



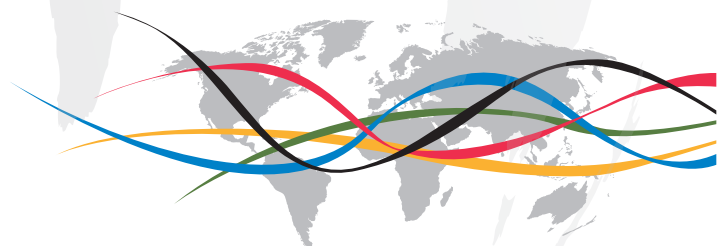
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In the memory of three great people A wish for us all

The year 2017 is a decisive year for our Movement.

Some goals set at the beginning of my mandate have been or will be realized very soon. After the reorganization of the General Secretariat, the goal achieved between the end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017, we have come up with the tools necessary to extend the international dimension of our ideals, aiming at greater efficiency and expansion of Panathlon International.

Last June, the inauguration of our Representation at the European Institutions in Brussels was a culminating moment. At the end of autumn, just as I write these lines, finally the creation of the Panathlon International Representation at the International Sports Institutions in Lausanne has come to fruition.



Over the next few weeks, the opening of our showcase in the world capital of sport will become a reality. In this way, the work of disseminating our statutory goals will begin in close collaboration with Rapallo's headquarters. This dissemination will materialize immediately with the launch of an international literary competition whose details will be communicated shortly.

Unfortunately, 2017 has also been marked by the death of our three honorary members.

In February, Jean Presset left us, then in August, Henrique Nicolini, and shortly thereafter, we also said goodbye to our past-president and honorary member Antonio Spallino. The loss of these three men of great value and solid panathletic conviction leaves a vacuum difficult to fill.

This magazine issue dedicates a tribute to them.

I want to close this editorial on a positive note.

First of all, we must remember the great success of our Pan-American Congress that took place in Recife (Brazil), offering a wealth of ideas on the theme "Women and Sport in the Americas."

We will publish various quality presentations presented at the Congress so that everyone can appreciate the remarkable work of the speakers. During the various visits, I have made to Latin America, I have been able to see the dynamism and, above all, the communicative enthusiasm of our panathlete and friends in this continent. An essential element of their dynamism is the great advantage they have with respect to European panathletes, the ability to communicate using only two languages - Spanish and Portuguese - among other things very similar. I would like to emphasize another point: in keeping with my commitments, I wanted to give greater impetus to the rapprochement between the headquarters and the Clubs. Thanks to the valuable help of our governing bodies, the General Secretariat and our collaborators, we are already launching several projects that will enable this collaboration:

- "Friendly Games", a project that combines and institutionalizes the results of the "Family Games" of the Panathlon Club in Lausanne and the Panathliadi at the Panathlon Club in Venice with some educational enhancements;
- The creation and the donation to the Clubs of plaques where are written the essential phrases of our Charters and will be delivered to you shortly;
- Finally, the Literary Contest.

I hope that all these projects will be able to stimulate your interest and convince you of our will to grow the Movement that is very important to us, on the international stage.

Many wishes to everyone for the upcoming holidays and a good read of our Magazine.

Pierre Zappelli
International President



FAREWELL TO THREE CHAMPIONS, THREE MASTERS AND THREE EXAMPLES

Jean Presset, Henrique Nicolini, Antonio Spallino

by Giacomo Santini

The year 2017 made us orphans of all three of Panathlon International's "Honour Members". In chronological order of death: Jean Presset (Switzerland), Henrique Nicolini (Brazil) and Antonio Spallino (Italy). That card in the Panathlon International organigram is now empty.

It is difficult to imagine who can reopen with dignity and courage that file, because the comparison with the three deceased will be inevitable and impetuous. I feel the same shiver down my spine when I found myself, for the first time, in front of Pierre De Coubertin's tomb in Lausanne. I was together with the newly elected IOC President, Thomas Bach, our Past President Vittorio Adorni and other distinguished members of the IOC's Culture and Olympic Promotion Commission, of which I was a member at that time as Panathlon International President.

I was looking at people from all over the world and there were important figures, including scientists, champions, princes, and sheikhs. Yet they all seemed so normal in the face of that memorial stone, simple but redundant of a never-repeated history. I have the vague feeling that even the three "champions" of our panathletic history will be difficult to approach, with all due respect, by current executives, albeit good and passionate, committed to writing each one of their own chapter to be included in Panathlon International's great book.

It will be difficult to find arguments and events that will make the days and future actions memorable, given that the three pillars that left us have built the bearing framework of our movement. We can honour their example by following the lines outlined and not betraying the mandate they gave us.

A special file at the centre of this magazine is reserved for all three, with the contributions of the closest collaborators who were fortunate to share emotions, experiences and training.

Jean Presset is recognized as the father of the Fair Play Charter and he has focused his entire life on this commitment.

He has devoted himself with passion to the organizational push to bring the Charter and its values where the youngsters express themselves in sports activities. In fact, it is not enough to write the codes if they remain locked in the shelves of the libraries or at the sports clubs' seats.



Henrique Nicolini was the great “ferryman” of Panathlon over the ocean, opening unknown horizons to the panathletic movement not only in his Brazil but also in all the Central and South American countries. He was far more than a “missionary”, promoter of an induced faith. He had contributed to

enriching with his formidable burden of humanity and experience a format that was inevitably adapted to the different environmental, cultural and social conditions of those countries.



As an extraordinary journalist, he has also been a precursor of Panathlon communication in the Americas, but also in the entire panathletic universe, inventing the graphic arts competition and the communication award.

I recall his praise when, in a Pan-American Congress, I developed the theme of communication in the light of the slogan: “Doing and not communicating is like doing things halfway.” He liked it a lot because he reflected his philosophy and

his life. He was a champion of communication and a champion of doing things.



Antonio Spallino has lived some parallel lives, apparently irreconcilable and instead harmoniously domesticated in his personal synthesis.

Mayor of a city like Como and club president at the same time. International Sports Manager and Lawyer.

Man of great culture and open to dialogue at any level. As Panathlon International President, he built the legal and structural foundations that raised it from an association of sportsmen to a reference institution for ethical and moral values in sport. His lesson was calm and firm, never ambitious, as it might have been thanks to his Olympic laurels in fencing. His reassuring smile was for those who always had an extra thrust, without

warning the need to use it. As anticipated, in the centre of the magazine, these connotations and these values find strong and affectionate insights. The consciousness comes out that the vacuum suddenly opened in this ungodly season is a difficult abyss to fill.

The finding of the uncommon longevity of which all three have been gifted does not mitigate regret.

From the words and feelings of those who have sent their memories, it is clear that the memory of these three extraordinary interpreters of the panathletic spirit will not only be subject to periodic commemorations, but a daily support and an inevitable reference for all those who will be called on to take forward the destiny of our movement.

WOMAN AND SPORT IN THE AMERICAS

Panathlon International Secretary General Recife's Panathlon Club, headed by its highly active President José Pinto Lapa, hosted the 12th Pan-American Congress, from 27 to 29 October 2017, at the Park Hotel in Recife. An air of camaraderie, of friendship and of great interest for a very current theme was immediately breathed, not only in South America but also in all continents.

The District Presidents and some delegations from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Peru, Paraguay and Uruguay were present, who have shown with great competence and participation a picture of the history and perspectives of women's role in sport and society, in various countries.

At the crowning of this "piece" of the American continent, also the participation of the District Italy, with the presence of the Vice President of the District who presented the traveling exhibit of Adriana Balzarini. Along with the Delegations of the various countries, the International President, Pierre Zappelli, the International Board Members José Pilar Sanchez (MEX) and Ernest Denoth (CH) and Secretary General Simona Callo participated. It was also scheduled the important testimony of the President of the Cultural Scientific Commission, Elaine Cook, but unfortunately for a bureaucratic problem, she had to cancel the flight when she was already at the airport.

In addition, numerous authorities of the state of Pernambuco were present at the meeting, who greatly appreciated the activities that panathletes play in the territory and the positive relations established with the administrative, sports and school authorities, in order to spread the positive values of sport in society and in particular among young people. The opening of the Congress was entrusted to the "owner of the house" José Pinto Lapa who reminded, with great emotion among those present, the deep friendship and gratitude for the "professor" Henrique Nicolini.

A tribute was given to his inseparable Lilian who with great courage and strength wanted to take part in this Congress, accompanied by the unstoppable Solange Viveiros. After a brief greeting by the authorities, the XII Pan-American Congress officially opened with the report of the Olympic athlete Adriana Salazar (currently Secretary of the Department of Culture and Sport of the city of Recife). The second day went on with the greeting of the International President, Pierre Zappelli and followed the reports of: José Pilar Sanchez (Mex); Jorge Steinhilber (President of the Confef), Luís Moreno (Peru), Socorro Samaniego (Mex), Carmen Nunes (Uruguay), Eva Szabo (Argentina), Eduardo Gurovich (Chile) and finally Victor Decoud (Paraguay). On the third and last day, in the morning were the interventions of Pietro Pallini (ITA), Solange Guerra Bueno (Bra), Pedro Roberto Pereira de Souza (Bra).

At the end of the Congress, the IBM for America, José Pilar Sanchez, announced that the city of Buenos Aires accepted the unanimous proposal to host the next Pan-American Congress in 2019.

All contributions, slides, and photos can be viewed under "Documents" at www.panathlon-international.org. In the afternoon, participants could visit the Monument entitled Panathlon International by the club of Recife; they could attend a performance of the typical dance-struggle "capoeira" of the northeastern Brazilian region with an important social and aggregation function and the Museum of "Fevro", regional dance widespread especially during the Carnival period. In conclusion, the closing dinner of the three working days.

An immersive experience that has demonstrated (if needed) that our Movement is alive in the Americas, friendship, values and unity join panathletes from different countries. An event to be lived. I hope in 2019 to see so much participation from the European continent.



Simona Callo
General Secretary

Pierre Zappelli
International President

"The example of who we have lost must be our track for the future"

The Intervention of International President Pierre Zappelli

Today is the moment of mourning: a few weeks ago, we lost Antonio Spallino, honorary member of the PI, who was also president of PI for 8 years from 1988 to 1996.

The year of 2017 was a painful year for us. Our three honorary members are dead: Jean Presset in February, then Henrique Nicolini two months ago and recently Antonio Spallino. The disappearance of these men of great wisdom leaves a void in Panathlon International. There are important moments in the life of PI.

Today, the opening of the Pan-American Congress of PI is one of these moments, as was the inauguration of our representation in Brussels last June.

During these privileged moments, it is worth asking ourselves again about the objectives of PI, about what it wants and can develop. I go back a bit in the past: what were the goals of the founders of PI? In the aftermath of the war, there was the need for moral values. For Panathlon founders, sport was an appropriate tool for spreading these values. It was a right choice and PI developed rapidly in Italy, then in Switzerland and Latin America. Currently, if we consider Junior Clubs and University Clubs, there are about 300 Clubs in the world on 4 continents, and about 10,000 members, of which approximately 10% of women. The IOC recognizes PI as other sports organizations: the Fair-Play International Committee, the Pierre de Coubertin Committee, the World Union of the Olympic Cities, etc.

Nevertheless, our movement has difficulty in developing outside Italy. Why?

One of the possible causes could be the crisis of volunteering. Another can be found in the fact that our Movement is little known. In addition, those who say it is not well known, they also say it has a reduced effectiveness.

Therefore, we must persevere. We must continue to export the Movement and we must do it where the world of sport is growing fast. Today, everyone thinks of sport. In Lausanne there was an association called "Thinksport", that is all.

Is it right to consider exporting PI, but will it be to do what?

What are our strengths? First of all, it seems to me that they are in our ability, one of the organizations dedicated to the spread of the values of sport: that of being able to act on the field thanks to our Clubs.

We want to show this ability to all those who are concerned about the spread of the moral values of sport: schools, universities, sports federations, national Olympic committees, municipalities, regions, states. Returning to the purpose of PI, we have recalled that we are concerned about the diffusion and defense of the ideal and moral values of sport.

This concern is legitimate given what is being observed today in the sport world: high level of corruption, doping, etc. it is worrying. It is sufficient to read the newspapers.

The world of sport is going through a very difficult phase in this regard. However, I want to point out that PI has neither the means nor the mission of fighting doping or corruption when it is shown.

