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Dear friends and panathletes

You have the first issue of our review handy after the election of the new governing bodies of Panathlon International.

In addition to the names of the personalities that constitute these organs, you will find the conclusions of our Congress, those of the States General, and other current issues. From the beginning of his mandate, Giacomo Santini announced his intention to give our Panathletic Movement a more international character.

He has dedicated himself to this for the duration of his term and has already had some success. In particular, last year, a Belgian embryo cell has taken shape in order to assert our presence in the European institutions, the Commission and Parliament, who have included sport among their objectives. Closer collaboration with the IOC was defined. All of you, friends and panathletes, have decided to continue on this path by electing a president who is not Italian, to strengthen our march towards a Panathlon International even more open to the world. Once elected, in accordance with the intentions expressed during my election campaign, I have personally committed in three priority goals that I set for myself: the creation of antennas in Lausanne and Brussels, as well as the reorganization of our Secretariat.

In Lausanne, the Olympic capital city and world center of sport, seat of over 50 international sports federations and most of the IOC, the goal is to make sure that Panathlon, organization recognized by the IOC, plays an active role in the realization of the ambitious program of the Agenda 2020 of the Olympic Movement. It is also important to take advantage of the exceptional and sporting environment present in the city of Lausanne, to promote Panathlon International as an effective player and recognized in the world of sport. The ambition is big; the task is arduous, but it is achievable.

In Brussels, the Belgian cell was confirmed and strengthened. The objectives of its members have been set; all with excellent skills and well integrated into European institutions.

Finally, the Central Secretariat has already been partially reorganized. Some of its tasks will be realized in the near future in synergy with small structures of the Swiss and Belgian antennas. I thank all the clubs, the heart of our movement, Areas and Districts for the help they have already given me and will give me, together with the international bodies, to perform this program as well as possible and to increase our influence.

Pierre Zappelli
International President



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THE FIRST MEETING IN LAUSANNE OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL BOARD



Composition International Board 2016/2020

President Pierre Zappelli (Lausanne)

Past President Giacomo Santini (Trento)

Vice President Giorgio Dainese (Ravenna)

International Board Members:

Oronzo Amato (Molfetta) - Lorenzo Branzoni (Pavia) - Roberto Carta Fornon (Biella)
- Ernst Denoth (Chur und Umgebung) - Paul Standaert (Gent) - José Pilar Sanchez
Gonzales (Monterrey)

Constitution and Arbitration Board (C.A.B.)

President: Sergio Romaneschi (Lugano)

Members: Pierluigi Albanese (Padova) - Enrico Prandi (Reggio Emilia)

Auditors' Committee (A.C.)

President: Francesco Vollono (Brescia)

Members: Danilo Mascaretti (Ivrea e Canavese) - Ennio Ortali (Forlì)

Treasurer: Stefano Giulieri (Lugano)

Secretary General

*The proceedings made even more solemn by the Olympic atmosphere -
Launched the first steps and distributed the powers and special assignments -
Signed the Charter of Ghent by the City council of Lausanne*

Thanks to the invitation of the new President, Pierre Zappelli, the International Board elected in Antwerp could hold its first meeting in Lausanne, in a suggestive Olympic atmosphere, at the headquarters of the Association of National Olympic Committees on the first day and at the Maison du Sport on the second day.

The Presidents of the Constitution and Arbitration Board Sergio Romaneschi, and of the Auditor's Committee, Franco Vollono, were present in addition to the nine international board members. As is tradition, the distribution of tasks and operational powers among the directors took place at the first meeting. It began with the choice of the new president of the Supranational District, a position that is for the Past President in accordance with the rules of the Statute, unless expressed notice.

Past President Giacomo Santini announced his unavailability and so the Board approved the proposal to ask the availability of former international board member Ennio Chiavolini. The Past President also announced his resignation from the post of President of the Foundation Domenico Chiesa. According to the Statute, the holder of the office is the international president but in the past, the practice had been to delegate the Past.

President Zappelli announced the intention to take up personally this post. In the Foundation Stefano Giulieri, treasurer of PI, was elected new secretary, replacing Sergio Allegrini and was confirmed as a member of the Executive Enrico Prandi, the outgoing President. The other members are, by Statute, a representative of the Chiesa family and one representative of the Club of Venice.

Past President Giacomo Santini was appointed responsible for communication and was confirmed editor of the official magazine and representative of Panathlon in the Scientific Commission APES/EPAS of the Council of Europe.

Vice President Giorgio Dainese took the delegation of the President of the Education Commission.

Oronzo Amato was elected to the presidency of the Expansion Commission. The proxies of the Junior Clubs and relations with ACES have been attributed to Roberto Carta Fornon.

The Communication Award was entrusted to the care of Lorenzo Branzoni and Ernesto Denoth.

The Belgian board member Paul Standaert was appointed responsible for the antenna in Brussels and delegate for university Clubs (PCU), with the recommendation to verify the possible synergies with the Junior Clubs.

To the Mexican board member José Pilar Sanchez Gonzalez was attributed the responsibility for all the Pan-American Panathlon. Regarding the Scientific and Cultural Commis-

sion, it was decided to ask Elaine Cook, current Canadian Member, the willingness to hold the office of President. Subsequently, the entire staff of the Commission shall be composed.

In the meeting, we also talked about topics in development as the Flambeau d'Or, the final document of the States General and the Pan-American Congress that will take place in Recife, Brazil.

At the end of the second day of work, at the Maison du Sport, there was a nice ceremony during which the Town councilor of Lausanne, Oscar Tosato, with responsibility for sport, signed the document of the "Declaration of Panathlon on ethics in youth sport", adding the Swiss city to many international institutions that have adopted it over the past 12 years, since its approval in Ghent in 2004.



The town councilor, Oscar Tosato, signs the Declaration of Panathlon on ethics in youth sport. In the picture, he is with President Pierre Zappelli, Past President Giacomo Santini and Vice President Giorgio Dainese.

THESE ARE THE GUIDELINES SET OUT

In the first meeting of the new International Board, the process of the large consultation conducted among all panathletes ended, through a form and after the conclusions of a group of wise men - Delivered the summary of their suggestions, proposals and criticisms to make the relationship with the base more harmonious.

by Giacomo Santini - Past President

As the previous International Board had decided, at the first meeting of the new Board were presented the results of the "States General", the large consultation conducted over the past two years among the members of all the Panathlon clubs, to obtain from their direct participation the guidelines for the coming years.

The initiative responded to the claim of many members who always complain of an emotional and functional separation from the centrality of Panathlon, from the international bodies and the offices of Rapallo. With the "States General", we wanted to put the opportunity in the hands of all the members to express their views "at the top" and to make concrete observations, proposals and criticism.

It is the first "democratic" test of Panathletic history, beyond the ordinary and extraordinary assemblies that often do not allow all members to access the forum to express their opinions. The forms compiled and returned (though not too many) show a sincere desire for direct participation, while respecting the prerogatives that are assigned to different levels of responsibility of our organization. I confirm what has been said in the past: in Panathlon, there are no positions of power but positions of responsibility. However, all should feel involved in this effort, not only those who have some "social charge".

"The States General" opened to all the hypothetical "nerve center" of Panathlon International. Respondents were able to take advantage of this opportunity and will be part of the changes and future initiatives. Those who have decided not to respond will be only spectators, waiting for a possible new opportunity for direct participation.

A sincere thanks to the three "wise men" appointed by the International Board to analyze the forms and to draw conclusions: Alberto Iaccarino (Italy), Ernesto Denoth (Switzerland) and Esther Spihlman (Ecuador).

In summary document reproduced below, there are the motivations, the operating methods and conclusions of the important survey.

It is up to the new International Board to follow the proposals or understand their spirit, to ensure that the Panathlon International is always a welcome presence, and close to the members but also more and more present and on par with the dynamics of other organizations similar to us.



SUMMARY DOCUMENT

As a result of the processing result of the findings obtained from the questionnaires returned to the General Secretariat, from the minutes of the Conference on the States General and the meetings of the Working Group, the following themes emerged, on which to reflect and take into account for the future planning of the objectives of Panathlon International.

1. Less bureaucracy. Panathlon International is a body of nature and sporting purposes for which, even if it is necessary to have rules, they must be made more flexible according to the different, concrete cases that arise. There can be no applicable rules in the same way, in every region of the 11 districts of Panathlon International and for the most varied situations. It is necessary to entrust to the local leaders the widest discretion, in fairness and in accordance with the Statute and the Regulations. More autonomy to districts and areas but also more duties and greater responsibility towards the base and collaboration capabilities with the International level that is the added value of their mandate.

2. Statute and Regulations - Many proposals and much criticism but often without content and without ideas. The general thought is that the rules are fine as they are articulated in the two documents and should be updated with great care. The important thing is to teach to apply them intelligently. There is a general reluctance to the permanent race for statutory changes. The general imperative: to vote on the basis and avoid the use of proxies as much as possible.

3. International bodies - The proposal to increase the number of international board members has not found much support, for example to insert members appointed by the District Presidents. The only proposal is to increase, only if you assign seats to representatives of countries that are not present, for example, the German, French and Spanish areas.

4. More communication and more access to information. A collaboration, not only between the General Secretariat and the Districts/Areas/Clubs, but also between the different territories, and the various clubs. There is a continuous search for a direct relationship with the Secretariat of Rapallo, but this is not the right way, not for lack of will but because there is a regional chain to be respected: the areas and districts. Everyone must exercise its role, together with others to be informed, coordinated in order to perform various functions well.

