meetings and symposia on Ethics in Sport; and for taking a leading position in Panathlon International.*

*For **Vic De Donder** the DOMENICO CHIESA AWARD has been asked and granted for introducing Panathlon International in Flanders/Belgium (1978); taking a leading position in Panathlon on both National and International level; and for his decades of untiring effort to promote good practices in sport*

Paul Standaert, Conseiller International, delivered the Award (pergamone and golden pin) to the laureates on behave of Mr. Zappelli, president of Panathlon International:

The Domenico Chiesa Award reflects, symbolizes and underscores the recognition and appreciation of Panathlon International for members who spread its moral, cultural and sportive values. Panathlon International considers these values as the foundation of its striving for an open, respectful and humane society.

Sport is for Panathletes an important part of youth's development and education to become responsible adults in a world based on the values equality, fraternity and respect that constitute the foundation of a peaceful and inclusive society.

It is therefore a pleasure and an honor to present this Award on behave of Mr. Zappelli, president of Panathlon International, to two well-known Vlamingen (Flemings): 'well known'

not as media figures with a 'sensational' charisma but because of their remarkable leadership. Paul De Broe and Vic De Donder are not only the foundation fathers of Panathlon in Flanders and Belgium. Beyond the borders of their region, their native language, their country they designed and set out the beacons for Panathlon International for a course continuously adaptive to a developing society.

One can compare their realizations with the comprehensive output of an architect: "Based on their specific professional competences, experiences and research they covered the whole process from chartering major social and ethical problems in sport, they put forward well-considered solutions in collaboration with experts and finally helped to implement concrete corrective measures on the grassroots".

Panathlon International, functioning both as an international lobby group and as a think tank and having as core business Ethics and Fair play in sport, thanks its development and reputation to minds and organizers as Paul and Vic. They certainly shaped in their own way the basic message and development of Panathlon International. Driven by their genuine ethical beliefs and their typical Flemish international orientation, Paul and Vic have stimulated the development of Panathlon clubs in Belgium but also the development of appropriate managerial structures that exceed the original all-Italian Panathlon management.

The recognition of Paul and Vic's merits by Panathlon International and Panathlon Flanders could not be more appropriate and deserved.

On behalf of Mr. Zappelli, president of Panathlon International, the members of Panathlon's Conseil International, the president of Panathlon Flanders and all Flemish Panathletes, I congratulate, in concordance with Jos Vanlerberghe, president of the Brussels club, Paul De Broe and Vic De Donder for their dedicated contribution for Panathlon International.

We present them officially and with appropriate pride the DOMENICO CHIESA AWARD.

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