Our strength lies in the ability to act first on youth to make people aware of a Fair Play, we put all our strength. We need it. Because there are rules, which we consider fundamental, that are not observed and few are concerned about this problem.

What are our sectors of activity?

Spreading the idea of a sport inspired by the Fair Play, acting for a healthy, clean sport guaranteed to everyone without distinction, helping the Olympic movement in all its activities that coincide with our statutory goals. The synthetic vision of all our tasks lies in our Charters that we must make known, by creating events for this purpose or by taking advantage of all the opportunities created by others (regional, national or international sports competitions), creating competitions of graphic art as the Domenico Chiesa Foundation, or the literary competition that we are about to create from our representation in Lausanne.

In these weeks, we are building in Lausanne, the capital of world sport, a structure that will enable us to improve our visibility in the sports world. I also want to say that we are concerned about the improvement of the relations between the association management in Rapallo and the Clubs.

We must be closer and create opportunities to work together to achieve our goals.

To this end, we are working on projects that you have already heard or that you will hear about in the coming

weeks: Friendly Games, Plaques, Literary Competition. I am convinced that working together and with the world of sport around us will enable us to attain our goals at the same time and to develop our International Movement.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate the organizers of this Congress.

The theme: "Woman and Sport in the Americas" is a key issue. In sport like in other fields, women have difficulty in obtaining effective recognition of the benefits that men possess.

We cannot forget that in many parts of the world,

women are considered as inferior beings. I look forward to listening to today's and tomorrow's conferences and debates that will follow.

We can already thank the President of Panathlon Club Recife, our dear José Pinto Lapa and his committee for the organization of our congress.

Mujer y Deporte

Conclusions

Recife octubre 2017

The theme "WOMAN AND SPORTS IN THE AMERICAS" chosen by Panathlon Club Recife offered specific guidelines for women, which involved education, inclusion, doping, physical activity and participation in international competitions, themes that have been tackled pedagogically, through sub-themes on women's sports development in various countries.

There was also an institutional participation with the presence of Panathlon International President, the International Board Member for the Americas, the District President of Brazil and the President of the Federal Council for Physical Education in Brazil.

Based on the arguments presented in these reports, the Congressional Scientific Committee noted the existence of a consensus on overcoming the adversities faced by women in the social, affective or professional field, according to their human potential, physiological capacity, their strength and perseverance in high-performance work in sports.

It has been recalled that, historically, by winning all the masculine prejudices about their claims in the various sporting events, women participated equally with the opposite sex, respecting, of course, the physiological question.

The delivery to Government Institutions of proposals in order to allow Public Policies to Empower Women in Sport has been cited as one of the major club actions, becoming a necessity because "Sport is a Women's Life School".

IN VENICE THE AWARD CEREMONY OF THE GRAPHIC ART COMPETITION

by Maurizio Monego

THE CONTEXT

Panathlon Day, the event organized by the Club of Venice for a number of years to complete the various services realized during the year, welcomed the winners of the 2017 Graphic Competition who arrived in the lagoon city with their teachers and accompanying persons.

On their faces, the astonished smile of being on the stage of a crowded theatre, in the heart of Venice, with a large audience of young people who came to receive the many awards and to applaud their schoolmates. In fact, the event involves many middle and high school students.

There is always a great anticipation for the winners of the four categories - m/f middle school and high school m/f - of the competition for the best school and sports works achieved. In addition, many boys and girls participated in the Panathliadi and all the Physical Education teachers involved, accompanied by some school leaders.



All candidates for the Student - Athlete Competition

The winners of that "sports" championship were awarded among the middle schools of the city and province, those of the photographic competition, and teachers for their commitment. There was also the proclamation of winners of literary competitions held among middle and high school students, divided into different

male and female categories. The jury was authoritative of this award, which was chaired by prof. Pier Francesco Ghetti, former dean of the University Ca 'Foscari, Giovanni Montanaro, writer, in the list of five, of the 2014 Campiello Award, Luca Colombo, journalist, responsible for RAI culture Veneto, Giovanni Pellizzato librarian and Stefano Bettio, athlete and writer.

Regarding dance, Polisportiva Terraglio's dance group has created some intermissions, very appreciated, for the excellence of the girls who have performed choreographies of modern dance. Other major prizes in the city include careers of well-known and lesser-known personalities who have spent years educating boys and girls through the various sports practiced.

The Mario Viali prize, dedicated to the Panathlon founder, went to a Venetian and national athletics coach, Osvaldo Zucchetta. The fair play had its celebratory time in awarding the prizes to the young dancer, Aurora Zaja, for helping a competitor in a contest by giving her shoes, to the promotion to Dante Scibilia, director general of Venice Fc for his strong commitment to saving the Venetian football and, in conclusion, the lifetime achievement award to Mara Fullin, the most successful basketball player of all time (15 championships and 11 Champions Cups).



The VII Venice Panathlon Award went to the glory of the national skiing, Deborah Compagnoni, very celebrated and surrounded by the puppies of the Serenissima Ski Club. Deborah was excited to receive a prize in the city where she lived years ago.

THE GRAPHIC COMPETITION

The girls and the only male, in the groups of four, of the XV Graphic Competition were presented by the artist, Stefano Boato, a member of the Selection Committee, and images on the big screen of their works.

Engaged in competitions in Spain, so she was absent, Alessandra Monchelato's Prize of Umberto Boccioni Art School in Valdagno (Vicenza - Italy), winner of the painting section, it was taken by her parents, accompanied by Professor Danilo Balestro and the President of the Panathlon Club Schio-Thiene, Giuseppe Falco. In the same category, the second prize is awarded to Irene Coppola of the "Rosina Salvo" High School in Trapani, with her teacher Vitalba Di Giovanni and the special prize Siropietro Quaroni, to the student Lorenzo Martino of the "Pinot Gallizio" Art School of Alba (Italy), already winner in 2016 of the second prize - always for the painting section - at the Molfetta ceremony.

The third prize awarded to Denise Pfeifer of the Bundesgymnasium und Bundesrealgymnasium in Graz (Austria) was taken by the President of Panathlon Club Graz, Hedda Strasser-Paierl.

The first two classified in the "computer processing" section that came to the stage of the Goldoni Theatre are two girls from Como, Serena Suella, first ranked, and Viola Mandelli, both of the high school of Setificio "P. Carcano", accompanied by teachers, Romana Gormoldi and Vittoria Foti.

Matteo Druet, author of the third of computer-processing works, took the prize with his teacher Cinzia Del Mastro of the Art High School "P.A. De Luca" in Avellino (Italy). The special prize to the memory of Siropietro Quaroni was given to Sebastian Gert of BG/Borg Hieb Liebenau from Graz (Austria). The President of Panathlon Club Graz Hedda Strasser-Paierl also picked up this prize.

THE EXHIBITION

A few hours before, the winners, teachers and accompanying members participated in the inauguration of the thirty selected works, with the president of Panathlon International and Foundation Chiesa, Pierre Zappelli and member of the Board of Directors. The exhibition, set up by the Club of Venice at the Salon of the "Costantino Reyer" Sports Centre, in Sant'Alvise, in the popular district of Cannaregio, remains open for a month - until November 19th.

The Centre hosts 18 sporting associations that practise numerous activities, such as swimming, climbing, basketball, fencing, martial art, bowls, chess, judo, and dance. It is therefore a suitable place for the exhibition, a multitude of practitioners of all ages and families who also find themselves in social activities can visit it.

GRAPHIC COMPETITION 2018

At the Foundation's Board meeting, we talked about the future of the competition and the exhibition.





The winners of the XV International Graphic Competition

President Zappelli brought the most important news. He announced that he obtained from the IOC the opportunity to exhibit, in the spring 2019, a review of the works of the various graphic competitions at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne.

An extraordinary opportunity that will increase the motivation to participate in the next competition and the international visibility of Panathlon International and its Foundation.

The experiment to encourage schools to promote the competition, introduced in the 2018 regulation, could lead to the desired increase in participation by many schools and to a better quality research. The Foundation's Board of Directors has decided to dedicate the Special Prize to Henrique Nicolini, starting next year.

Ten years after the death of Siropietro Quaroni, who was the creator of the Contest, the unforgettable Secretary General gives the dedication of the prize to a great panathlete. Henrique Nicolini was Honorary Member of P.I. and for years has chaired the selection committee.

His attention to young people and communication makes him a more worthy successor to Siropietro in his everlasting memory. Among the other decisions taken,

that to create incentives for the Panathlon Clubs to work actively in promoting the Contest in nearby schools, which are not the only plaque.

Finally, Luca Ginetto is the responsible for managing the Foundation's Facebook wall, which will be appropriately linked to that of Panathlon International.

ETHICAL TIME TRIAL

by Luigi Coccia

The FICr, which has signed for decades the Panathlon Declaration on Ethics in Youth Sport, has always been a point of reference for young people and adults for the transmission of some fundamental values of sport. Sports timing, although it is not an activity classified as team or individual sports, is characterized by so many human, organizational, social, ethical and educational aspects that make it an important messenger of those values that are the foundations of the activity of timekeepers.

Honesty, aggregation and independence, team spirit, sense of belonging and duty, sacrifice and respect for the other, social integration, affirmation of merit and competition, generosity and altruism, collaboration and friendship, fraternity and solidarity are just some of the values that the athletes live, practicing the activity of timekeeper, all permeated by the ethics that is at its base.

Ethics is one of the many branches of philosophy that determines whether what man does is right or wrong. In sport is a common denominator of rules and norms that characterize each specific discipline and for each of them is a central and topical theme. Even in 1992, the European Ministers responsible for sport, sensitive to the subject, adopted the Council of Europe's "Code of Ethics for Sports" in Rhodes. However, ethics alone is not enough to contemplate other principles and fundamental values for sport. Among the many I mention, for example, "loyalty", which in itself includes the legal connotations that the Coni identified in July 2004 in a specific "Code of Sport Behavior", by setting up a Guarantor with specific supervisory duties, signaling, education and sanctioning. Sports loyalty, by its very nature, cannot have a true definition, but it qualifies the sports activity and is its essence, as well as being one of its goals. Being loyal means respecting the rules.

In English, this concept is summed up by "Fair Play", although in its meaning it means something much broader, as it is not just a way of behaving, but also a way of thinking and being in sport and life. Timekeepers, with their impartial service, are concerned with the mere detection of their performance, constantly assisting the juries, of which they are an active and operational part, also for the observance of the rules.

In fact, in addition to the purely technical notions for the use of timers, software and many devices used in the

work, also messages of probity and sports rightness are sent to people who take part in start-up courses for becoming timekeepers, always in line with the fight against fraud and the respect of the rules of game. The rules are at the base of any sports discipline, and sport, which is a vital lifeblood and very important to staying healthy, it remains a regulatory compliance collector, to which the timekeeper is also called upon to respect. By doing so, they put into practice the rules and provisions of their specific competence that each sport has and with the personal acceptance of the same, they pursue a civil partnership with all sporting or non-sporting world.

Timekeepers are in some respects comparable to judges or referees, specific figures and specialists in individual sports, while FICr's timekeepers, with their role, engage in a variety of disciplines and with their commitment to the sport service, they must always give the maximum of their abilities. Anyone has its own motives for approaching sports timing. Often it is the passion for a specific sport to push many members to ask to take part in the courses to become a timekeeper.

When then finally comes the time to use a stopwatch, they realize that they are there to measure athletic performance and that to do this they have to be always ready to give the best of their work, not just with attention and concentration, but also with technical and professional expertise, from the time of preparation of the service to the preparation and the verification of the equipment, until they are used. In all these phases, timekeepers are in contact with sports environments where they express their values of fairness, impartiality, legacy and respect for the rules and can be an example for all sporting world. An athlete spends his time in being ready and trained, devotes his life to achieving the result, and often that result in hundreds of different types of sports disciplines is compared with time, as well as with opponents.

Thus, the timekeeper, who sometimes also has the opportunity to score a record, must be ready to operate with a multitude of modern technology tools that need knowledge that goes beyond the skills associated with pure instruction manuals, and that they cannot avoid his human intervention. In addition to technical knowledge and sports regulations, timekeeper must be accustomed to group work, self-control, ability to handle stressful, physical and psychological situations that



go beyond the duration of the race and the individual event noted, as with athletes, as these conditions last for hours until the end of the whole event. The timing, if viewed from the point of view of the values it transmits and brings with it, is homologous to so many sports, it is a socialization agency in fact it allows expanding its cognitive horizons. Comparing with others is a central value of sports practice. Moreover, timing changes from the sport its own “universal language” with which to get in touch with others, it allows building relationships.