5. Fees and other financial resources. There are different trends, many argue that quotas are adequate, others that are too high. However, the general trend is contrary to a possible increase. The proposal to establish a uniform fee for all clubs, even for the Pan American clubs, no longer in relation to GDP, achieved some consensus in the European questionnaires but a decisive rejection by the Pan-Ameri-

can partners: many clubs would lose. The thought is that the share is conceived as a nasty fee, but many acknowledge that the reduction of the share is equivalent to restrict activities, expansion and diffusion of Panathlon. The only guaranteed income shall come from the members' shares. The only additional entry in the PI budget is guaranteed by the IOC contribution that fortunately in 2015 was very high, in view of some concrete projects submitted in support of this increase. Henceforth, also the fixed contribution of the IOC can no longer be used for the ordinary management administration but must be supported by real projects.

6. Expansion. The vast majority of members considered that for the expansion the involvement of young people is a key factor for the growth and strengthening of Panathlon. Many expressed concern on the current structure of the PCU and JR clubs; the shared proposal is to entrust to the sponsoring clubs, areas and national districts, the behavior models closer to the territorial sensitivity. Even JR Clubs, for their part, on the occasion of their involvement in the States General, expressed a lack of consideration on the part of the panathletic institutions. A good general guideline is on international relations that Panathlon must maintain and enhance, not only to dialogue with relevant partners and contribute with important cultural projects in pursuit of the statutory objectives envisaged, but also to create a base of relations and wider knowledge. It must be appreciated to be more considered and to conquer new horizons. For example, in northern Europe, USA, Canada and Australia, where the presence of European immigrants could constitute a first substrate to open new clubs.

7. Training - Many suggest organizing territorial training courses, in areas and districts, to update on the evolution of the operating modes in different roles, in accordance with the manuals that have been updated and published on the website. It is proposed the proclamation of a "day of panathletic training" to be held in all districts. As a premise it is necessary to identify and educate "trainers" to entrust the leadership of the days to them.

First objective: to stimulate the response of members and clubs in collective proposals often ignored.

8. Solidarity Fund - An isolated but interesting proposal is to set up a solidarity fund to help panathletes or clubs in difficulty but also to intervene in social solidarity actions, in different territories, thus signaling the sensitivity of Panathlon. Fund should be fed by spontaneous contributions of the members, but it should also be open to external supporters.

9. External action - Good reports have been expressed about the campaigns against doping, the road tour, the charter of duties of parents, as stimulating innovations that are in addition to the pillars of the initiatives for fair play, the world of the disabled, the profit, the prize and sport, the Graphic competition etc. All that leads Panathlon among the people is worth double as a promotion and is often less expensive if one is inserted in cooperation with other bodies. For example, the Olympic Committees.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE I.O.C CONGRATULATIONS TO PANATHLON

The President of the International Olympic Committee, Thomas Bach, confirming happy existing collaboration with Panathlon International, sent the following letter in the aftermath of the Assembly of Antwerp and of the Scientific Congress inspired by the universal brotherhood and the pursuit of cohesion in sport while respecting the cultural, historical and social diversity.

Lausanne, 23 June 2016

Dear Mr. Santini

Thank you for your letter of 31 May 2016, in which you informed the IOC of the result of the presidential elections of the General Assembly of Panathlon International, which took place in Antwerp on 22 May 2016. I take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation for the work you have done during your presidency.

I would also like to congratulate you for the success of the 20th Congress of Panathlon International. The IOC expresses its appreciation for the discussions held during the round tables that have consistently underlined the prospect of regaining trust in the power of sport, in the implementation of policies and good sport.

The IOC is pleased to continue this good cooperation with the new President of Panathlon International, Mr. Pierre Zappelli.

Thank you again for your enthusiasm and hard work in the pursuit of excellence in sport and the Olympic Movement.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Bach



FROM THE SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS ON GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS

Resolutions of the 20th Panathlon International Congress "Ethics and Governance in Sport: Are we committed to change?" The purpose of these resolutions is to further emphasize the focus and commitment of P.I. to improve ethics and governance in sport.

The Panathlon Declaration (Ghent, 2004) including the Charter on the Rights of the Child in Sport (Avignon, 1995) was Panathlon's response to the worldwide growing concern about sport practice that has been put in a bad light by a number of high-profile scandals, a lack of integrity, transparency and democracy in governance, a related corruptive behaviour of sport managers, child abuse and excessive pressure from parents and coaches on children involved in sport.

Although P.I. acknowledged sport's obvious moral deficit it has never underestimated the positive features of sport. It has always taken the position that in ethical issues one needs to do more than problem naming, more than having good intentions and well-intended ambitions to change. One needs both a positive narrative and a perspective to recover trust in sport's, potential, and to implement policies and good practice that can make a difference from grassroots to elite levels of participation.

Resolutions and commitments

Based on the reflections on current sport in both the publication 'Ethics and Governance in Sport: the future of sport imagined' and the related discussions in its 20th congress Panathlon International acknowledges that...

Ack. 1. All relevant stakeholders in sport are required by human and children's rights statutes to take action to protect those rights. However private and public governing bodies should be bliged to provide a framework in which these rights should be realised. Safeguarding adults and children in sport must become a pillar of good governance.

Ack. 2. A lack of transparent and professional club management, unrestrained commercialization (e.g. monopolization of broadcast rights; questionable sponsoring) and the abuse of sport by (international) politics increase the motives for a wide and diverse group to engage in bribery, corruption, and fraud such as organized doping, match fixing and child trafficking.

Ack 3. Each person/organization/authority, including the sport sector, has the responsibility in their area of competence and influence to facilitate integration of people for whom sport is not

easily accessible and to develop opportunities for sport to implement overall societal benefits and positive personal development. In particular sport must have regard to the vulnerability of refugees and migrants.

Ack.4. We acknowledge that sport is more than a means to other outcomes and objectives, but has its own inherent values and these must be preserved.

Therefore, Panathlon International commits itself...

Com.1. to promote the fundamental principles Olympism

Com. 2. (in the area of governance) To help promote and develop international and national strategies (sustainability models) towards better governance, transparency, integrity and corporate social responsibility. To partner with organizations with aligned objectives.

Com. 3. (in the area of public awareness) P.I. is committed to both develop and support public awareness and educational campaigns designed to promote good practice, ethics and governance.

Com.4. (in the area of education) P.I. is committed to helping develop national and international training and education programs for key stakeholders in the sport process (i.e. coaches, parents, administrators)



Com.5 (in the area of sport and cooperation) To contribute to the development of sport policy and programs that focus on bridging and bonding processes in order to enhance integration, inclusion, mental, physical and social wellbeing among individuals and groups.

Com. 6.(in the area of sport and physical activity) P.I. will promote these resolutions within the context of elite sport, organized sport as well as the voluntary-physical-activity experience.

Com.7. (in the area of P.I.) P.I. will facilitate the implementation of these resolutions through their network of Panathlon clubs and members, as well as through partnerships and collaboration with other like-minded organizations. P.I. will also undertake to evaluate internal projects/conferences in an effort to be more effective, and model transparency.

Concluding Remarks

In order to achieve to these lofty goals and objectives, it is necessary to develop a strategic plan that outlines and clarifies, key roles, tasks required. The CSC suggests it plays a fundamental role within this strategic plan, with the commitment of ALL Panathlon clubs.

President of Panathlon International: Giacomo Santini

Members of the Cultural and Scientific Committee: Yves Vanden Auweele (Belgium, president ad interim); Anne Tiivas (UK); Elaine Cook (Canada); Antonio Bramante (Brazil); Piermarco Zen-Ruffinen (Switzerland); Eugenio Guglielmino (Italy).

May 20th, 2016 Antwerp, Belgium

SPORT AS GROWTH FOR EVERYONE

by Elizabeth Sluyter-Mathew

(Director, Public Affairs and Social Development through Sport, International Olympic Committee)

We need a model of values to enable the development of young people. Sport, games and physical education for all are the cornerstones of the practice of sport and the top-level sport, which help to sustain the growth of the sports movement. We must invest to expand the number of future athletes and to increase public involvement in the sport. Olympic Agenda 2020 aims to protect the humanist values inherent in sport and to strengthen the role of sport in society.

Its proposals are intended to promote universal participation in sport and physical activity, developing educational tools adapted to engage and give strength to young people, as well as to use sport as a valuable tool to achieve equitable and continuous learning opportunities throughout their lives. The Olympic Movement has the unique and profound opportunity to accompany young people to develop life skills and values through the sharing of traditions of sport and the Olympic Movement. The importance of sport and physical activity in promoting 'growth and social equity' is recognized by governments and politicians around the world, as outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations (paragraph 37): *Sport is also an important enabler of sustainable development. We recognize the growing contribution of sport to the realization of development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect and the contributions it makes to the empowerment of women and of young people, individuals and communities as well as to health, education and social inclusion objectives.*

Education for all: an inclusive, fair and quality education, starting in childhood, up to the technical/vocational training and learning throughout life, proposing "sustainable lifestyles." Sport and physical activity can fill the gap between policy and practical implementation. Moreover, we have to make sure that the diffusion model does not focus only on high-level results, but comes to include physical activity as a lifestyle. It is desirable the union between physical literacy and sports values, to shape people who are more socially responsible, achieving social cohesion and better communities. The founder of the modern Olympic Games, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, considered Olympic sports not only as an opportunity for athletes to test their skills in the race, but also as a possibility "for each individual, to use the sport as a possible source of inner improvement." The thought of de Coubertin at the end of the 19th century has become today's reality, through learning programs based on the values promoted by the Olympic Movement (OM).