For example, those who practice a sport, especially if they are team members, learn to be in a group, to decipher and share the rules that characterize it, to identify reference points within that group. Something analogous also happens in individual sports, which in any case require the sharing of spaces and practices (gym, athletics field, etc.). To practice sports leads to the respect of opponents and teammates and of those who contribute to the realization of their own sports organization.

To be a timekeeper also means all this, as well as living sports association. In addition, contrary to what some say, I think it is an activity characterized by connotations that have much in common with the volunteering that animates it. Punctuality in appointments, engagement in services and participation in competitions, decoration in clothing and recognisability of membership (wearing the federal uniform) are all signs of respect for themselves, their companions, their athletes, organizers and event in its entirety in which they are called upon to intervene, regardless of discipline and level of competition. Becoming a timekeeper can be a social integration vector useful to break down the linguistic, cultural and socioeconomic barriers that, in a multiethnic society and open to the integration of immigrants such as the European one can also be present for many people who choose Italy as own residence.

Timing, like sport, is therefore a cultural field in which gender and ethnic differences are not considered di-

scriminant. It contributes to the education of young people, in accordance with models that value ethical principles in general, and fair play in particular. It can also be practiced by people with disabilities, such as those who are less likely to be physically fit, allowing them to have the same opportunities to live and stay in touch with the sport while exercising their ethical principles with the same attentions as those who are not disabled, without discrimination of sex, race and culture. It brings people from the most diverse urban social and cultural realities to the ethical values of sport, by coexisting in the same collaboration environment, individuals who have different habits and lifestyles or who have different social frequencies,

thus facilitating meeting opportunities, comparison and often affirmation of friendship ties, and on some occasions even building family ties.

The loyalty of timekeepers is expressed not only in the performance of their task with regard to athletes, allowing them to compete and deal with time in the best conditions, but also contributing to the respect of the rules of the game, assisting, without prevailing referees, judges and anyone be responsible for the success of an event.

For this reason, the activity of timekeepers can be considered as a “sports performance”, aimed at achieving a result and obtaining a goal that requires sacrifice, commitment, passion and determination. Even playing a timing service can be a bit of a competition. The goal to reach for a timekeeper is not only to improve himself momentarily, but at the end of his motivation to continue in his “mission” for sport, having fun with others in contexts where the best prize is the satisfaction of being successful in your task.

Timing, like sport, has to be lived with commitment, but it must remain a time of fun and aggregation especially among the young and with its teachings can prepare to overcome the obstacles of life and make us become better people.

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Grazie Antonio!

An intense life, a fantastic story

In 1970, Antonio Spallino became President of the Club of Como and at the same time, he was elected Mayor, role that he played until 1985. The club presidency lasts for five years and then reached the highest levels of Panathlon International assuming its International Presidency from 1988 to 1996, and holding the office of Past President for another 8 years. Former President of the Cultural Scientific Commission, later, he held the position of Honorary Lifetime President. He was an honorary member of Panathlon International and the Assembly of January 2005 proclaimed him as Honorary President of the Club Como.

On May 30, 2009 he received the Domenico Chiesa Award from the Clubs of all Lombardy at the Catholic University of Milan after having held the SPORT AND ETHICS conference, in which he reiterated with certainty that sporting practice can save from the chasm of the "nonsense", helping to discover talents that each of us did not know we possessed, goals that we do not know to be able to pursue, personal and social relationships that can create and nurture a whole life.

Other stages of his extraordinary life:

December 15, 2015: the Coni Gold Collar Award.

November 2016: The sports city paid homage to the only Olympic gold medal in the city of Como, that of Antonio Spallino.

The occasion to remember the 60th anniversary of the gold medal in the foil team in Melbourne 1956 (and the individual bronze medal) was enriched by an exhibition dedicated to him, organized by Enrico Levrini with the support of vice-president of the "Fencing of Como" Mirko Grimaldi. Exposed at the Lario Canottieri and then transferred to the Fencing of Como. During the "Christmas Dinner 2016", the Club gave him a DVD to remember both the exhibition and what he did in the club and for P.I.

The farewell of his son Lorenzo "Dad is smiling"

An applause begins, filled with affection and emotion, when Lorenzo Spallino - with the voice broken by tears - concludes his intervention from the altar. He chose simple but profound words to remember the father's figure.

Just as soon after, the poem read by Maria Spallino gave a great emotion. "I do not know which Antonio Spallino you met," said his son Lorenzo, taking the floor at the end of Mass. Whether the politician, the sportsman, the administrator, the literate, the bibliophile or the jurist.

Few have known him in all his faces, but many have been fortunate enough to know him." Because Dad never denied anyone, he never denied the humble person. He always had a smile for everyone. I would call him, if I could, a merciful smile. "

"He has had so many things from life, and he has done so much," he said. "He was mayor, Olympic champion, book collector, mountaineer, French translator, jurist, and cultured intellectual.

He shared all that he did: the availability of dialogue, a profound education to civilization and ethics. He did many things, he never bragged at home, because he was convinced that the example prevailed over all.

In 1992 he held a conference in the municipal library, at the time when Mario Church was arrested and the Tan-

gentopoli case was about to burst.

At the end of two hours of dialogue with a university professor, very interesting and in a crowded room, the professor conversed with dad going to the exit and wondered how it was the evening.

Dad replied that his thought was addressed to the young people in the room. Everything depended on the answer to a question: were we able to convey to those young people a positive message, to make it clear that it is worth fighting for? If the answer is yes, the evening is successful. Otherwise, I am afraid we will have to reapply."

"Richness, he said so many years ago, is a tool to do something. Moreover, he added, the power given to us should be above all a tool to serve others. He has had so many duties and always honored them with the smile on his lips, without protesting with others.

The greatest lesson he can leave us perhaps is this: be happy, don't hold a grudge with anyone, and live with fullness the gifts that have been given to you.

Dad certainly smiles at you, one by one. Thank you".

The people present responded with a strong applause, thinking of that smile.

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Champion in sport Master in life

by Maurizio Monego

I would like to be a poet for composing or just quoting a poem that could impress Nino Spallino's everlasting memory. He might have found it, but perhaps he kept it jealously in his heart. He was a really poet, a reader and an expert poet, since his youth when he began, then interrupted, a career as a literary critic that led him to found the magazine of letters and art, "Sentimento" while cultivating the profession of lawyer and the passion of sportsman. Of the fencing he liked to remember the moments of the school, his training with his master, first of all master of life and then of technique, as was Giuseppe Pisani of Castagneto. In the competitions, even in the Olympic Games, he was waiting to go down to the fencing platform with a poetry book. His professional life and that of administrator of his Como were always inspired by a love for the territory that he knew very well, cultivating the culture of the noblest traditions, leading many cultural associations and promoting the encyclopedic work of **Como's history**.

A few years ago, Renata Soliani, who was bound to him by deep affection and unlimited esteem, gave me a booklet, which is now unavailable. It is titled "The rules of the game". It contains a long interview with Nino made by Carlo Ferrario, an eclectic figure of musician and literate. In those pages, there is the soul of Antonio Spallino.

About his ancestry, Sicilian origin of his father and of Como for his mother, to the question of which component prevailed in him, he responded, as he was able to do through citations and brushstrokes of landscapes and memories, "A little while ago I looked back at the map of my life, staying surprised. I have seen that it has always been balanced between the feeling of active membership of the physical, historical and cultural space of the city [Como] and the fascination of the great spaces of culture, sport, and administrative institutions. "His city was always a "security rope" - a metaphor reminiscent of his youth aspirations - and it's a motivating thought."

About culture, he said, "It is a delicate creature that we cannot program, we cannot donate or negotiate. It comes through an almost imperceptible inner process, fed day by day with filaments capable of forming a new nature. Only in this way, it has the ability to penetrate the reality of people, to transcend their sources, to contribute to freeing individuals from the constraints surrounding them, to point out to them the last questions: leaving them at that point only with their own truth".

About sport, in those pages we find written: "Sport is not the son of anybody. Conception, organization, objectives of sports practice are influenced by the values and disadvantages of the societies that generate them. In other words, sport is not a salving island by itself. It can be an extraordinary reason for growth in self-knowledge and

others; it can also change our inner landscape; it can compete, when the age increases, to maintain our personality as a whole: provided that the peculiarities of the practitioner must be respected, from the boy to the elder, from the disabled to the highly gifted person.

Conversely, it can become an anguishing laboratory of the manipulation of the individual, athlete or pseudo-fan." About fencing, which made him immortal, with the three different Olympic metals conquered, he said, "First, it was my path to health, then the classroom where I discovered the harmony between mind and limbs, imagination and plasticity, commitment and rigor. It is difficult, perhaps impossible, to read, from outside, the piece of the lesson and the attack of fencing. The thrust is only the concluding act of what was called, eloquently, a "phrase of weapons", an expression that he used for the title of the splendid book written in his house of Solda (1994) with the dedication: "to my parents, my master. "This book resonates with the verses and words of illustrious writers: from Tasso and Ariosto to the authors of the texts of the last century with mentions in the architecture of Vitruvius and Leon Battista Alberti, from French treaties to Oriental Literature and Philosophy. It seems to read the books of his extraordinary library of ancient and modern books on fencing, one of the most complete in the world.

The family memories, the years in "Comense 1872", the sports association to which he was always linked, literary references and episodes of life interweave in a plot that reveals Nino's complete personality. In the book, we perceive the traits of rigorous education in respecting adversary and rules. "In the mimicry of the sport the opponent is not the enemy," he declared to Ferrario; it is the bearer of the stimulus to confront you, to compare yourself to improve, to reinforce your will, character and spirit." They are the principles that have inspired all his life and have made him one of the most authoritative and genuine members of the International Fair Play Committee. To hear him talk to his friend Jenő Kamuti and to be part of their correspondence made me understand a lot about these two personalities, the true friendship that arose among the athletes who lived in the Olympic Village and the platforms as contenders. In years spent in his house in Moselle, he usually gathered in the spring, when his rose garden were releasing colors and scents and the whole park was a thrill of all the essences, the champions and friends of his agonistic season, Mangiarotti, Irene Camber, Christian D'Oriola and others.

To the specific question "And your Panathlon?" At the end of "The Rules of the Game", he answered as follows. There is the authentic spirit of Panathlon and it sounds like a moral testament. "It makes me live the exchange of different cultures around issues I think central to the

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future of society: associationism, solidarity, rules of civil and agonistic competition, and the roles of institutions and those of private subjects. It allows me to have experiences, intelligences, difficulties and hopes that broaden the horizon.

It is like life in the Olympic Village, which made you feel like a citizen of the world. It allows me to shed a speck of freedom, of a clear conscience, of light - especially for young people, for leaders, for the same public institutions - in the crushing mechanism of economic and political interests coagulated on the sport. It is no coincidence that, to name a single example, this year, both at the International Assembly of Paris and at the Congress in Mexico City, we have devoted the Round Table to 'the Champion's Responsibility as an Example for Young People'.

A theme of fundamental importance, which nobody thinks and of whom nobody speaks. Panathlon has begun to do so. Our speakers have spoken in Paris: Abadà, world cycling record, Gilmar dos Santos Nives, goalkeeper of the football team of Pelé, twice world champion. In Mexico City, Raul Gonzalez, Munoz, Maria Caridad Colon, reiterated this, marathon Olympic champions of swimming and athletics. I said a 'speck of freedom'.

I should talk about a challenge we are trying to propose to the conscience of the sports world, so that ethics predominates on the theory of success at any cost, fair play becomes the mental habit of sports youth, executives and instructors return to be first educators of men and then financial organizers and coaches of racing cars".

Until the last, he has always kept great attention to Panathlon.

He worried about the international dimension that had not yet been accomplished and which at times seemed threatened, and appreciated the precious work on the territory that his Club of Como does. The exchange of ideas about the future, which we had in his home in Como or in that of Moselle, are now personal memories that I keep jealously and of which I will always be grateful to him as to be for the student to his mentor.