Social and ethical entourage of coaches and parents to change the sports results. To be able to realize the objective of transformation, promoting the development of complete individuals, sport and physical activity should take place in an environment capable of providing support. To optimize the quality of the positive sporting experience, this triangulation between athlete, coach/teacher and family safety net is needed. In this framework, the sport has the potential to mold and shape communities, culture and individuals.

First Comparison

PROMOTION OF ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SPORT

The best hope because the sport can survive as an ethical business and how can we deal with legal disputes and violations of human rights, of athlete and child in sport, especially in school-age children?

From the abstracts of the speakers:

SPECIFICITY OF SPORT AND LAW

by Frank Hendrickx (Prof Sports Law, KULeuven, Belgium)

What happens if an interconnection between sport and law is established? The EU case.

Step 1 - "The rule of law must be respected": The tension between public and government intervention in matters relating to the sport and the autonomy of sports organizations is the very nature of sports law. The sports law is aimed at respecting the values of sport. A doctrine of the 'specificity of sport', developed for example in the EU legal framework, protects the sports organizations against government legislation. However, it is (and should be) no doubt that the sports movement is subject to the rule of law.

Step 2 - "The diversity of legislation must be promoted": in designing regulatory policies, you must define the appropriate (legal) operating mode applicable to ethical issues in sport. Sometimes the diversity of legislation is underestimated. It is necessary that legal settings combine rigor and flexibility. For example, public, strong or legal interference and the adoption of summits approaches may become necessary only in sports ethics areas concerning the most serious forms of negligence or misconduct.

Step 3 - "A global legal approach to sports organizations is problematic": international private organizations, such as sports bodies, go beyond the competence of individual legal systems. It is therefore logical to face them in a global perspective. However, the classic division between international law and national law is not adequate enough. One example is the complex interaction between the rules established by WADA and national, international and European laws.

ETHICS CANNOT BE A LUXURY

by MJ McNamee (Prof. MJ McNamee, Swansea University, Wales (United Kingdom))

Preamble : In recent years, sports organizations around the world have faced a relentless series of ethical problems, in some cases, real crisis, which are, in part, the product of their own condescension towards ethical issues and governance: from the presence of transgender athletes in competitions, up to genetic manipulation, corruption and - of course - to the generalized doping. For too long the ethics was considered the icing on the cake of the sport: a luxury rather than a basic ingredient.

The sports administration world must acquire an ethical vision of the sport and start a systematic reform of the cultures and sports facilities. To give impetus to reform its organization, the work turned to ethics, integrity and governance of sport needs to be enriched by a new profession specializing in sports administration: the Sports Integrity Officer.

Recommendation: I invite Panathlon to urge all international sports federations to support the development of professional specialization courses in ethics and sports integrity, as well as to work to create spaces and employment structures that favor the inclusion of this role.

Question 1. Is it realistic to think that the functions of ethics and sport integrity can be incorporated in the current administrative structure of the sport?

Question 2. Should the driving force for change begin at amateur level or in elite sport?

Question 3. How can we succeed in making converge towards the objective of safeguarding and child protection the priorities and stakeholders from various fields, such as the anti-doping movement, sports administrators, sponsors and the unions of the athletes?

OLYMPISM FOR THE XXI CENTURY

by Jim Parry (Professor of Sports Philosophy, UK, Univ. Leeds & Czech Republic, Univ. Prague)

It states that Olympism is a universal social philosophy, based on philosophical anthropology - an idealized conception of the kind of person that the ideology appreciates and seeks to produce and reproduce through its formal and informal institutions. The Olympic ideal is represented in some simple phrases that capture the essence of what the ideal human being should be and what it should aspire to.

It promotes the following principles: full and harmonious personal development and of the person;

- to excellence and results;
- through engagement in professional sports;
- in conditions of mutual respect, fairness, justice and equality;
- in order to create long-lasting relationships of friendship;
- as well as relations of peace, tolerance and understanding;
- and cultural alliances with art.

Question: Is Olympism only a series of high-sounding "ideals"? Alternatively, is Olympism a valid social project?

It also argues that political liberalism implies multiculturalism, which bans any discrimination against groups and people for reasons of ethnicity, race, nationality, religion, class, gender or sexual preference, and that puts the emphasis on ideals such as recognition, respect and the equal dignity of all cultures.

Question 1: Is it possible to consider multiculturalism an unrealistic ideal, or, is it a valid social project? Finally, it is suggested that universalism and globalization are a threat to the existence of 'closed societies'; people do not rely on restricted and controlled forms of information. Internet, satellite television and forms of global communication are all elements that contribute to the democratization of information, while the massive migrations of people across continents produce a new form of cosmopolitan life.

To sustain closed and exclusivist societies will need higher and higher levels of dogmatism, authoritarianism, isolationism and extremism. They have limited life. This, at least, that we have to hope and this is the hope of any kind of peaceful internationalism, based on the principles of individual freedom and human rights.

Question 2: Is it an overly optimistic assessment of the current situation and of the transformative power of cultural forms such as the media and the sport?

ARE WE READY FOR CHANGE?

New sports governance dynamics, new conceptions of ethics and sports values in the globalized world remind Panathlon of a modernization of its role to avoid becoming stranger to reality.

by Maurizio Monego

The Congress of Panathlon International are always culturally relevant events to keep the association up to date. They are milestones of the process of the Panathletic movement through the society, and different cultures. They give meaning to be panathletes.

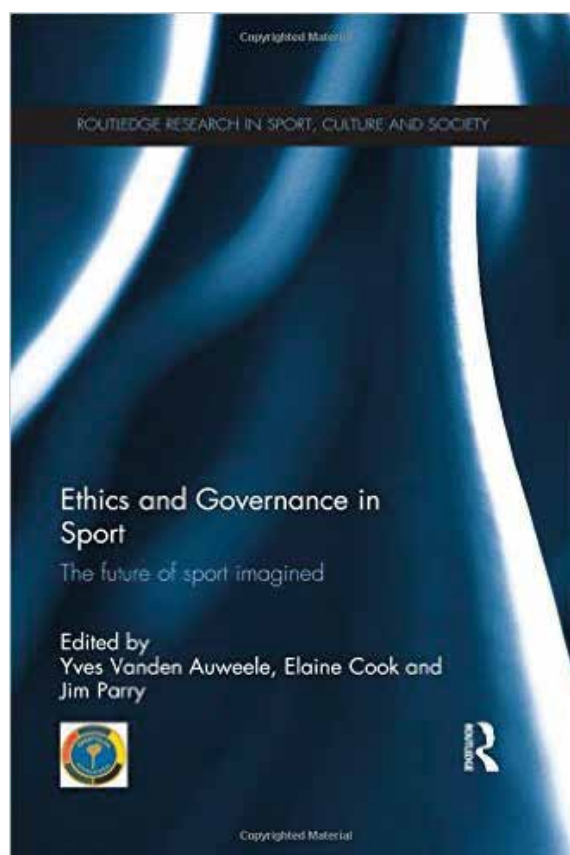
The development of study and research, the updates of the themes present and the perspective in the panorama of world sport compared to the ideals that underpin Panathlon are cornerstones on which clubs can implement effectively the activities in the field. The congress held in Antwerp has not failed the expectations and stimulates cultural commitment in the global context.

The title of the Congress, ***"Ethics and Governance in Sport: Are we committed to change?"*** asks the clubs and all panathletes a crucial question on the current reality and the trends of globalized sport: are we ready for change towards ethical challenges and the increasingly pressing needs of good governance?

Change cannot relate to the principles. It concerns approaches. It regards the measures to be taken to ensure compliance with the values to which we cannot and do not want to give up, but also it suggests a re-conceptualization of the sport in social terms.

The presence of high-level speakers, among the most qualified scientists in different fields that Congress involved, stimulated reflections, to which all are invited to pay attention. Yves Wanden Auweele stressed this at the opening of works, drawing the attention of those present to the book recently published by Routledge, *Ethics and Governance in Sport - The future of sports imagined*, that it was in fact the main theme of the congress.

The format chosen by the Scientific-Cultural Commission of PI, as it was set under President Vic de Donder and brought to fruition by Yves Wanden Auweele after his untimely death, gave a modern touch to the work and allowed to listen many authoritative voices in the 4 round tables (*) on which it was structured the congress.



The times given for the speeches were not sufficient to argue the various arguments, but, as prefixed by Wanden Auweele, served to give talking points. With assistance from the discussants, through the questions of the audience and the experts' answers, the contents have taken shape, but leaving above all the desire of analyses, in which people devote themselves according to their interests and their inclinations.

To understand fully, the contents of the XX Congress of the book should have been read. However, how many people have done this? From the written pages and collected - in fact the book is an anthology that updates contents of Sport, Ethics, Cultures - by Yves Wanden Auweele, Elaine Cook and Jim Parry you can understand the structure given to the same congress, to the book targets defi-

ned and become operational from four perspectives.

First, the attempt to analyze and describe the consequences of the current trends and the driving forces in society and in sport that lie behind current practices, values, beliefs, systems and modern sport organizations.

Second perspective to speculate what would become the sport if we accepted its own autonomy without limits; gene doping; a lack of debate, discussion and self-criticism; if an interference of the dominant and/or financially wealthy countries were to become generally accepted and justified as a prevailing or inevitable thinking.

As a third prospective, a stimulus to suggest ways to resist or shaping current trends in a more acceptable direction (morally), such as introducing more democracy in governance, more social responsibility of organizations and sports federations (up to the regional level), making less eccentric the financing of sport, promoting longer a targeted functional elements that can release the positive energy of the sport.

Finally from a speculative point of view, one might expect that some authors attempted a conceptualization of a very new sports philosophy, with original ideas and concepts, and perhaps less attentive to the specific responses to the current trends. A sort of re-conceptualization of sport also linked to sustainable development.

Of the 28 authors featured in the book, 10 were among the speakers of Antwerp. Their speeches have summarized - in five minutes, they could not do more - the content of their little essays and in some cases, and they have been able to answer questions on the issue tackled. Overall, the speeches have been in the spirit of the book: "not aggressive and imaginative opinions, but short contributions with clear messages that invite to reflection and discussion and interdisciplinary approaches" that have been mentioned, with many questions and few solutions.

The proposal to reconceptualization, to be accepted fully needs the reading of the fifth part of the book. It must be said that the theme of the fourth Round Table dedicated to the sport as a means of integration and development proposed scenarios, which already P.I. had suggested from the Congress of Parma in 2005, in which we are immersed and will require ever more urgent answers, due to epochal mixing, produced by the migratory flows affecting Europe, but not only.

Those who have the opportunity to read the Ethics and Governance in Sport will find interesting, in addition to the topics proposed at the Congress by Oscar Mwaanga (Zambia - UK), Johan Leman (B) and Karen Petry (D),

essays by Roland Renson (B), with his concept of ludodiversity, and Fred Coalter (UK).

In conclusion, it was a stimulating conference, as long as you want to commit to understand it, perhaps not courageous in dealing with issues of deviance and real crimes - to quote Andrew Jennings (see his book *Omertà*) - that are committed in the management of large organizations, but we had already done so in other conferences; a bit egocentric despite the presence of Elaine Cook (CAN); that overlooked the large South American world where many Panathlon clubs work in socio-economic, cultural and different realities. However, in the space of a day of work, it could do no more and certainly, the participants appreciated the commitment and foresight of the Scientific-Cultural Commission.

With the renewal of all the organs of P.I. also the Scientific-Cultural Commission will be renewed, which in recent years has had in Yves Vanden Auweele his most passionate soul. It is to be hoped that the next conference knows to capitalize on the accumulated knowledge and knows how to suggest - but we are sure - the right research direction for P.I. culture and can involve clubs implementing.

(*) The resolutions of the conference are available at the web site: http://www.panathlon.net/grandieventi_leggi.asp?lingua=italiano&tabellaMenu=GrandiEventipcucommittee&id_menu=22&id_sottomenugrandieventipcucommittee=0&id=228

BY DISTRICTS NEW PRESIDENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

As is customary, in the days dedicated to the General Assembly and the Scientific Congress also the District Presidents Committee of Panathlon International met.

Many among them were newly appointed and discussed and examined their role in relation to those of the International Board and the territorial structures.

At the conclusion of the work, the following official document was approved.



- 1.** The District Presidents wish to remind Panathlon International that French is still an official language of Panathlon International and urge to use it in all official communications.
- 2.** The District Presidents recognize that the Panathlon International magazine devolved positively. A special effort is required to improve the quality of translations into various languages, because the magazine is the official instrument of the communication of Panathlon International. It is therefore recommended to include cooperation with mother tongue members for linguistic revision of the articles.
- 3.** The expansion of our movement is a key issue. All district presidents and the international board should develop and support a strategy to recruit new members and to form new clubs.
- 4.** The district presidents invite the organization to use, in a uniform manner, the Panathlon International logo in all communication tools: every club is a club of "Panathlon International"; just as every district. For example, the name of a club should be "PI Club Wallonie-Bruxelles", while that of a district should be "PI District Brasil"; our international website should be www.panathlon-international.net and our e-mail addresses X.y@panathlon-international.net.
- 5.** The district presidents wish finally to express their gratitude to Giacomo Santini to have chaired PI, succeeding in the task to convey more information to the clubs than in the past. Thanks also to the members of the secretariat for their work and their commitment.

*District Presidents Committee
Antwerp, 19 May 2016*

District Italy

Ghio confirmed as President Launched a new Statute

The elective Assembly of Presidents of Panathlon International District Italy, gathered in the Hall of Honor of Coni in Rome, elected Federico Ghio from Chiavari, reappointing him as president, who is so ready to lead the Panathlon Italy for the next four years.

It will be a four-year period of great interest for the expectations of the national Panathletic movement, because by this new and partly reconfirmed governance are expected those modern changes necessary to grow and spread the good word of Panathlon: a clean sport and rich in culture, respecting everything and everyone.

A Panathlon who can turn that "Ludis lungit", which belongs to it, in the universal motto for the entire world of sport, and not just for a few people.

The Swiss, Pierre Zappelli, President of Panathlon International, attended the meeting to confirm the importance of the District Italy in the Panathletic world with its many clubs. In addition to the election of the new presidency, there was also that of other offices of the District Italy.

Those elected are:

1. Giorgio Costa (Rapallo)
2. Antonio Gambacorta (Ariano Irpino)
3. Rinaldo Giovannini (Pistoia)
4. Ivana Moresco (Bassano del Grappa)
5. Pietro Pallini (Terni)
6. Pierluigi Palmieri (Avezzano)

The extraordinary assembly was held before the elective one, in which the representatives of the Italian clubs have been asked to approve the new Statute of Association of the District Italy, approved unanimously by those present.

With this basic document, the Panathlon District Italy

has turned over a new leaf with the past, modernizing its regulation, providing today a strong contribution to the sports world on the subject of ethics and culture, supporting institutions, and primarily CONI, in the dissemination of these fundamental principles.



The new District Italy of Panathlon International was born,

with its philosophy wants to intervene in the territory, so that the ideals come true.

Massimo Rosa - Responsible for Communication D.I.

District Brazil

HEARING OF PANATHLON AT THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

Contribution of ideas and experiences for the launching of the program "athlete in school"

The District Brazil of Panathlon provided an interesting contribution to the Brazilian Parliament, in the framework of the legislative training for sport.

The vice president of the District Brazil of Panathlon International, President of Panathlon Club São Paulo, Georgios Stelios, was summoned to bring his contribution of experience and that of the organizations he represents. In fact, Georgios Stelios is also project manager of the Brazilian Athletics Confederation and Federal Councilor.

The panathlete participated in the Chamber of Deputies in the Sports Commission, which is dealing with the resumption of the program "athlete in school." It is about a series of measures that favor the enhancement, in schools, of students who develop promising talents in sport. This is not a champion hunt, but an initiative that aims to guarantee everyone the right to study and to practice his or her favorite sport as a learning activity.



Established in 2013 and suspended in 2015, the program aims, among other things, to encourage the practice of sport even in primary schools and kindergarten, democratizing access to sport, to develop and disseminate the Olympic and Paralympic values among students with a basic education, and encouraging the training of athletes in school. The resources come directly to public schools, which allows investment in training and the purchase of materials. Stelios highlights, again, that the program is of fundamental importance because it encourages pupils to engage in sports training and allows the identification of talent.

The president of CONFEE, Jorge Steinhilber indicated that the first step, which is not covered in the program, is to introduce physical education in elementary school, because the child must be supported from an early age, in his motor activities. This is what we call motor literacy.

"To be able to practice any physical activity, you need to have motor coordination, i.e. you must have this motor literacy. In truth, this kind of training is not happening at the lower levels, that is, for the benefit of the younger pupils.

According to the Brazilian panathletes, it is necessary to raise awareness among government levels, to transfer the right to sport even outside of schools among all young people, especially the less fortunate.

District Austria/Germany

JUBILEE FOR HEINZ RECLA CELEBRATION AT THE CLUB OF GRAZ



The Past President Giacomo Santini participated in Graz in an important ceremony, held at the Club Graz home in HIB Liebenau. It has been the award of "Panathlon- Würdigungspreis 2016", promoted by the Club Graz under the patronage of District Austria and Germany.

Holder of the prize was the Panathlete Dr. Heinz Recla, former president of Club Graz and Past President of our District Austria and Germany.



Attributed the academic performance and sport award named after Pierre de Coubertin

The Panathlon Club of Graz awarded the academic performance and sport prize, inspired by Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympics, to recognize the academic and sports achievements of young people of the District Austria/Germany. Florian Bodingbauer is the chosen one, high school student, for outstanding achievements in sport, with capacity for involvement in organized sport and social life of many of his peers. Of course, to this versatility, he combines excellent academic results.

The winner attends the sports high school and has become an excellent testimonial of the campaign, which tends to make school increasingly important, in the field of youth education through sport, even with professional objectives.

For this, the Executive Committee proposes to verify the degree of sports education in each school, using the following criteria. The student must boast academic and sporting excellence in accordance with the Olympic idea.

As a result, on the medal is reproduced the slogan of Pierre de Coubertin "look far, speak frankly, act firmly."

Students who are candidates for the award must meet these requirements.



NEW EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY IN SPORT

The text approved in Paris during the European Football Championship

During the European Championships EURO 2016, the Council of Europe has led the 47 member countries to the signature of a new European convention designed to promote safety during football matches and other sporting events, to strengthen cooperation between police force at international level and to improve the dialogue between the police, local authorities, football clubs and supporters.

To ensure safe and friendly atmosphere inside and outside the stadiums, the Convention provides that the authorities will commit themselves to:

- Encouraging public and private sectors (local authorities, police, football clubs and national associations, as well as fans) to collaborate in the preparation and performance of football matches;
- Ensuring that sports facilities comply with the standards and national regulations to enable effective management of the crowd and its security; during regular joint exercises, rescue plans should be established, tested and perfected in case of emergency;
- Ensuring that viewers are greeted and treated appropriately during the whole event, such as by making the stadium more accessible to children, to elderly people or disabled, and improving health facilities and catering.