In recent memories, I feel obliged to mention the exhibition that Enrico Levrini and Mirco Grimaldi set out to remember the 60 years since the victory of the Olympic gold medal (Melbourne 1956) and the DVD that Renata Soliani had recorded to fix in the memory of the panathletes of Como the admiration that Nino Spallino arouses as a champion of life and sport and as a panathlete.

Many emotions, much appreciated by his sons and grandchildren, whom he repeatedly wanted to see, moved by the affection that those images and words represent. Nino liked to remember the metaphor of a great fencing master in France, perhaps Lafaugère, pronounced by the master's lips in Scaramouche's film: "Remember, the sword is like a swallow. Do you squeeze it too much? You suffocate it. Too little? It flies you away."

Now, I feel that, having become weak, he had narrowed too little. Life has flown away to new horizons of peace.

Dear Nino, watch over us.

A flame has gone out

by Renata Soliani

Antonio Spallino died. The lawyer for all the inhabitants of Como, the Friend, Founding Member and Honorary President for the Panathletes of Como. Exemplary man in all his activities, he leaves a great gap between those who have known him and appreciated his polite gestures, the good overview as administrator, as a professional, as a man of culture and as a sportsman.

The panathletes of the Club of Como are orphans of a special person who has been able to make friendship, quoting his words, "the most provident gift" that "makes us equal, that is not programmed, is not negotiable, which can't be bought, it is offered and accepted only in the exchange of hearts, from person to person." With this philosophy, the Club of Como was born and through the gratuity of the gift, Nino has taught many people to act for institutional purposes without asking for anything in return.

He was also president of the international movement; he knew how to revolutionize its organization by tracing a different course of action, re-evaluating the functions of the Clubs and involving them in the Panathlon programs. He then contributed, as President of the Scientific and Cultural Commission, to place Panathlon International in the group of great cultural sports organizations.

The panathletes of the whole world are weeping: the last of the Members of Honor of the Panathletic Movement disappears with him. The example he gave as an Olympic champion - we celebrated last year's 60th anniversary of Olympic gold in Melbourne (see photo) - and like panathlete, to affirm the humanity of sport and its educational charge are a heritage that the club of Como cultivates and will continue to spread in his name.

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A great President A Great Friend

by Carlo Alberto Magi

I met Antonio Spallino for the first time on May 6, 1987. We were on a plane, headed to Brazil to attend the Panathlon International Convention that the Club of Sao Paulo had organized by proposing the theme "SPORT OF 2000".

From the first exchanges of ideas, opinions, programs I realized I had to deal with a man of great culture, of great experience, but above all of great humanity. I made him read the text of my speech, which I had to present as an Italian rapporteur after the Brazilian and before the Swiss one. He was very pleased though he suggested some tips that I accepted with great pleasure and interest. In short, we talked so much about everything, and in the end, we knew everything about us.

A great friendship was born. I knew that Spallino would be present at the next elective assembly as a candidate for the Presidency. After speaking so much, I had no difficulty in convincing me that Antonio would be a great President. It is what I told President Cappabianca that he had asked me to report my impressions about it. My convictions were confirmed on 2 June 1988 when the Directive Assembly in Rapallo elected him with a large majority of votes, as well as it elected me as an International Board Member. Therefore, a collaboration began, having had the bases in Brazil, we were prepared for it, and that from that moment could have produced important results.

Spallino completely revolutionized Panathlon's internal and external organization by bringing all the legal, administrative and humanistic culture he had acquired during the 15 years of his mandate as Mayor of Como. He also changed the look and figure of Panathlon.

He made it more austere and noble. The air that people breathed was stiffer, more distinct.

Everything looked more elegant. He established new relationships with the IOC and with UNESCO. He was appointed member of the International FAIR PLAY Committee. Meanwhile, the date of Panathlon's 40th year of life was approaching, and Spallino was preparing a ceremony for that important event.

He instructed me to write the story of these first 40 years of Panathlon life, which will be the document to formalize the whole ceremony.

I felt my blood run cold, thinking of the responsibility he

had given me.

On October 6, 1991, at the Hall of the Grand Council of the Doge's Palace in Venice, in the presence of the highest political, administrative and sports authorities, the magnificent ceremony took place in memory of the 40 years of this important institution.

There was also a guest of honour, an illustrious panathlete: Prince Albert of Monaco. The book came out regularly, made its part, and had the success that was hoped. The month of June 1992 also came, when the Elective Assembly took place in Bologna. Spallino was reconfirmed President and resumed what had become his way. I chose another one to go back to the periphery where there was always enough to do, and our collaboration stopped, but our relationship of great friendship did not cease.

From that moment, we continually exchanged news about our activities, our lives, and we wrote letters and missions that have formed the archive of our history for the past 30 years. One day he read my article published with a photograph on "IL VETERANO" Official Body of Veteran Sportsmen and he wrote me, "I see you and I read you on the pages of "IL VETERANO". You are still the same; you will never change "This was the climate of cordiality with which we exchanged our "secrets". The last letter Spallino wrote to me is his gratitude for the wishes of his 90-years-old. The letter ends with "my warmest regards NINO".

That "NINO" written with a shaky hand made me look back over an instant for more than 20 years of life, leaving me a deep memory of a Man, a Master who enriched me with culture and friendship.

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The gift of having had him with us

by Achille Mojoli, President Panathlon Club Como

After the rivers of words written for the death of lawyer Spallino, an icon of the Panathlon of Como, from the title of the newspaper La Provincia, "Antonio Spallino, the greatest mayor" to the editorial of Alberto Longatti, to the definition of President Guzzetti "Courage and vision, a giant", to the portrait of Angelini, deputy director of the Province, to the former President of the ANFFAS of Como who calls him "very great" recalling his sensitivity towards the disabled, resulting in the realization of the Socio-Educational Center of Via del Doss, still today a pioneering center in Como, in the words read on Friday at the Montesolaro Church by Maurizio Monego, vice President of the Fair Play International Committee, to the letter sent to you all by our irreplaceable Renata Soliani, titled "A Flame passed away", everything was said, about an exceptional and unique man as he was.

As his son Lorenzo recalled, "I do not know who you knew, whether the politician, the sportsman, the administrator, the literate, the bibliophile or the jurist; few have known him in all his faces, but many have been fortunate enough to know him."

I would like to say to all of you that it was just thinking about him, and to what directly and indirectly I knew about him, that I agreed to pursue my commitment as President of Panathlon Como.

From 2002 to 2008, I was fortunate enough to attend very closely the accountant, Antonio Tagliaferri, an unforgettable person for me, who always talked to me about the lawyer, Antonio Spallino, who had been his good collaborator when the lawyer was Mayor of Como. He had for Spallino an infinite admiration; he had a real veneration for him, when he referred to him his eyes shone and told me episodes and behaviors that ended inevitably with the phrase: an exceptional man, a cultivated, determined, concrete, far-sighted person with an unusual culture; it's a shame I did not have the opportunity to attend him, for me he was a great "Life coach".

I had the opportunity to meet him at Villa del Grumello in November 2008 when I unexpectedly received from former President Claudio Pecci the Fair Play Prize for Promotion. Antonio Spallino made one of his memorable speeches that remained in memory, in particular his definition of fair play gesture: "The gesture of fair play in sport, but also in life, reestablishes the truth." Ludis iungit Panathlon International Club Como.

Since then, I have had the opportunity to listen to him several times in his sophisticated high-level ethical and cultural discourses, to be able to exchange some words with him and become my reference for the activity in Panathlon. As a President I received his compliments, he encouraged me to work hard for the club he founded and of which he was Honorary President; for me it was a great pleasure to hear him say that he was very happy that I was chosen as president and who was very confident in me.

Some months ago, thanks to Renata Soliani, I had the pleasure of going to visit him in his home in Como and that occasion for me was a time of great teaching of the values that are at the base of Panathlon but that must be part of everyday behavior in lives of each of us.

The Panathletes of the Club of Como must feel fortunate and feel proud to belong to a club founded by such a great personality, a Gold Olympic medal not only in Sport but also in Life and of having had him as Honorary President, until today. His image must remain, for all of us, a constant reference point in the activity of our beloved Club.

In the memory of his example, we continue the path he traced.



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Obrigado Henrique!

A FATHER, A LEADER, AN EXAMPLE

by Pedro Souza, President District Brazil



On August 14, 2017, prof. Henrique Nicolini died, founder and first president of Panathlon Club San Paulo in 1974, Brazil's first club, governor of the XII District - Brazil (1977/1988), Panathlon International Central Board Member (1988/1996), Delegate of the International President for the Americas (1996-2007), President of the Communication and Image Commission and of the Evaluation Committee of the International Graphic Arts Competition, Panathlon International Vice President from 1992 to 1996, Panathlon International Honorary Member in recent years. Graduated in Physical Education and Philosophy at USP (University of Sao Paulo) with swimming and athletics specialization.

He was President of the Swimming Federation of Sao Paulo (1960/64 and 1991/94) and Member of the Brazilian Olympic Committee (1980/92). As a journalist for the "Gazeta Esportiva", he participated in the Olympic Games in Munich (1972), Los Angeles (1984), Seoul (1988) and Barcelona (1992). He has received several honors including: Medal of Merit Santos Dumont, assigned by Air Force; Honorary Member of the Brazilian Water Sports Confederation, National Order of Sports Merit, granted by the President of the Republic and ultimately Commander of the Order of Physical Education,

granted by the Regional Council of Physical Education event that took place on September 1 in the Legislative Assembly, which he could not receive personally because God's plans were others and was represented by his life partner, his wife Lillian Nicolini.

As an undisputed leader, Henrique Nicolini greatly contributed to the growth and consolidation of sport, as a discipline for the formation of citizenship, and a stimulus for education and health, so that all clubs carried out their actions or in collaboration with public bodies (municipal, state and federal), permeating the various segments that make up the sport.

Author of numerous books related to sport and sports news of the Country. Married for 64 years with Lillian Nicolini, leaves wife and four daughters, he was accommodating, generous, playful, aggregative, patient, and firm when needed.

Grandfather of seven grandchildren contributed, supported, talked, aggregated and gave life lessons to all of them.

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HE FERRIED PANATHLON TO THE AMERICAS

by Maurizio Monego

The news of Henrique Nicolini's death on August 14 took us unprepared, though we were aware that in April he had reached the 91st birthday. Unprepared, because those who followed him, through his blog or reading the Panathlon - District Brazil report, always saw him active, present in many events, portrayed to deliver or receive awards.

The old and wise friend has devoted himself to the last profession of journalist he loved so much. He has practiced it for over 70 years - a Guinness record, solemnly celebrated by the São Paulo Legislative Assembly in March 2016. For some years, he wrote for Gazeta Esportiva's blog. His latest speech dates back to July 18 this year, when he published the fifth installment of his article on Sport and Longevity, dealing with sport-related feminine longevity. From childhood, he was passionate about swimming; he graduated from the School of Physical Education, now integrated in the University of São Paulo. He also graduated in Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, Science and Letters of São Paulo and has been a teacher for so many years. Those who attended the 8th Pan-American Congress of Panathlon International held in his city in 2009 - for his great organization - at UNIBAN University, were able to perceive the esteem and affection of many of his former students and the respect they had for him, the professors and the head of Department.

Henrique began in 1946 when he was twenty years old, his long career as a sports journalist who led him to attend among the most important champions and sports leaders. The story of that pioneering journalism, the evolution of technology, the advent of television and the years that followed it is told in his latest book *O Jornal de Ontem* (The Journal of Yesterday). The passion and emotions of the journalist who talked about the great sporting events, the Pan American Games in 1951 in Buenos Aires, the 1959 Games in Chicago, to the Olympic Games - was sent to Monaco (1972), Los Angeles (1984), Seoul (1988) Barcelona (1992) - in each of these pages is talked about Olympic games dedicated to Lillian, the bride who shared with him the "trajectory" of the journalist and, since 1974, that of panathlete.

In addition to his work as a journalist, he was also a swimming professor and coach of the Clube de Regatas Tietê. In his book *Tietê or Rio do Esporte* (Tietê the river of sport), we can perceive all the love he always had for that river that crosses São Paulo. Nicolini was a witness to the life of the river on whose side was born the sport of São Paulo. He was among the founders of nautical clubs. At the end of the nineteenth century, the pioneers of sports in the Chácara Floresta School had identified in the Ponte

Grande area the physical site around which the sporting history of the state of São Paulo would be born and developed. The book tells that story and is a tribute to so many passionate people that by introducing sporting activity had a strong impact on Paulista regional culture by offering new social values, so far unknown.