There will also be a series of measures to prevent and punish acts of violence and misbehavior, including exclusion, sanction procedures in the country where the offense was committed or in the country of residence of the persons concerned or even restrictions trip for travel abroad for football matches.

Through the Convention, the Member States commit themselves to strengthen cooperation of the internatio-

nal police, establishing a national football information point (NFIP) which will facilitate the exchange of information and personal data in the context of international matches.

The Convention will replace the current European Convention on violence and misbehavior of spectators at



the sports events and in particular at football matches, drawn up in 1985, due to the Heysel tragedy.

The Committee of Experts, responsible for supervising implementation of the Convention of 1985, shall examine, before and after, the major international tournaments (World Cup, European Championships), and the provisions on security. FIFA, UEFA, the European federation of professional football leagues, Football Supporters Europe, Supporters Direct Europe, as well as Interpol and the European Union participate in its work.

DISABLED ATHLETES DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN THE WORLD

The situation in critical areas such as Iran, Russia and Brazil

The United Nations (UN) Special Adviser to the Secretary General of Sport for Development and Peace Wilfried Lemke has been involved in the Paralympic Movement since taking on his role in 2008.

From attending the London 2012 and Sochi 2014 Paralympic Games, to visiting Iran and Russia's National Paralympic Day festivals, Lemke has witnessed the broader impact Para sports have in society.

He shares his insight with Paralympic.org on the challenges people with an impairment face around the world, the impact Rio 2016 will have and even his favourite Para sport:



What issues do people with an impairment face in their societies? How does this differ across countries and cultures, from first-world nations to third-world nations?

Persons with disabilities continue to face stigmatisation and discrimination linked to their disabilities. They are often excluded from basic social activities, such as education, community life, leisure, as well as sport. Thus, many of them remain socially isolated and left out within the home environment.

Discrimination and stigmatisation against those living with disabilities is extremely varied across the world. While some countries implement policies and legislation to protect the rights and needs of those living with disabilities, other countries, influenced by their cultural and traditional beliefs, lack any institutional and legal framework. As an example, from the 193 State Members of the United Nations, only 164 signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, a treaty intended to protect and promote the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities.

What are the biggest challenges in getting people engaged in Para sport?

In many countries, there is an apparent lack of resources allocated to Para sport. Persons with disabilities have few, if any, opportunities to access and take part in sporting activities. On top of that, Para sporting events and their achievements receive minimal media coverage, in comparison to their able-bodied counterparts. ... It is paramount to promote the development of Para sport in society by investing in adaptable and accessible sporting infrastructure.

What benefits do you think Para sports can bring to those who participate in it and those who watch it either as a spectator or TV viewer?

Anyone who has attended or watched a Para sporting event has surely been amazed by the tremendous ability and courage displayed by athletes. For the audience, participants with disabilities are true sportspersons, which often challen-



ges the stereotypes associated with them in many countries. At the same time, participants are empowered and recognised as full and equal members of society.

Can you share some of your favourite experiences where you witnessed Para sports' impact a society?

My Office, the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace, organises the Youth Leadership Camp, a programme that provides highly motivated youth with access to theoretical and practical training on how sport can be better used to effect positive change in their communities. In 2014, a young Paralympic athlete, Maclean Dzidzienyo from Ghana, participated in the Berlin Youth Leadership Programme Camp. He has since reached the B-standard qualifying time for the Paralympics.

Thanks to the support of his community, Maclean got a new racing chair and is working toward qualification for the Paralympics in Rio. He serves as a role model for children and athletes alike, demonstrating the importance of persistence in pursuing their dreams regardless of their physical ability.

You attended Iran's Paralympic Day last October. How have you seen Para sports promote peace and development in Iran?

In many countries, children with disabilities are still banned from taking part in sport in schools. Sport is an outstanding tool to include marginalised and disadvantaged groups, promote gender equality and fully integrate persons with disabilities into societies.

The National Paralympic Day in Iran is a wonderful initiative. In 2014, 8,000 children with disabilities were celebrating

this event. With so many people living with disabilities, in the world and in Iran, the National Paralympic Day last October marked an important step forward in raising public awareness about a truly inclusive society.

What are some of your favourite Para sports to play and watch?

As I am myself a half marathon runner, I really enjoy watching the long-distance running at the Paralympics. Wheelchair basketball is also one of my favourite to watch. I also really enjoy watching wheelchair racing competitions on the track.

What Paralympic sport will you be most excited to watch for in Rio 2016?

Additionally to the Para sports I've mentioned previously I will be excited to watch talented footballers in football 5-a-side. As I was the General Manager of Werder Bremen for 18 years, I am looking forward to watching the visually impaired version of the world's most popular sport.

Brazil has faced quite a lot of political and economic turmoil in recent years. Do you think the Paralympic Games can help restore pride in the Brazilian people?

Despite all the political and economic turmoil Brazil is facing, the country can be very proud to host the first ever Paralympic games in Latin America. Sport is an important tool that unifies and brings people together.



Past President Giacomo Santini with the Executive Secretary of EPAS/APES/Council of Europe, Stanislas Frossard

PANATHLON AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE SPORT FOR INTEGRATION OF IMMIGRANTS

Panathlon International participated in Vienna at the conference organized by the Council of Europe on the subject of immigrant integration through sport. The Organization has been realized by EPAS/APES, the body that oversees the sports policies, of the largest European association, which brings together 47 nations, namely the 28 EU member states and many others such as Russia, Turkey, Switzerland, the countries of the Balkans and some of the Caucasus. (www.coe.int/epas)

From 2013 Panathlon International is part of the Scientific Commission, together with the International Olympic Committee, the major European sports federations and other selected para-sporting bodies. Past President Giacomo Santini attended the conference in Vienna, noting that the issue of integration of immigrants through sport

was also treated in a panel of the scientific congress in Antwerp that preceded the General Assembly. Santini also stressed the partnership with NGO Soleterre that allows Panathlon to collaborate on concrete projects in this area, both in Africa and in Italy. In his speech, the Past President reminded the philosophy of Panathlon which is to give all immigrants the same opportunities of integration and not only to those who excel in sport and to propose initiatives for integration through sport, opportunities to meet and growth and not of competitive selection.

It was a good opportunity to promote the activities of Panathlon and create new relationships with numerous personalities, representing dozens of organizations operating in the field of social sport at government level or volunteering.

Giulia has been reborn thanks to sport



Giulia Colombi from Rivolta d'Adda, in the province of Cremona (Italy), just born, had to face, with all her forces, many difficulties, with the awareness, today, to have achieved thanks to sport, the highest peak, where to see the world through different eyes and finally enjoying the finest conquest, life. Her parents, Raffaella and Flavio remember her birth, the fight for survival, pain and family concerns, on the occasion of the convening of Giulia at the Special Olympics World Winter games, representing Italy, her country. From that same peak, the symbol of life, Giulia will go down fast in the slalom and super-G with the belief that by a fall you can get stronger than before.

Difficulties at birth

Giulia was born with some defects for which in the first 11 months of life she had to undergo five operations. "Immediately after birth, the doctors removed my daughter from my arms - the mother said - and transported urgently, with dad and grandmother in the car, chasing the ambulance, to Buzzi Hospital in Milan. We found ourselves suddenly reversed into another world, from the greatest joy to the worst of nightmares. We risked every day to lose Giulia. During open-heart surgery, carried only 15 days from birth, Giulia was cooled to 18 degrees and fed by the artificial heart, and we were clinging to hope and to the words of her cardiologist, who told us that our daughter was reacting well. A tortuous path, many other interventions and, when she was 8, the final diagnosis: Giulia has DiGeorge syndrome, very rare that in addition to physical deformities also causes psychomotor retardation".

The school and social exclusion

"She attended school in her country - Mother said - and during the last year of primary school, during an organized tour, I asked Julia with whom her companions would sit on the bus and she said, "no one mom, no one sits next to me." We never suspected that her companions excluded Julia, because the teachers always said that everything was fine. Probably they have concealed many things because Giulia did not cause problems; she has always been a quiet girl who seemed to be well on her own. These situations do not need to find a culprit but to reflect on how to improve the educational tools. In the growth of Giulia, we met psychiatrists, educators, psychomotor therapists and psychologists who have contributed to her behavioral and cognitive improvement, but we are convinced that the "qualitative leap" has been made with the inclusion of Giulia in the sporting world".

Growth through sport

"The first approach - Giulia's mother recalls - at a swimming class, when she was a year and a half; a passion for swimming that in the years leads Giulia to be part of a competitive team. Unfortunately, the sports medicine does not allow people who have genetic heart defects to have the competitive ability; tired of training without having the chance to meet other athletes, competing, she decided to leave. Often Giulia said, "But, Mom I am training hard for all sports that I practice, but if I cannot compete or play the games, how do I prove my talent?" In 2011 the turning point with the entry into a Team Special Olympics of Lodi, "No Limits Onlus", which allows her to be able to better express her talent. Giulia after a period in which she curled in a ball and spoke in monosyllables, she returned to live, now she talks to everybody without shame; she says what she thinks, is forthright, direct, precise and meticulous and she has a wonderful smile.

Sport that opens to new stimuli

"Giulia played different sports, from volleyball to basketball, but in skiing, which she started at the age of 8, she realized her big dream. In all regional and national competitions in which she participated, she won gold, silver and bronze medals. When we return from sports trips, Giulia often appears with articles in the local papers. She is happy that people know of her results, her successes. She says very naturally, "we write in the newspaper because so people, reading, talk about something nice and not always bad things." She has gained a positive attitude; she is tenacious and stubborn, but also very sweet. We are convinced that if she had not played sport, she would not have had opportunities of any kind. Today she is doing, in Pioltello, a program of autonomy and a socializing integration into the world of work; Julia studied at the cooking school, she dreams of opening her own restaurant; she makes risotto and spectacular cakes.

SPORTING SOLIDARITY FOR REFUGEES

A day celebrated by the protagonists of sport, to remember the role that sport can play for the well-being and integration of refugees. Nearly 21.3 million of refugees were counted in 2015.

by Victor Béquignon

On 20 June 2016 was celebrated the World Refugee Day, an occasion to commemorate "the strength, the courage and the resistance of millions of refugees". According to the High Commissioner of the United Nations, almost 65.3 million people have been forced to flee their homes because of conflict or its consequences. Of them, nearly 21.3 million have fled their country, thus becoming refugees. Sport is an indispensable tool, as protagonist of integration and well-being, to ensure a peaceful and socializing transition for people who have had to leave their home. For example, during the European Football Championship, the European Union launched a campaign, inviting players Marouane Fellaini and Anja Mittag, to express their support for refugees. An occasion to remember that every year the European Union contributes one billion euro for the assistance to refugees and displaced persons. The UEFA Foundation for Children also recalled its commitment to improving the living conditions of refugee children, respect for fundamental rights and their dignity.

The Foundation is particularly active alongside the players who share these objectives, together with the FC Barcelona Foundation, the association Terre des Hommes, street-footballworld or Spirit of Soccer. These actions are possible thanks to a donation of two million euro from UEFA. Similarly, the International Olympic Committee paid tribute to refugees around the world by investing alongside UNHCR, to place sport at the service of refugees, offering them a bit of relief and joy.

An occasion to remember that faithful to its commitment, the IOC has been able to form an Olympic team of 10 refugees who will take part in the Olympic Games in Rio. The IOC offers the opportunity to discover these athletes and refugees through a series of on-line portraits. This team of Olympic refugees and athletes is an inspiration to us all.

Their sporting career was interrupted, these high-level athletes and refugees will finally have the chance to realize their dreams. Their participation in the Olympics is a tribute to the courage and perseverance of all the refugees who overcome adversity and manage to build a better future for their families. UNHCR is in solidarity with them and with all the refugees".



The Olympic Team of Refugees

Ten athletes, refugees, sent a message of hope to all refugees in the world, attracting the world's attention on the scale of the refugee crisis, since they have taken part in the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, without anthem and flag, with little organization and no attention to the results

Ten athletes participated in the Olympic team of refugees - the first of its kind – they marched behind the Olympic flag, immediately before the host country, Brazil, during the opening ceremony of the Games. The Executive Committee (EC) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced the composition of the team.

As all the teams present at the Games, the Olympic team of the refugees had access to its own personal assistance, to meet the technical needs of the athletes. Tegla Loroupe (Kenya), Olympic champion and former world record holder in the marathon, was appointed Head of Mission of the team, and Isabela Mazao (Brazil), whose name was proposed by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), deputy Head of Mission.

The Olympic team was composed of the following athletes:

- Rami Anis (H): Country of origin: Syria, CNO host: Belgium, sport: Swimming
- Yesh Biel Pure (H): Country of Origin: South Sudan, CNO host: Kenya, Sport: athletics (800 m)
- James Nyang Chiengjiek (H): Country of Origin: South Sudan, CNO host: Kenya, Sport: athletics (400 m)
- Yonas Kinde (H): Country of origin: Ethiopia, CNO host: Luxembourg, sport: athletics (marathon)
- Angelina Nada Lohalith (F): Country of Origin: South Sudan, CNO host: Kenya, Sport: Athletics (1500 m)
- Rose Nathike Konyen (F): Country of Origin: South Sudan, CNO host: Kenya, Sport: athletics (800 m)
- Paul Amotun Lokoro (H): Country of Origin: South Sudan, CNO host: Kenya, Sport: Athletics (1500 m)
- Yolande Bukasa Mabika (F): Country of origin: Democratic Republic of Congo, CNO host: Brazil, Sport: Judo (- 70 kg)
- Popole Misenga (H): Country of origin: Democratic Republic of Congo, CNO host: Brazil, Sport: Judo (- 90 kg).



In revealing the composition of the team, the IOC President, Thomas Bach said, "These refugees have no shelter, no team, no flag and no anthem. We offered them a home in the Olympic village alongside the athletes from around the world. The Olympic anthem was played in their honor and the Olympic flag accompanied them as they made their entrance into the stadium.

This initiative is a message of hope to all refugees in the world and allows everyone to understand better the scope of this crisis. It is also a signal to the international community, namely that refugees are human beings and they are an enrichment for society.

These athletes, refugees, have shown the world that despite the unimaginable tragedies they experienced, they can also put, like everyone, their talent, their skills and their fortitude at the service of society".

LESS MONEY, MORE VALUES IN SPORT

From Rio should arise a boost to ethics and protection of the disabled - In October, the World Conference on Faith and Sport promoted by the Pontifical Council for Culture will take place in the Vatican, supported by the Pope.



by Gioia Tagliente

"It is necessary to promote sport for peace and brotherhood in the world, purifying it of so many economic interests."

This is what the Archbishop, Ivan Jurkovic, reiterated, permanent observer of the Holy See of the United Nations office in Geneva, during the 32nd regular session of the Human Rights Council. Monsignor Ivan Jurkovic stressed the continued commitment of the Holy See to promote sport as a universal language capable of encouraging positive values. For this reason, in October, the first world conference on Faith and sport will take place in Vatican, an initiative promoted by the Pontifical Council for Culture.

In particular, as stated by Pope Francis, it is important to remember the value of the Olympic Charter for the harmonious development of humankind and the education of youth through sport practiced without discrimination of any kind.

The prelate also stressed that the upcoming Olympics of Rio de Janeiro are an important opportunity to reinforce the "ethical principles" of sport that nowadays is too often associated with an economic aspect, the excessive competitiveness and violence. In this regard, the Paralympic Games show how sport is the expression of talent even for people with disabilities.

Finally, the Holy See encourages the Member States, the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee to continue their efforts to promote the Olympic ideal and the respect of human dignity around the world and in every sport.

PANATHLON PARTICIPATES IN "EWOS 2016" A SHOWCASE OF THE EUROPEAN SPORT

The event will take place from 10 to 17 September with 20 countries, 13,659 events and 825,923 participants.

Panathlon International will be present and will be protagonist in the second "European Week of sport" that will take place from 10 to 17 September 2016 in Brussels. The initiative of the European Commission follows the first experiment of last year, which was a great success of participants and ideas.

The organizational aspect is taken care of by the office of European Commissioner for youth, training, education and sport Tibor Navracsics, based on the EU Work Plan for sport 2014-2017 and Health-Enhancing Physical Activity Recommendation "HEPA" on cross-promotion to the areas of physical and healthy activity.

Panathlon International will participate on the basis of a letter of intent signed on 9 March 2016 in The Hague by former President Giacomo Santini and the Commissioner himself.

The organizing committee, under the direction of President Zappelli, is composed of International Board Member Paul Standaert, Past President Santini, president of the District Belgium Thierry Zintz and other members of the working group "European Antenna of Panathlon" launched in Brussels.

A program of initiatives will be developed as soon as possible, able to report and highlight the values of Panathlon International in such a vast and important context.

The "II European Week of sport - EWOS" aims to promote sports participation and basic physical activity in EU member countries.

The EWOS will be structured around four central themes:

- environmental education
- physical activity in the workplace





Foundation Domenico Chiesa

XIV INTERNATIONAL GRAPHIC COMPETITION

by Sergio Allegrini

Not a record, but certainly a large number of participants in the International Graphic Competition, organized as usual by the Foundation Panathlon International Domenico Chiesa. The schools present were twenty-two, at least half of them at their first participation. A great success for the Task Force implemented during the Board of last November, in Crema and that allowed, for the commitment of the chosen ambassadors, to open several new schools to the proposals of the Foundation.

Of the two hundred and ten works examined by the Jury, this has had to use all its skills to establish a ranking, which has already enjoyed broad consensus, after publication. The Board of the Foundation expressed great satisfaction with the composition of the same. The choice, as usual, was dictated by the principles of competence and representativeness that have always characterized the formation, to which must also be added the highly professional elements expressed by president Marina Chiesa, a professional photographer in fashion but also of furniture in her daily work, and also by filmmaker Walter Belli, who worked over thirty years with Pupi Avati, with whom he made as a collaborator many of the works of the director and musician of Bologna. Even Dr. Agnese Bonanno participated, as collaborator of Hooness, startup specialized in the market for works of art with a previous experience in Sotheby's, precisely in the field of auctions and valuations of works of art.

The jury was completed by the President of the Club of Graz, Hedda Stasser who gave, as requested by several years, the international flair, which is very important for the Foundation, in addition to Secretary Sergio Allegrini, who is in charge of the Foundation for almost a decade. The works of the Commission took place in Venice at the Palace of the Priory Order of Malta, Calle dei Furlani, San Marco, characterized by a climate of debate and broader cooperation. At the beginning of the meeting, President Marina Chiesa read a message from Henrique Nicolini, Honorary Life President of the Evaluation Commission, and Honorary Member of PI who wanted to remind members of the same, the principles on which to base the work evaluation and above all remember the "great Friend" Domenico Chiesa with whom, many times, he had discussed both on the major issues of the International Panathletism and on the organization of the Movement to promote its spread and growth.