Nicolini, a surname of Venetian origins - as he was telling me during a visit to the tomb of Domenico Chiesa in Asiago and visiting some relatives in Thiene at the foot of the Plateau - he was President of the Paulista Swimming Federation in two periods, from 1960 to 1964 and from 1992 to 1995 and a member of the Brazilian Olympic Committee.

The honors received have been numerous, including the National Order of Sports Merit conferred by the President of the Republic, and of Merit by the Brazilian Sports Confederation and the Brazilian Confederation of Water Sports. Among the awards that he was rightly proud of, the Anchieta Medal with the Diploma of Gratitude of the City of São Paulo, conferred by the Commune (8 million inhabitants) and the Clio Prize of History by the Paulista Academy of History. Beyond professional and sporting events, Henrique built over time an extraordinary family, starting with the four daughters, enriched by grandchildren and great-grandchildren who gathered - as was the case for his Diamond Wedding - form an incredible audience of humanity.

On that occasion, I was struck by the spontaneous respect and pleasure of the little ones, those of the third generation, of being close and talking to the good Patriarch who gave them great affection and attentions. No doubt, his central figure will miss in the family. His absence will also be felt in the panathletic family and in the many Brazilian panathletes who recognize in him the art of Paulista panathletism and the exemplary model of sportsman who believes in values. If I should mention one of those values that I experienced and appreciated in the years when I had the gift of attending him, I would not hesitate to point Friendship, that with capital F, generous, open and above all sincere. It was in 1974 that Nicolini encountered Panathlon International, which immediately acquired the ideal passion and cultural message. It happened between November 1973 and August 1974, when a "wave of optimism" - as Carlo Alberto Magi writes in the book of the 40th anniversary of P.I. - initiated by the establishment of the first South American club in Buenos Aires, overwhelmed Uruguay, Peru, Chile, Mexico and the State of São Paulo in Brazil.

Nicolini after having founded the Club of São Paulo became Central Board Member of P.I. in the four-year period 1988/92. There were very important people in that

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Board for the development of P.I. President was Antonio Spallino who succeeded Paolo Cappabianca (Past President).

In addition to Honorary President Aldo Mairano were present, Domenico Chiesa (Honorary Co-Founder), Vittorio Wyss (deputy vice-president), Jean Presset (vice-president), Franco Monterisi, Giorgio Bazzali, Carlo Alberto Magi, Pier Giorgio Bertotto, Fabrizio Antonelli, Max Beer, Pedro Damiani and Rodofo Bacelar Begonha. In the next mandate (1992-96), Henrique held the position of vice-president, surrounded by other personalities who left the mark in the history of PI, including Sisto Favre, Paolo Borghi, Vittorio Adorni, Giorgio Odaglia, Antoine Pacaud, Roberto Peretti (Secretary General).

For PI it was a very intense period of eight years and Nicolini was always among the protagonists. He was very shocked by the death of Domenico Chiesa (1994), to whom he was bound by a deep esteem and friendship. When the Foundation Chiesa was born, as it was in Domenico's desires, thanks to the generous legacy with which the family Chiesa wanted to honor him, at the birth of the International Graphic Competition Henrique Nicolini

was the first jury president, a position he held until 2014. The Communication Award was one of the initiatives he achieved thanks to his authentic panathletic spirit. Henrique was particularly interested in the subject. To advertise Panathlon outside, to recognize the merits of the most committed clubs, for him it was of paramount importance.

This also includes the idea of creating the Bosque da Fama, a public park in his São Paulo, where every year famous athletes who have honored Brazilian sport plant a tree, next to which a totem rises with the history of that champion and that sport. How many memories, even personal, emerge at the time of "passing to the other shore"! Such an intense life would require a great space to be able to trace only a sketch of its path. We remain grateful for a man who has embodied the panathletic spirit and has been a guiding light for the entire movement in South America and beyond. His works and his example will continue for years to live.

To paraphrase what Antonio Spallino wrote to remind Domenico Chiesa, Henrique "retired, entrusting the heritage of his virtues to us silently".

A persimmon will talk to me about you

by Giacomo Santini

Every time I eat a persimmon, I will remember you, Henrique. In addition, about Lillian, your affectionate and patient shadow. It will happen often because I love that fruit and, as it is not enough, I have a big tree that gives me so much fruit every year.

However, I would like to taste a persimmon of that tree you gave me to plant in your "sitio" during my visit to Brazil's clubs in 2015.

It was your act of affection for your friends. The farmer dug a hole and then you left them the final act of planting the plant and covering the earth around it. Lastly, the nameplate to make that gesture, that moment and those feelings memorable.

A genius of your sweet fantasy, like the "*Bosque de la fama*" in Sao Paulo, among the many who made your life and work all over the world exceptional, not just in Panathlon.

When you made the proposal, I was thrilled with it immediately, considering my passion for gardening and countryside. Then I was disappointed when you chose for me a "persimmon" as it is written on the nameplate. But how? Do I come to Brazil to plant a persimmon, a common plant in Europe? I was thinking of a banana, a pineapple plant, a mango, a papaya ... No, a "Khaki".

Now I understand.

Even then, you were much further ahead. I think of you now, in front of a banana, mango, papaya or pineapple tree would not be easy in Trento, where I live. Instead, looking at my khaki tree and the far horizon, I travel every day in your memory.

Up to Brazil, in your "sitio" where every tree has the name of a friend and everyone is talking about you. Forever.

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My “and” our “Henrique

by Nicoletta Bena

So many things have been said of Henrique but few know what he was, and what Nicolini was for the General Secretariat and in particular for me.

I met him on my first working day at Panathlon on July 7, 1985, on a Friday afternoon at the Governors' meeting, in the old seat of Via Edilio Raggio in Genoa. The International President was at that time the Neapolitan, Paolo Cappabianca, a gentleman, very democratic, who had with Nicolini a special relationship, also because Henrique had grown up in Sao Paulo in the Moca district, at that time populated by Neapolitan immigrants, of whom he knew proverbs, songs and jokes he often talked about.

From that moment, I realized that he would have entered my life because it was at that occasion that I received my first gift from him, with a note in which it was written “un bacchio” (a long pole) because he always wanted to speak and write in Italian, which I still keep jealously in my drawers. Since then whenever he came to Rapallo (in the early days alone and later, after the 2003 illness, always accompanied by his “princess” Lillian) where the International Headquarters had moved, he never lost a gift to all of us of the Secretariat.

Frequently the gifts were clothing items and since the sizes assigned to each of us were always accurate and conforming to our body, he playfully commented that to be sure, it was enough for him to slap in the “bunda”...

Each of us always remembers him in the office as he wrote and annotated every day on his agenda every little thing he should have done in the course of the day and following every action he had accomplished, as he erased it so ardently that his agendas at the end of the year were bigger the triple than the initial size.

However “o Professor” was really a Master because he knew everything; Philosophy was within him; he was tireless in every respect but above all he was a factory of ideas.

In 30 years, there are so many beautiful memories that interweave in this respect: the journeys made with him far and wide for Italy, Europe, and especially Brazil; for every place he always had to tell something new, so much so that I had renamed him “o Professor Encyclopedia”.

He was very nationalist but loved Italy very much, his country of origin; for this reason he had commissioned a scholar of Schio to compose the family tree of his paternal family, the Nicolinis, who had known it had come from Thiene since the 1400s.

Every time he passed from those places, he did not miss to greet his cousins Bertagnin, who lived there. We cannot miss his love for good food. Even in recent times, re-

membering when he could do it, when he came to Rapallo, he took us to lunch at the “Bansin” restaurant to try the pleasure of seeing us enjoy the Genovese minestrone that he loved so much.

Recently, our phone calls were not very frequent because of his difficulty of speaking, but when it happened, it was enough to understand a word of what he said that we could understand what he meant. I saw him last time in March 2016 in Sao Paulo during the party for his many goals: 90 years, 70 years of journalism and 63 years of life together with Lillian.

I witnessed the latest preparations for the ceremony, which included, among other things, the vision of a video that traced his life as a journalist, professor, entrepreneur, panathlete and writer (I apologize if I miss something) and I was impressed by the lucidity in indicating to the young boy, expert in videos (son of a Club Member) and to the commentator (Club Member) as the timing of the vision had to be articulated. I have always thanked heaven for giving me the opportunity to work at Panathlon and I thank him for making me know another part of the world where, despite the many contradictions, panathletic friendship is true.

For me, he was more than a “boss”. Lillian, her 4 daughters with her husbands and children, along with him, have always made me feel an integral part of their family. He never failed to invite all of us for the New Year's Eve or for “o Carnaval” because he wanted us to enjoy the party at the beach of Peruibe, which together with the “Sitio” were his favorite residences.

Thanks Henrique for the carefree time spent together.

There is only so much “saudade” now.

Memorial of the Three Honorary Members

Merci Jean!

Champion of fair play

by Pierre Zappelli- resident of Panathlon International, Past-President of the Panathlon Club Lausanne

Born in Lausanne on October 1, 1925, Jean Presset began to be known thanks to his passion for football.

Player of the Lausanne-Sport and of the Football Club Basel then focused on the youth football training of several teams, especially those from Lausanne, Basel and Young Boys.

From 1962 to 1979, for almost 17 years, he was a trainer of the youth teams of the Football Club Concordia Lausanne, to finally assume the position of Sports Manager of this team.

I did not know Jean Presset at that time. However, many were the ones who, on the day of his funeral, came to honor the memory of the athlete, trainer and sports coach.

My first contacts with Jean Presset date back to my arrival at the Panathlon Club Lausanne in 1997.

Jean Presset inspired respect, not so much for his age, but rather for his profound knowledge of the Panathletic movement and especially for the very noble idea he had and shared with everyone about the importance of fair play in the world of sport. Jean Presset became Panathlete in 1971.

He soon joined the Council of his Club and he was president from 1978 to 1983. He was also heavily involved in the Fair Play Commission of his club. For Lausanne, his city, he was part of the Commission "Lausanne Olympic City" and in 1981 Lausanne rewarded him for the sports merit. Panathlon International recognized his qualities: from 1984 to 1992, he was a member of the Central Council (the current International Board Members) and became International Vice President from 1988 to 1992.

In 1984, he was appointed to chair the Panathlon International Scientific and Cultural Commission, which he assu-

med until 1997, when Antonio Spallino, Past-President of Panathlon International, took his place. In 1998, Antonio Samaranch, on behalf of the IOC, awarded Jean Presset with the Olympic Order.

In recognition of his merits, Panathlon International rewarded him in 2004 as a honorary member, a special prize that he shared with two other important representatives of our movement: Antonio Spallino from Italy, Member of the Club of Como and Past-President of Panathlon International and Henrique Nicolini from Brazil, a member of the Club São Paulo and a milestone for the development of Panathlon in Central and South America.

Honorary President of the Panathlon of Lausanne, Jean Presset never missed one club meeting until health problems prevented him from participating in friendly dinners. However, he has always been focused on the meetings and despite everything, he has always expressed his opinion and his comments on the topics discussed in the Club.

He did not let go if he realized that the fundamental principles of our movement were at stake. Sometimes we could not agree with him but his thoughts always deserved attention. As in the case of all club presidents for decades and those who followed me Jean who always expressed his thoughts often contacted me.

He never forgot Panathlon International to which he always addressed his thoughts and advice, tirelessly motivated by the idea he had of our Movement and its ideals.

With the death of Jean Presset, we lose a great panathlete.

The commitment, the lesson and the greatness of ideas

The sad news of the death of Jean Presset leads me to spare a thought for a great panathlete. I met Jean before he received the title of Honorary Member of Panathlon International along with Antonio Spallino and Henrique Nicolini. At his home in Lausanne, I was able to talk to him about Fair Play.

Jean was the very image of Fair Play in Switzerland as recognized by the Comité International pour le Fair Play in 1983 with the Honorary Diploma for the career. Through the Association Suisse de Sport, he did much to popularize the concept of fair play: he was the creator of the Fair Play Charter, which for years has been used in schools and in the Swiss clubs.

His constant attention to young people made him a point of reference for our movement in his years of leadership and in the role of the first President of the Cultural Commission of the P.I. More than brief encounters, it was thanks to the correspondence that we exchanged that allowed me to know this man and his role as panathlete. I learned a lot from him, the spi-

rit of service and above all the value of the commitment to give substance to the good intentions that too often P.I. has expressed without translating them into practice in a meaningful way. Rereading his articles published in the Panathlon International Magazine we grasp the strong character and the clear vision of the role that P.I. must have in the training process of youth.