Given that the quality of works was very high, unfortunately it was noted how the involvement of foreign

schools has been very limited. In fact, the jury admitted to the final evaluation only works from the Club Nyandiwa-Junior La Malpensa in Kenya. The Club sent 18 works proposed by two Kenyan schools, doubling its participation compared to last year, finding in the competition, a tool to be able to spread in schools the spirit of Olympism and Panathlon.

The works were also sent from Brazil, but they have not been admitted to the competition. As usual, these works will be part of the selection that will form the exhibition. Regarding the works, divided into two sections, "Traditional Graphics" and "Computer Processing" the jury noted with pleasure that the works were equally divided into two sections. This revival of manual skills at the expense of the graphics processing is considered a sign of the interest return of young people to active and original creations. Remarkable (a return to the divisiveness?) the work presented by Elia Schiavo of Valdagno as well as the work with mixed media by Lorenzo Martino of Alba.

In computer processing, Marta Rota delights us with a "bike" that contains a significant amount of messages and has received unanimous approval from the jury. It appears then, perhaps for the first time, a message on the respect; a subject never discussed in the past, and that moves the communication on a positive level. With the dissolution of the Commission ends the work of the Board in office.

The International Board will decide who to entrust the management of the Foundation which has given the Clubs (that wanted to get the message), a unique tool in order to contact and collaborate with the world of school. The work done by the Foundation Chiesa was worthy, in collaboration with the Foundation Brownsea and Panathlon Club La Malpensa that through the competition have enabled the Club Nyandiwa La Malpensa Junior, that is giving proof of vitality, contributing to the expansion in a new way. For those who did not want to get the message will remain the usual complaints; "No one knows us", "no one knows who we are", "newspapers do not talk about us and even television," etc. etc.

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2ND PRIZE

Leonardo PISTONE

Liceo Artistico "Pinot Gallizio"
Alba



1ST PRIZE

Marta ROTA

Liceo Artistico «Nanni Valentini»
Monza



3RD PRIZE

Francesco D'ANGELILLO

I.S.I.S. "De Luca"
Avellino

Painting section



22ND PRIZE

Lorenzo MARTINO

Liceo Artistico "Pinot Gallizio"
Alba



1ST PRIZE

Elia SCHIAVO

Liceo Artistico "Umberto Boccioni"
Valdagno (VI)



3RD PRIZE

Chiara MARZOCCA

Istituto Comprensivo "Don Cosmo
Azzollini – Corrado Giaquinto" –
Molfetta

Special Prize to the memory of Siropietro Quaroni



Marzia CIMINO

Liceo Artistico «Nanni Valentini»
Monza



Kiambah BONIFACE

St. Antony Nyandiwa
Secondary School
Nyandiwa

AWARD TO GRAD STUDENTS FOR ROME 2024 OLYMPICS

The Italian Olympic Committee adheres to Leonardo Committee-Italian Quality Committee and offers a scholarship of 3,000 €.

As regards the degree awards promoted by the Leonardo Committee for 2016, the CONI-Italian Olympic Committee has chosen to join the initiative, by rewarding young graduates who have developed graduate thesis on relevant topics to the success of Made in Italy at local and international level.

The CONI award entitled **"The Olympic bid Rome 2024: the international project of Italian sport for development and innovation in the economy of the territory"** really wants to support, **with a scholarship of 3,000 euro**, the most interesting thesis capable of offering interesting ideas and proposals to the bid of

Rome as the capital of the Olympic Games in 2024, in terms of benefits and opportunities for the economy of our country.

"Our participation in the initiative of the Leonardo Committee is very significant" - said Giovanni Malagò, President of CONI "It represents another opportunity to support the best projects of our young people and the Italian sport in the world.

It is important that companies and associations undertake to give space to the most deserving ideas and to create a stronger link between universities and the world of



work ". The Leonardo Committee, currently chaired by entrepreneur **Luisa Todini**, was born in 1993 at the joint initiative of Senator Sergio Pininfarina and Senator Gianni Agnelli, Confindustria, ICE and a group of entrepreneurs with the aim of promoting Italy as a country system through various initiatives, to emphasize its entrepreneurial skills, artistic creativity, sophistication and culture which are reflected in its products and in its lifestyle.

The initiative of the "Degree Awards" that the Leonardo Committee has been running since 1997, with the support of its Members, has allowed over time to reward hundreds of young graduates from many universities across the country.

"In recent years in Italy we have witnessed a true diaspora of brains, bright and competitive young people who left our country to seek their fortune elsewhere. It is a human and social capital that today more than ever needs to be protected and enhanced", commented the President of the Leonardo Committee, Luisa Todini.

"The Leonardo Committee, thanks to the initiative of the Degree Awards, is committed to cultivating the talent of new generations, the future engine of our economy, supporting the most deserving thesis. Since 1997, with the cooperation of our member companies, we were able to support hundreds of young graduates throughout Italy."

The call for the Degree Award offered by CONI is directed to all graduate students (three-year and master's degree) in each discipline. Projects will be evaluated based on the criteria of originality, relevance, identification of the problem, methodology and results presented.

To participate please send the application form for the contest, together with the thesis in electronic format and a brief summary of it to the General Secretariat of



the Leonardo Committee (via Liszt 21-00144 Roma - tel. 0659927990- segreteria@comitatoleonardo.it) no later over 4 November 2016.

The complete call, the application form and other requirements necessary to enter the competition are available at the following link: <http://www.comitato-leonardo.it/it/premi-di-laurea/premi-di-laurea-comitato-leonardo/premio-coni> and on the website: www.coni.it.

The award ceremony will take place at the Palazzo del Quirinale during the award ceremony of the Leonardo awards, in the presence of the President of the Italian Republic.

BOXING AS A REDEMPTION FOR DISCRIMINATION AND OPPRESSION

"There is nothing Islamic in killing innocent people"

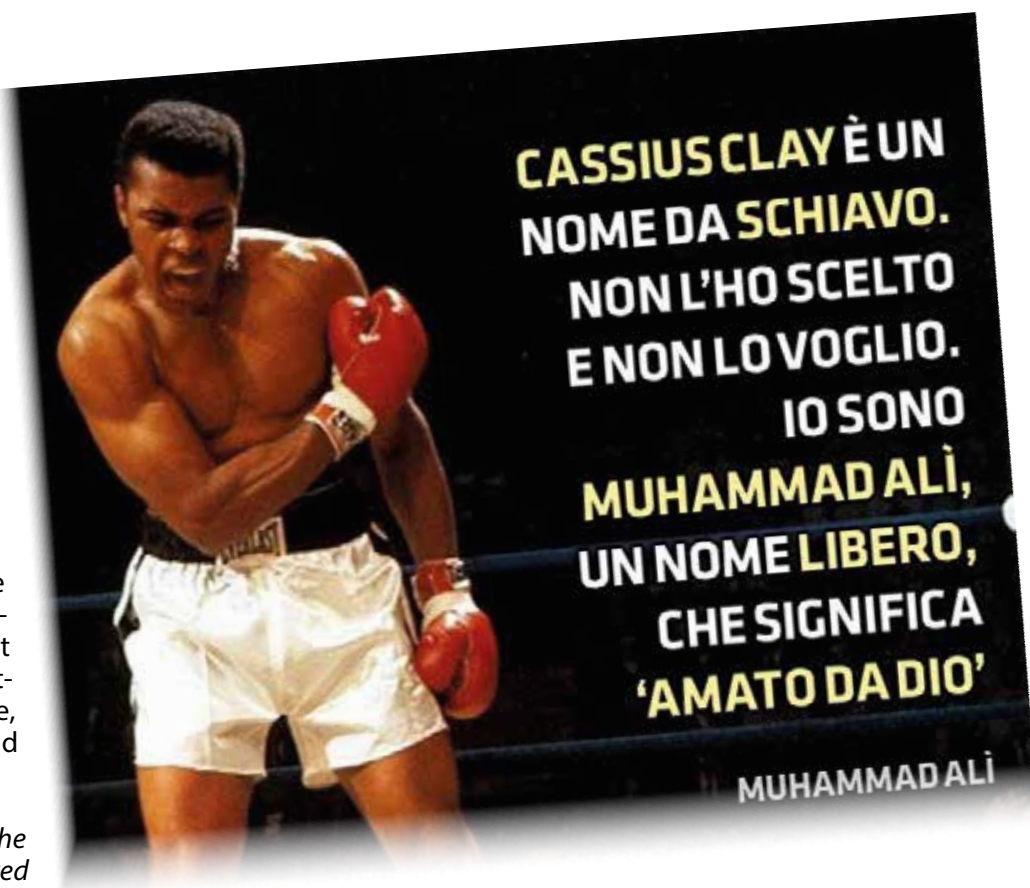
The 'punches' of African Americans who were discriminated against, the voice of the down-trodden, icon of the resistance movement against the war in Vietnam, 'ambassador' of Islam and finally a symbol of dignity in the disease: Muhammad Ali turned his immense talent and his brash, personal charisma into instruments of political struggle, weaving them to his legend of boxer, thus becoming a total icon.

His image helped to speed up the outcome of many battles, beginning with discrimination against blacks, which he suffered first-hand in his hometown, Louisville, Kentucky, in the most racist and segregationist Deep South.

"I had just won a gold medal at the Olympics (Rome 1960) for the United States, but when I went back to Louisville I was still treated as a 'negro'. There were restaurants where I wasn't served."

A stigma of a good slice of white American society that he shook off, earning respect and sympathy with work, victory after victory, show after show.