We often talked about the institutional framework of Panathlon International. We did not always agree, but frankly we exchanged our points of view and for me these exchanges of letters were a source of growth, and a way of thinking. I know that for him the last few years have been of suffering, with moments of despair that he confided to me. I think he is back free, and that finally he is reunited with his nearest and dearest, snatched from this life by a cruel fate. All that remains is the memory of the actions that he has done and especially the example of giving without asking for anything.

Rest in peace, Jean.

M.M.

THE IOC WANTS TO HAVE VERY INDEPENDENT CONTROLLERS

by Mark Adams
IOC spokesman

We are fully in agreement that testing and sanctioning need to be independent from sporting organizations, but also from national interests. This we already proposed in 2015. In this respect, we hope that the US and other governments will support us in this reform.

A standard level of testing must be harmonized per sport in close cooperation with the relevant International Federation (IF), to ensure that athletes from all nations in one sport or discipline are treated equally. In respect of decisions being taken on a national level, even the perception of the protection of national athletes is damaging.

Therefore, effective supervision by WADA of national anti-doping programmes is needed, as well as fully transparent international Test Distribution Plans (TDPs).

The IOC continues to lead the way in pushing for reforms to the system. Already at the Olympic Games Rio 2016, sanctioning was made the responsibility of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), independent of the IOC; and for PyeongChang 2018, we also plan to make testing fully independent from the IOC, as already agreed by the IOC Executive Board in 2015.

As for WADA's governance, we hope to make it more independent from both sports organizations and governments.

We have already offered to elect a neutral President of WADA, but this has not yet been accepted by our partners in WADA – and we are still ready to discuss this once again. We have appointed independent experts for the WADA governance-working group to give independent advice on how best to reform the governance of WADA.



New regulation

The communication award is simpler and more modern

The Communication Award, conceived by the late member of honor Henrique Nicolini, has always been a moment of exciting confrontation between all Panathlon International clubs. Now it is relaunched on new and up-to-date basics, which have simplified the regulation of what it wants to be, rather than a competition, a constructive confrontation on the different modes of panathletic communication.

Based on the proposals presented by the International Board Members, Lorenzo Branzoni and Ernest Denoth, the new Regulations for the two years 2016-2017 have been prepared, sent with circular no. 17/17.

Please note that for this two-year period will be considered the disclosed material or the actions carried out from **1 February 2016 to 31 January 2018** and the deadline for the delivery of the works is scheduled for **28 February 2018**.

Article 1 Panathlon International's "Communication Award" is run every two years and is open exclusively to P.I. Clubs; the Award pursues the following objectives:

- Broaden the acknowledgment of Panathlon's ideals by the general public through dissemination in the mass media;
- Establish and maintain good relations with the organs of communication/the mass media in the cities and countries where Panathlon's movement is active;
- Give greater emphasis to activities aimed at the education of the young, the defence and enhancement of Fair Play and the fight against doping, racism and violence, as well as at other ethical actions in line with Panathlon's philosophy;
- Encourage and give due recognition to the work done by the Clubs, their officials and members by evaluating the actions inspired by Panathlon's principles that they have created and developed within their jurisdiction;
- Contribute to the expansion of the movement throughout the world;
- Increase and implement the use of information technology in communication;
- Spread membership experience targeted to the young (Junior Panathlon Clubs and PCUs);
- Illustrate, by means of videos, Panathlon's footprint and penetration among the sports organizations active within their territory.

Article 2 The Communication Award consists of three categories:

Communication Award - TV/RADIO Communication

Award - PRESS AND PRINTED MEDIA Communication Award - INTERNET/SOCIAL NETWORKS

Article 3 A single prize will be awarded for each category.

Article 4 The Jury reserves the right not to award any of the above prizes.

Article 5 The award ceremony will take place every two years, during the General Ordinary and Election Meeting, at a particularly prominent time in the agenda.

Article 6 The Clubs must attend the Award Ceremony; no proxies to other Clubs or members of Clubs other than the award-winning Club may be accepted. In default, the award will be granted to another Club and/or will not be awarded for the reference period.

Article 7

The award-winning Clubs will have the opportunity to present the awarded works relying on P.I.'s technical assistance.

Article 8

For the purposes of the next Award, the material published or the actions implemented from 1st February 2016 to 31st January 2018 will be taken into account. Deadline to receive entries: 28th February 2018.

Article 9

The Clubs competing for the award must state in a clear and unambiguous manner, upon submission, the category for which they intend to compete. Printed materials may also be submitted in the form of photocopies. The submissions must be accompanied by a description of the work done. The shipping costs shall be at the competitor's expense.

Article 10 The Jury is composed of three members, namely two International Board Members (appointed by the President Committee) and P.I. Communication Officer (who, as a rule, is also the Editor of P.I. Magazine). After careful assessment of the submissions, the Jury members will select, by open ballot, the award-winning Club for each category. The Jury's decisions are final and unappealable.

Article 11 Panathlon International shall acquire the right of ownership to the materials received, store them in its archive and use them in accordance with its institutional objectives.

The extraordinary story of Colonel Carlo Calcagni

THE PILOT-ATHLETE IS ALIVE WITH THE SPORT

We offer you a life and sport history. That of an Italian military, Colonel Carlo Calcagni, a champion on three levels: first as the protagonist of brave missions, then that of high level sportsman and finally that of true man who clung to sport and its values and has found the strength to continue to live, despite an invalidity, which occurred at work that put him in the wheel but not on his knees.

Until 1996, the date of his last mission abroad to Bosnia, he was present as a helicopter pilot in several "so-called" peace missions, such as Albania, Turkey and, in fact, Bosnia-Herzegovinian. Upon returning from the latter mission, his job became the helicopter instructor at the Viterbo Army Aviation Center.

In 2002, following a medical check he had done after accusing various medical problems, he began his life battle, consisting of hospitalizations, examinations, checks, certificates and travels throughout Italy and abroad.

A dramatic tale:

"In 2002, I was hospitalized for medical examinations due to continuous physical illness, I found myself severely ill and this is how, for me and my loved ones, begins a long and depressed ordeal,, which despite everything I still have to face, always supported by a great and inexhaustible force of mind... the only force that has never left me! Early symptoms began to occur, attributed to the presence of heavy metals, not only in the blood, but "massively present" in vital organs.

In 2005, I have the recognition of the disease, which results from service events related to the international peace mission in the Balkans for the particular environmental and operational conditions of the mission outside the area, thus declaring the recognition of the status of the Victim of Duty.

For years, I have been waiting for allogeneic bone marrow transplantation.

From January 17, 2010 to today, I am under the treatment at the highly specialized Center "Breakspear Hospital" in England, where I return every four months. I am dying slowly because of the constant degenera-

tion of my cells."

Carlo Calcagni has always been a high-performance sportsman and he has clung to the sport so he will not miss the desire to live: *"I survive with therapies... and I live with the bike! As soon as I can saddle up, for everyday workouts at home or maybe if time and conditions allow me to go with historical friends, I take back those physical and mental energies that allow me for a moment to think that despite everything and all life is a gift."*

This passion has also been rewarded by flattering successes in amateur and master categories:

15 times national Italian champion, both in racing on the road and in chronometer; with blue t-shirt FCI at the 2001 World Championships in Austria with the Italian National Team World Champion (3rd national individual); winner of the International cyclosportive (Gran Fondo in Italian) of Terminillo 2001; of the Terra d'Otranto Tour; of the Gargano tour; of the Trasimeno cyclosportive; of the Master Tricolor Cyclosportive; rewarded in 2002 by the Defense Staff as the best athlete of the Italian Army.

Then, years later, the victories that are most valuable because they have been obtained as a disabled athlete: *winner of two gold medals in the World Cup in Maniago 2015; one in the road race and one in chronometer; also one in Rowing Indoor at the Invictus Games Orlando in May 2016.*

Invictus Games are Paralympic international games dedicated to the military who have contracted permanent disability due to service. Carlo Calcagni participated as a member of the Paralympic Defense Sports Group, in the second edition, held in Orlando, Florida in May 2016 for cycling and rowing indoor, and he brought home three gold medals.

"I came to the sport very early, as a child: for years I practiced judo at very good levels to get the black belt for agonistic merit, then as a boy I was passionate about cycling, almost as a challenge. I consider it a discipline that teaches the value of fatigue, strength,



but also limit. By the time I learned to understand how cycling is essential to mental control of my body, to make efforts, to withstand pain, and these teachings help me continually to deal with my everyday problems. The bicycle, in these years of illness, has never left me: it was a faithful companion even in the darkest days when despair was about to win”.

Despair has not won and the experiences so far described let think that it will not win, because Carlo Calcagni demonstrates daily, as a military and athletic man, to know how to fight without surrendering.

50th ANNIVERSARY IN BUENOS AIRES THE FIRST AMERICAN CLUB

The event celebrated in the presence of President Pierre Zappelli also welcomed by the leaders of the Argentine Olympic Committee

by Eva Szabo

We celebrated the 50th anniversary of our Club Buenos Aires in the presence of Panathlon International President, Dr. Pierre Zappelli, President of District Peru, Mr. Luis Moreno, and of Uruguay, Dr. Ricardo Pérez, the Club Presidents of Uruguay, Montevideo, Mr. Walter Cibils, of Maldonado-Punta del Este, Mr. Carlos De León and of Recife, Brazil, Mr. José Pinto Lapa, and the Panathletes of Uruguay and the Club Buenos Aires.

On September 14, we welcomed President Zappelli at Hotel NH Lancaster, where President Rubén Rodríguez Lamas and Secretary Eva Szabo invited him for a welcome dinner. Formerly, the Argentinian Olympic Committee's Secretary General and lawyer Mario Moccia and Mr. Carlos Ferrea received President Zappelli at Ezeiza Airport, with whom he had an interesting conversation about the possibility of having Panathlon International at the Youth Olympic Games of Buenos Aires 2018. At 17 o'clock, the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Club Buenos Aires took place at the legal headquarters of the Club Buenos Aires, chaired by President Zappelli. After an exchange of ideas with the Council members, a pleasant conversation was followed about the possibility of forming a District Argentina, the expansion of the movement in America, the new PI antenna in Brussels and its relationship with the International Olympic Committee. At the end, the meeting took place with the Vice President of the Argentine Olympic Committee, Mrs. Alicia Morea.

On Friday, the members, Silvia Boldt and Eva Szabo, took President Zappelli, Luis Moreno and José Pinto Lapa, to visit the "Tiro Federal Argentino" where the main treasures that brought the club together during its long life were exposed. Lunch took place in a room overlooking the river on a beautiful spring day.

At 18.00 at the Argentine Olympic Committee headquarters, the Board member, Dr. Carlos De Mare received Panathlon and welcomed it. It was then broadcast a film for the presentation of Buenos Aires as a candidate for the YOG 2018. President Rubén Rodríguez Lamas presented the President of Panathlon International and thanked him for his presence by highlighting how important it is for a far-away country like Argentina to receive support through his person.

A presentation was then screened on the 50th anniversary of the Club. President Zappelli subsequently stressed the importance of having relations with the Olympic

Committee, given the common goals, with the condition that Panathlon does not need champions, but is formed by clubs that carry out continuous actions to promote Fair Play, peoples' union, and so on.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Panathlon Club in Buenos Aires (founded in 1967), Pierre Zappelli, President of Panathlon International, took part in the commemoration held at the Argentine Olympic Committee (AOC). Also Rubén Rodríguez Lamas, President of the District Argentina, José Pinto Lapa, President of the District of Brazil (Recife); Ricardo Pérez, President of the District Uruguay; Luis Moreno, President of the District Peru; Eva Szabo, former president of the Panathlon Club in Buenos Aires took part in the event.

Carlos de Mare, Actas' Treasurer of AOC, welcomed with the following words: "On behalf of the AOC, I want to thank all those present and reaffirm our commitment to share the Panathlon International principles in terms of Fair Play, diffusion and the expansion of ethics in sports and the refusal of all that entails corruption in sport. Recognized by the International Olympic Committee, Panathlon is an international movement for the promotion and diffusion of culture and sports ethics.