However, the 'political' and nationalist Islam was the cornerstone of his personal 'liberation', the forge in



which he forged his self-esteem of public figure and his personality: the Nation of Islam, the movement founded in 1930 that united the African American nationalism to a religious doctrine that was not entirely orthodox, sinking roots in Africa before slavery and colonialism, in open opposition to the religion of the "whites".

Therefore, in the early 60s, the Baptist Cassius Clay left the faith of their fathers and the "slave name" and went into spiritual communion with his black brothers. He became a friend of Malcolm X, one of the most influential leader of the movement. For a time he followed the thought of Malcolm X: in disagreement with Martin Luther King, Malcolm X preached that the end of the fight was not integration into white society, but "independence" through a 'separate' identity founded on integrity and 'moral superiority'. "Under the tutelage of Malcolm, he conquered the world stage, becoming a symbol of pride and independence of blacks. Two historians wrote this sentence in a book on the relationship between the two ("Blood Brothers") without the political leader, he would not be become 'the king of the world'.

When Malcolm X was assassinated in 1965, Muhammad Ali was already an icon and his political prestige increased in 1967, with the refusal to enlist for the war in Vietnam, becoming an example for many young Americans: a choice that he suffered firsthand with the revocation of the world heavyweight championship and a sentence of five years in prison, which in fact he never served behind bars, but with a forced exile of three and a half years from the ring,

"I have nothing against the Vietcong. No Vietcong ever called me 'negro.'"

Ali continued to score political points with sensational victories in the ring, as the "Rumble in the Jungle" in Zaire (now Congo) in 1974, against the favorite George Foreman, perhaps the greatest match of all time.



Today, in a tribute, the Kinshasa government said, "He built a bridge between Africa and African Americans". It does not matter if at that time he gave in to the lure of the dictator Mobutu: "a minor inconvenience" disappeared not only at the spectacle that he offered in the ring, but also for the spirit of the struggle for freedom of the black people in America that had brought in their ancestral homeland.

A goof amply compensated by his subsequent relationship with Nelson Mandela. Now many suggest the idea that without him perhaps Barack Obama would never have become president of the United States. Recently he stated,

"I am a Muslim and there is nothing Islamic in killing innocent people in Paris or in San Bernardino. The true Muslims know or should know that the blind violence of the so-called jihadists goes against the very foundations of our religion."

"FAVELA GAMES" **THE REAL OLYMPICS**

As for the football World Cup in 2014, also for the OlymGames, Brazil has prepared the most glitzy show for tourists. Lights, colors, roads with new asphalt, painted buildings in haste, shops filled with souvenirs, parties, parades and fireworks.

All to focus the attention of the guests on sporting and related events. Now Brazil is an open window, or rather wide open, on its incredible contradictions. It was enough to look up from any of the Olympic stadiums to see on the horizon the profile of the chaotic slums where millions of people live in conditions of social and cultural degradation, unworthy of a rich and modern country capable of organizing within two years epochal events as the World Cup and the Olympics.

The favelas are a paradise for criminals, drug dealers, the exploiters of prostitution (especially of children) and the hell of humans, especially for boys and girls who are deprived of all their rights with violence to smile and have a future.

For this reason, the initiative of a group of volunteers to organize the "Favela Games" caused a stir and curiosity, a sort of alternative Olympics, in the heart of the degradation.

Five Olympic disciplines were selected, accessible to children and were organized alternative games and

thousands of people participated, without great technical means and without too much attention to the rankings.

From the lavish stadiums, the Olympic flame moved that day to those places of misery and despair and lit a known reality, but never sufficiently supported, with a light that is difficult to turn off.

In fact, these alternative Olympic Games are only a first step. The organizers collected donations from private and official sponsors and with these resources a sports hall will be built in the heart of the favelas.

The REMER association that takes care of street children and children at risk in the favelas is an NGO based in Rio de Janeiro founded by Dutchman Robert Smits thirty years ago. With the contributions received will also be made non-sporting projects, oriented to the recovery of endangered children, their education and utopia to give them a normal future.

Like that of many other children born in distant lands, unaware of their good fortune to live in a normal family, perhaps without the excitement of the Olympics and the World Cup, but involved in a more important race. The love of a real family and a society that cares about them and their future.



The spirit and ideals



Fondazione Culturale Panathlon International Domenico Chiesa

The Foundation was created in memory of Domenico Chiesa, based on the initiative of heirs Antonio, Italo and Maria. Domenico Chiesa, who in 1951, besides being a promoter, had also drafted the statute of the first Panathlon club, and in 1961 was among the founders of Panathlon International, had expressed the desire when alive, though not technically binding for the heirs, to allocate part of his property for periodical awarding of works of art inspired by sport, as well as more generally, of cultural initiatives and publications in line with Panathlon's objectives.

Besides the substantial contribution of the Chiesa heirs, the Foundation was also created thanks to the enthusiastic participation of the whole Panathlon movement, through the generosity of numerous clubs but also of individual athletes, therefore providing the Foundation with the necessary conditions to approach the world of visual art in a prestigious and sensational way: the creation of an award in co-operation with one of the most important organisations worldwide, the Biennale of Venezia.

Domenico Chiesa Award

Panathlon International Central Board, on 24th September 2004, given the need to increase the Foundation capital and honour the memory of one of Panathlon's founding member, as well as major sponsor, resolved to establish the "Domenico Chiesa Award" to be granted, upon the proposal of individual clubs and on the basis of special regulations, to one or more panathletes or personalities who are not our members who lived according to Panathlon's spirit. In particular, this award will be presented to whoever promoted the sporting ideal and has made an exceptional contribution:



***To the understanding and promotion of values fostered by Panathlon
and by the Foundation through cultural tools inspired by sport***

***In promoting friendship among all panathletes and all those who operate in the world
of sport, thanks also to their attendance and quality of participation in Panathlon's
activities, promulgating both among members and non members
the concept of friendship in all sport's components, well aware that Panathlon's ideals
are of fundamental importance in the education of young people
In being available for services, thanks to the activity carried out for a Club
or to one's generosity towards a Club or the world of sport***

Italo Chiesa - Venezia 20/10/2004
Martino Pizzetti - Parma 15/12/2004
Paolo Chiaruttini - Venezia 16/12/2004
Bruno Battistella - Vittorio Veneto 27/05/2005
P.Luigi Ferdinandi - Latina 12/12/2005
Gelasio Mariotti - Valdarno Inferiore 19/02/2006
Sergio Prando - Venezia 12/06/2006
Yves Vanden Auweele - Brussel 30/11/2006
Massimo Zichi - Latina 11/12/2006
Viscardo Brunelli - Como 13/12/2006
Giampaolo Dallara - Parma 15/12/2006
Fabio Presca - Padova 03/03/2007
Giulio Giuliani - Brescia 19/06/2007
Luciano Canavese - Crema 26/06/2007
Avio Vailati Venturi - Crema 26/06/2007
Sergio Fabrizi - La Malpensa 19/09/2007
Cesare Vago - La Malpensa 19/09/2007
Amedeo Marelli - La Malpensa 19/09/2007
Fernando Petrone - Latina 10/12/2007
Vittorio Adorni - Parma 16/01/2008

Dora De Biase - Foggia 18/04/2008
Albino Rossi - Pavia 12/06/2008
Giuseppe Zambon - Venezia 18/12/2008
Maurizio Clerici - Latina 15/12/2008
Silvio Valdameri - Crema 17/12/2008
Enrico Ravasi - Varese 21/04/2009
Attilio Bravi - Bra 25/05/2009
Antonio Spallino - Como 30/05/2009
Gaio Camporesi - Forlì 21/11/2009
Mons. Carlo Mazza - Parma 15/12/2009
Mario Macalli - Crema 22/12/2009
Livio Berruti - Vercelli 19/11/2010
Gianni Marchiol - Udine Nord Tiepolo 11/12/2010
Mario Mangiarotti - Bergamo 16/12/2010
Mario Sogno - Biella 24/09/2011
Mariuccia Vezzani Lombardini -
Reggio Emilia 19/11/2011
Bernardino Morsani - Rieti 25/11/2011
Roberto Ghiretti - Parma 15/12/2011
Fondazione Lanza - Udine Nord Tiepolo 17/12/2011

Giuseppe Molteni - Varese 17/04/2012
Enrico Prandi - Modena 11/12/2012
Sergio Allegrini - Udine Nord Tiepolo 17/12/2012
Don Davide Larice - Udine Nord Tiepolo 17/12/2012
Piccolo Gruppo Evolution Polisp.Orgnano A.D.
- Udine Nord Tiepolo 17/12/2012
Maurizio Monego - Venezia il 31/10/2013
Henrique Nicolini - Sao Paulo il 31/10/2013
Together Onlus - Nello Rega
- Udine Nord Tiepolo il 30/11/2013
Enzo Cainero - Udine Nord Tiepolo il 30/11/2013
Giuseppenicola Tota - Modena il 11/06/2014
Geo Balmelli - Como il 12/06/2014
Renata Soliani - Como il 12/06/2014
Baldassare Agnelli - Bergamo il 30/10/2014
Sergio Campana - Bassano del Grappa 09/12/2014
Fabiano Gerevini - Crema 13/11/2015
Dionigi Dionigio - Area 5 10/12/2015
Bruno Grandi - Forlì 22/01/2016
Mara Pagella - Pavia 18/02/2016



CHARTER OF DUTIES OF PARENTS IN SPORT

**THE CHOICE OF
THE FAVOURITE
DISCIPLINE
IS UP TO MY CHILDREN
IN TOTAL AUTONOMY
AND WITHOUT
CONDITIONINGS
ON MY PART.**