Its purpose is to deepen, spread and defend the values of sport, understood as a tool for training and valorizing the human being and as a vehicle of solidarity in society. "Since its founding, Panathlon International revolved around the movement of a team to promote and safeguard the ethical values of sport."

We are present on 4 continents and 24 countries; we have 300 Clubs and about 10000 members. Panathlon International has the special features and the advantage of being the only sport-based movement capable of acting on the field and spreading the idea of Fair Play.

This is our originality and our strength. Zappelli said, "Our mission is to be in touch with people and especially with young people. We must focus on education, promoting the ideal values transmitted by sport, mainly Fair Play".

Panathlon International is the association of all "Panathlon Clubs", which are essentially based on the voluntary activity of its members. Since its founding,



Panathlon Club Buenos Aires promoted the Charter for Sporting Rights of the Young; ethics in sport of the young people; the social inclusion of young people through sport; the Fair Play Charter; and sport without doping.

The first club born outside Europe was the Buenos Aires Club in 1967, 15 years after the first Panathlon Club in Venice. The first Panathlon Club was created in the AOC and its first president was José Oriani, then head of the institution.

As Panathlon, we work to educate young people through sport. Panathlon is made up of a group of international friends who are recognized in any part of the world in the name of brotherhood.

This is one of the most important values that Panathlon has as an association," said Rodríguez Lamas. On Saturday morning there was also a tour of the city, with the President of the Buenos Aires Club and Mrs. Gloria Mirabelli de Sagues, to show the beauty of the city of Buenos Aires and in the evening an anniversary dinner during which the President received an international plaque as a reminder of his visit.

The Panathletes who were present received a tribute by both Panathlon International and the District Uruguay and the District Peru, by the clubs of Montevideo, whose sponsoring club was the Club of Buenos Aires, Las Piedras, Recife and Lima, Peru. It was also delivered information material about the YOG of Buenos Aires 2018.

The party ended with a tango, a folkloric show and a rich

dinner, at the end of which the cake candles were lit and then all those present blew out them. On Sunday, September 17, a great event took place at the Hippodrome in Palermo, where the third race took place in the name of Panathlon International - Club Buenos Aires. President Zappelli, Luis Moreno, Rubén Rodríguez Lamas and Eva Szabo gave a tribute to the jockey, Gustavo Calvete who won with horse nº7 called Tarde or Temprano. On Monday, September 18, Past President José Martínez Tato and Secretary Eva Szabo greeted President Zappelli thanking him for his important visit.

The evaluation of the event was very good and the possibility that Panathlon International is present at the YOG Buenos Aires 2018 with the Fair Play Award and that the Club Buenos Aires can grow and train the District Argentina is almost a reality; we have to make every effort to reach these important goals as soon as possible.

WELL! A JUNIOR CLUB IS TEN YEARS OLD

As an anniversary, in comparison with the 60th and 65th anniversary celebrations in senior clubs, ten years may seem like a few. If the anniversary is for a Junior Club, however, it is significant. It is the primacy of the young panathletes of Viterbo (District Italy) who celebrated ten years of activity as young people can do, firstly in the field with great conviction and then around a table for toasting. To tell the truth the young people came to this anniversary with some difficulties that had led to the suspension of the activity, then to its recovery. The important thing is that the spirit has been recovered to restart and forget the obstacles of the past.

Everyone knows the difficulties that exist in the work of widening panathletic commitment to young people. It is said that they are too distracted by new and engaging activities, such as the explosion of electronic devices that are occupying their imagination and their time.

The justification is only half-true and concerns the whole of the youth universe, not just the panathletic one, so instead of complaining, one should study the countermeasures.

In Panathlon International today there are about fifteen Junior Clubs. Only. Until two years ago, there were thirty. Then what happened? Why do junior clubs have difficulty setting up and are likely to close very soon? In addition to a too bureaucratic regulation, the blame belongs to the "old", i.e. senior clubs that should be a reference point. The fault is also of many members who fail to develop a common thought on how to act. It has been debating for years and we will probably lose more time before we understand what the right formula is. Some clubs prefer to have junior clubs closely alongside their activities, with continuous engagement, presence at dinners and official activities.

The distinction between junior and senior, in this situation is just personal data on the documents.

In this way, junior clubs grow "in the shadow" of the senior clubs and, at the age of 32, are already ready to become members of the sponsoring Club without

agitation, with the benefit of knowledge and training already acquired.

Other senior clubs prefer that juniors have their own life, with a completely separate, legal, organic and organizational structure.

Juniors carry on their activities with autonomous methodologies and youth ideas, and from time to time try to get close to the sponsoring club to talk and check if everything goes along the panathletic ideals. In this second formula, there is more freedom but there is more risk that junior clubs make an experience that sometimes deviates from the panathletic patterns.

However, reasoning may also be opposed: self-reliant activity and the sense of freedom would attract more young people eager and capable of expressing themselves early at first hand. Which of the two formulas should be applied? Both! In short, every sponsoring club and every Junior Club must have the opportunity to make their own choice in total freedom, keeping the Rules as a legal reference but to be interpreted with great elasticity, depending on the different sensitivity of the members. Senior and junior. Panathlon, a voluntary association of sportsmen based on ethics and morality, cannot be a place where laws and behaviors are imposed. Once the statutory and regulatory framework has been outlined, it is necessary to allow ample working and adaptation spaces.

Just as the most enlightened European rules provide that, not by chance, they are not strict laws but very general "directives" to be entrusted, in their application, to the different environmental, cultural and passionate conditions of those who have to live them.

The remaining things have to be entrusted to the common sense and the intelligence of the parties that are so protagonists of their destiny and therefore tied to their choices.

Otherwise, the youngsters do not come, those who are in the clubs run away and we are still here to change the regulations and ask ourselves why junior clubs do not spread.

PCU COMPETE, PLAYING TENNIS IN RUSSIA

by Alina Baranova

The first edition of the PCU International University Tennis Tournament ("PIUTT") was held in Dubna, Moscow region, from 21 to 23 October 2016.

The Tennis Tournament was attended by teams from Belgium and Russia. Eight University teams from Antwerp, Moscow and Dubna competed in mixed doubles according to a Modified Knockout Draw System. The 4 teams that lost in the first round entered the Honorary Cup competition of the PIUTT 2016.

The starting lineup of the competition is determined by a random selection during a public draw ceremony at the Opening Ceremony October 21, 2016. In the official part of the Opening Ceremony welcoming words and wishes were pronounced by the Rector of Dubna State University Dmitry Fursaev, the Vice Mayor of the Dubna City Nikolay Madfes, the PCU Committee President Peter Verboven and other invited guests. The President of the PIUTT, Honorary Rector of the University of Antwerp, Professor dr. Francis Baron Van Loon declared the tournament officially open and held the Draw Ceremony. Traditionally the oaths of Fair Play of the participants and referees were sworn. The entertainment part of the Opening Ceremony was the performance of the Dubna University Chorus under the direction of O. Donchenko.

Competitions took place at the tennis court of Dubna University Sports Complex "Olymp" from 22 to 23 October 2016.

In the final, Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU) and the Belgian Antwerp University Association competed for the title of the first champion of the PCU International University Tennis Tournament. The winner of the PIUTT Trophy 2016 became the MSU team. The cup for the second place went to Antwerp. The third place in the PIUTT tournament was won by the team of the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia. The fourth place was taken by the first team of the Dubna State University.

The winner of the PIUTT Honorary Cup became the team of the Belgian University of Antwerp. The second honorable place was taken by the second team from the Dubna State University. The third place went to the team from the Plekhanov Russian University of Economics. And the fourth place went to the team from the Moscow State Academy of Veterinary Medi-



cine and Biotechnology named after K.I. Skryabin. At the Closing Ceremony the PIUTT Organizing Committee awarded all players with cups, medals and participation certificates of the PIUTT.

A surprise for all participants and spectators of the competition was the great dance flash mob of the Dubna University students.

Due to the successful organization of the tournament, supporting the principles of Fair Play and Universal Friendship at the Dubna University venue and the enthusiastic feedback from all participants, entries of more students from different countries are expected next year.

For all results visit the PIUTT official page: www.pcu-committee.com/piutt-tennis.

Filippo Rossi champion of marathon and fair play

by Marco Jardini



The main activity that distinguishes the Panathlon Club Lugano is to deliver those ethical and moral principles that must be the basis of any healthy and sports activity.

Sportsmen true as young Filippo Rossi are welcome, an Italian and super marathoner who with his adventures and his exterminated races remind us what is sport and what are the ethical and moral values on which it is based. Run 200 kilometers or more in the most inhospitable places of the earth, often far away from the limelight, by sponsorship and media means being driven by the pure passion that makes you overcome fatigue, sorrows and difficult moments that are encountered during these crazy challenges. Guest of an intense evening by Panathlon Club Lugano, Filippo Rossi entertained and thrilled the audience that was present telling his experiences. What struck me most is how Philip highlighted the mental component that drives the body to performance far beyond any imaginable limit.

An inexhaustible inner resource that allows us to realize what we thought of a dream. Let us not forget his social commitment that sees him in the front row in helping people in distress. The construction of water wells, his role as testimonial in humanitarian associations and his engagement in Rwanda as militiaman of civil service.

The gesture that Filippo led in the spotlight of the world public opinion is that he saved the life of the Taiwanese competitor Chen Yanbo during the Gobi Desert Cross, a race in the big Slam of the 4 deserts: Sahara, Gobi, Atacama and Antarctic.

For this gesture, Filippo Rossi was awarded the highest international recognition with the Diploma of Honor Pierre de Coubertin's World Fair Play Trophy, which was delivered to him by Maurizio Monego, Vice President of the Comité International pour le Fair Play. He was also awarded the Fair Play Award of the Panathlon Club Lugano, delivered by President Stefano Giulieri and of the District Switzerland, delivered to him by President Giancarlo Dionisio. This great panathletic gesture of great humanity and altruism expresses considerably higher values than the mere sporting result. Filippo brings together in his character the right mix of sports and human values, representing the prototype of the true Panathlete.

Then run Philip, put the values up that you transmit and help us become panathletic ambassadors.

Sport is life!

Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels, through its Sport Film Festival, wishes to remember the benefits of sport practiced in a healthy way, and to promote the most beautiful values transmitted by the sport.

Sport is life! A saying often heard and that you can only approve. We all practice (or have practiced) at some point a physical activity. Even though it is not always practiced with pleasure, it is in every case a source of physical and mental benefits to the realization of everyone. Once you have made the decision to practice a sport, there are two possible positions: the decision to refrain from pleasure and stay in your comfort zone, or you can go beyond your limits by setting goals, whatever they are.

"Beyond the Limits" is the theme of the **2017 film festival** organized by the NPO Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels. However, what are the limits that some love overcoming...the physical, mental or ethical limits? They indicate the practice of all sportsmen and sportswomen who will have as their goals or challenges to reject them, and they will need to improve their strategies to try to reach them.

A source of motivation, to set targets that undoubtedly allow you to achieve an intense satisfaction when they are accomplished. Overcoming your own limits is often the motto of great champions, but this can be applied to everyone. The films presented during this festival highlight these procedures and allow the public to be guided by these amazing stories. They illustrate the self-improvement, the total implication for a sport, a club, a coach, evoking the limits not to go beyond and show how sport allows each of us to improve. Therefore, to improve yourself means knowing your limits (physical or psychic) and learning to overcome them. It means knowing the limits that your body (or your spirit) cannot go beyond, but it is also developing your motivation, your ability to be demanding and your self-confidence.

In short, it is a life school!

Like the previous years, the Club Wallonie-Brussels has offered elementary school pupils an unforgettable morning that has made them aware of both the practice of a sport and the values it carries, and this, in a playful and entertaining environment.

The two key messages of these movies were ***"the taste and pleasure of sport"*** and ***"learn to be fair play"***.

Half a dozen short films were proposed to children, interrupted by play games that allowed them to better understand the issues addressed. In the afternoon, pupils of the last year of elementary school and of the first year of middle school were invited to discover the story of Jesse Owens and his friend Luz Long, both athletes who participated in the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936.

"The film describes the life path of the two men and compares their experience and their past of the Berlin Olympic Games. Archival images associated with scenes of re-enactment of the long jump race, testimony from the descendants of two athletes, of sportsmen and historians, this documentary brings new light to the Olympic Games of 1936, a decisive event and announcer of the greatest tragedy of the 20th century."

A presenter of Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels has always supervised the film and invited an illustrious sportsman to share his experience with young people. In the evening, the Club Wallonie-Brussels has proposed a dynamic and fun moment to the audience, but always with the desire to convey a message and values through the movies. Several films were proposed to the public that was present. Interest has gone further in reflection and discussion, thanks to the presence of various sportsmen throughout the evening.

The festival involved Belgian cities, Brussels, Liège, Charleroi, Marche-en-Famenne.

Panathlon Club Maldonado - Punta del Este

A very special school

The members of the Maldonado club in Punta del Este, Uruguay district have renewed their commitment to disabled children by going to a special school.

It was not the first time this club devoted itself to those who face life and sports in disadvantaged conditions, but in this case, the emotion was higher than that of previous visits.

In Escuela 79, panathletes have come with a surprise effect, in the middle of a normal lifetime. One of them says with great emotion, "We arrived and it seemed that the school was waiting for us but continuing its normal life between games and cheerfulness.

We were animated by the usual emotion but, in this case, the emotion was bigger because we remembered having already helped this school in the past years.

"Club Maldonado had followed those children in a previous event with the Paralympic Games dedicated to them. Professor Rubén Acosta has played with these kids for a long time and is involved with their cheerfulness that lasted all day. The panathletes delivered the gifts they had from their sponsor, a German agricultural supermarket, the company Nativa, San Carlos City Hall, Maldonado's sports activities, with special tribute to Dr. Carolins.

"In particular, we thank the children," said another partner, "because with their innocence and their availability they helped us accomplish our task. We are grateful to them because, once again, they allowed us to feel useful to our society and the new generations.

In addition, we are grateful to Panathlon, which encourages us to do all this.



OLYMPIC VALUES AND THE MEDIA A RELATION OFTEN BETRAYED

The confirmation of Paris for the organisation of the Olympic Games 2024 was topical in the “Olympic Heritage and Sports Images” conference that took place in September in Nice in the theatre of the Big Castle of Valrose. This event was organized, during the second edition of the Film Festival of the International Federation of Cinema and Sports Television, by Panathlon Nice Côte d’Azur in collaboration with the Côte d’Azur Sport Film Festival and the Nice Sophia Antipolis University.

The aim was to deal freely with the variety of images of the sport, the themes of its presence on television, its media coverage, its communication and the image of the sport that the latter trivialize. For this reason, seven speakers have made some clarifications as experts. Exhibition, conferences, round tables and debates have allowed the present audience to participate.

Here is the program and the topics discussed:

- **Bernard Maccario:** amateurism between illusion and reality at the beginning of the 20th century
- **Yves Gastaut:** Olympics 52, a movie for the history?
- **Thomas Rouquette:** Judo as a vehicle of the Japanese soft power
- **Anne-Claire Gourmelon:** All sports are friendly to the media, but the media don't favour the development of all sports
- **Manuela Bardet:** what place is given to the values of Olympics in building a public sports policy?
- **Claude Roggero:** In sport, is it necessary to inherit to resist?



Fitness facility as a gift

Panathlon Club Trento wanted to leave a tangible sign to the city during the celebration events of the 60th anniversary of its founding. It is a fitness equipment set up in the park of Melta in the north of the city, attended by many young people in the most popular and heterogeneous district, with a large representation of non-EU citizens. The work, shared by the municipal administration, fills a gap for a long time reported by associations and fans of aerobic and fitness gymnastics.

It was no coincidence that the inauguration was made with the participation of groups of gymnasts who immediately test the metal structures, wisely prepared. Roberto Moggio, one of the founding members of the Club in 1957, former Italian marathon champion, and inventor of Marcialonga, carried out the ribbon-cutting. Among the many people present, in addition to President Matteo Lazzizzera who conducted the ceremony, there were International President Pierre Zappelli, with vice president Giorgio Dainese and Past President Giacomo Santini, Ivana Moresco, representing the District Italy and panathletes of twinning clubs and friends.

He thanked Tiziano Uez, Councilor for Sport, on behalf of the Municipality. The evening ended with a symposium at the Wineries of the sparkling wine of Ferrari of which is co-owner the panathlete Franco Lunelli. President Lazzizzera wrote a full report on the club's activities in 60 years of engagement in a very sporting territory such as Trentino.



SPORT, SCHOOL AND FAMILY A WINNING TRIO

by Adriana Predonzan



Panathlon Club Pordenone is celebrating this year the 50th anniversary of its foundation in 1967, an important milestone for a partnership that has become an integral part of the sporting world of Pordenone.

This recurrence, witnessed by the publication of a text that passionately documents its life, has so far been the cornerstone of the entire Club's activity and has been recalled on all occasions of social life, giving particular emphasis to the world of youth sport, whose ethics is reflected in the Declaration of Ghent of 2004.

In particular, the date of 12 May 2017 was dedicated to the anniversary of the party with the youth groups of sports associations of various disciplines who did a short performance, allowing the speakers to contextualize the values expressed by the Charters of Panathlon International as the Declaration of Ghent and the Charter of duties of parents in sport.

These documents were presented at the conference at Palazzo Montereale Mantica on "Sport, school, family, a winning trio" on 25 October, 2017, where the report of prof. Claudio Bardini, a professor of Sports Science at the University of Udine, a former basketball player and

coach, as well as president of the FVG Coaches Committee, highlighted the need to promote in all three contexts ethical behaviour of responsibility, solidarity, social inclusion and the commitment of all for a clean sport and a source of socialization.

Past President of Panathlon International Sen. Giacomo Santini, who shared with prof. Bardini the need that the three actors work together in order to raise tomorrow's citizens, illustrated the Declaration of Ghent and the Charter of duties of parents in sport in their contents and meanings.

The authorities' interventions underlined the commitment of the territory of Pordenone for sport, particularly for young people, and the commitment shared by the Municipality of Pordenone with Panathlon, schools and CONI, for the project Students/Athletes, which all of these principles and values carries on.

On this occasion, many sports associations and city school representatives signed the two papers, testifying the collective responsibility of a territory to new generations.

Youth tennis and culture

by Tonino Raffa

Two significant presences in such important events have colored the fall of Panathlon in Reggio Calabria.

The Club of the city of the Strait of Messina promoted the Fair Play Prize in the 27th edition of the “Europe Junior Masters” tennis tournament, reserved for under 16 and under 14 athletes from 17 countries in the old continent, held in the fields of the glorious Tennis club “Polimeni” at Pentimele Park.

A few weeks later, it sponsored the presentation of the book “War of Love” by Maria Teresa Cipri, held at the municipal library, in the framework of the program of the cultural encounters of the international writers’ center in Calabria.

In the great tennis event for the best youth rackets in Europe (which in the men’s under 14 category has earned the well-deserved success of the Italian Luca Nardi), Panathlon’s fair-play plaque was awarded to the competitor Marketa Panackova of the Czech Republic. President of Club Tonino Raffa has delivered it.

Panathlon District of Italy gave Panathlon District Italy award to French champion Carole Monnet, winner of the under 16 women category, and the Governor of Area 8, Antonio Laganà, gave the award. A prestigious tournament now consolidated and followed by a very attentive audience. Of its twenty-seven editions, ten were held on the ground of the “Polimeni” field, where many young athletes played, who then succeeded in the international scene.

On the closing day of the tournament, Panathlon executives and associates attended the ceremony for the dedication of a road along the main entrance of the Tennis Circle to its unforgettable president, Domenico Travia, who died in 2000 after leading the association for nearly fifty years.

The other event, sponsored by our club, took place in the De Nava Library lounge, near the National Museum, where the writer of Calabrian origins, Maria Teresa Cipri, presented her latest book entitled “War of Love”. A novel set in Calabria at the beginning of the twentieth century.

The protagonist is the father of the author, whose dreams of affirmation in the field of art and culture will be erased from the war that he hates. Nevertheless, when the conflict ended and the protagonist died (devastated by Parkinson), his story is again illuminated by the light of hope in a better world through the story of his daughter Maria Teresa.



Area Governor 8 Antonio Laganà and President of the Tennis Committee in Calabria, Giuseppe Lappano deliver the Panathlon prize to the French tennis player, Carole Monnet.

Young rowers and champions

by Carlo Zazzera

Athletes, coaches and managers, old-time stars and historical figures of Italian and international sport have been keen to pay tribute to the rowers from Campania that have led to the success the Italian team to the World Rowing Championships that took place in Sarasota, in the United States. In the elegant setting of Rosolino's restaurant on the seafront in Naples, dozens of champions marched during an event born of an idea by Giovanni Del Forno, immediately shared and organized by Panathlon Naples, presided by Francesco Schillirò, followed by the interventions of the national president of the Italian Rowing Federation, Giuseppe Abbagnale, and the president of the Committee Campania, Pasquale Giugno.

Among those attending were the Honorary President of the Italian Sailing Federation, Carlo Rolandi, who rewarded his grandson, Matteo Castaldo, the president of the RYCC Savoia, Carlo Campobasso, vice-president of Club Posillipo, Vincenzo Triunfo, rowing board members of CRV Italia, Paolo Cappabianca, and of the Rowing Club of Naples, Deo Litterio, vice-president of UNVS, Giannandrea Lombardo of Cumia, the president of the Neapolitan section of the Italian champions, Alfredo Pagano, the former president of RYCC Savoia, Pippo Dalla Vecchia, and former vice-president of the Rowing Club Naples, Antonio Di Mare.

On the stage several champions: Giuseppe Vicino,

gold medal along with Matteo Lodo in the coxless pair, who saw for the first time in history an Italian crew on the highest step of the podium, silver medals Matteo Castaldo, Marco Di Costanzo and Giovanni Abagnale, who with Domenico Montrone were on board of the coxless 4, Alfonso Scalzone and Giuseppe Di Mare of the coxless pair lightweight and the bronze medals Luca Parlato, Mario Paonessa, Emanuele Liuzzi and Enrico D'Aniello, members of 8+, together with the coach of the national team, Francesco Cattaneo. Along with them, there were Catello Amarante, Salvatore Monfrecola, coach of the men's team, Andrea Coppola, and Coaches Mariano Esposito and Mimmo Perna.

"Panathlon is always close to athletes to promote the principles of sport," explained the president of Panathlon Naples, Francesco Schillirò. In the past few months, we recalled an athlete like Pietro Mennea, who honored Italy in the past, but during the year, we have not overlooked the young athletes, with the three events, athletics and the Panathlon trophy of artistic gymnastics, the prizes of athletes' parents, continuing with the program line developed by our club in 2015. Today we have given a prize to the athletes who have brought so many successes to the Italian rowing and surely many others will bring them in the future. In the coming months we will also give space to other disciplines".

During the evening, for the first time, Panathlon Naples delivered two special awards. One in memory of Gegè Maisto, who died recently, for decades he told on the pages of Il Mattino the acts of the great rowing champions of Campania, which was taken by his daughters Simona and Monica. The other went to Pino De Maio, songwriter and writer, but also a great athlete of athletics and triathlon, who also performed in the past in the presence of the Queen of England.

For the first time, therefore, a person who was not closely linked to sport was awarded, but who has given honor to the city in the field of culture.



Is football a sport?

The writer of an article published in the previous issue of this magazine chose this challenging title to bowl over football, after a dialectic skirmish that was as solitary as it was unequal.

What the readers and sports lovers in general should know is that the great majority of both professional and amateur footballers agree with this point of view as far as concerns the extremes of this sport. The image provided in recent years by some football managers and stars is unworthy of the values embodied by the millions of players and volunteers who make this sport great. You would not cut down a whole forest just because one tree is diseased.

Among the 11 best paid sportspeople in the world – to use a number of which we are fond – we will of course find Ronaldo, Messi and Neymar, but there are also 4 American basketball players, 1 golf player, 1 American football champion, 1 boxer and one tennis player, who is none other than Roger Federer.

Should we perhaps question the ethics of this sport just because the best players get enormously rich?

If we then go on to consider the shenanigans of managers, the doping episodes, frauds of all kinds, the too many fanatics, the deviations of certain champions and of the people surrounding them, there would be a long list of scandals, ranging from athletics to boxing, passing through cycling, tennis and what have you. But there again it is necessary to apply the principle according to which if one party is at fault this does not justify any wrongdoings by the other, and to bring everyone back to an equal footing.

So now let's get back to sport. From this point of view, taking the very great degree of competition existing at all levels in football into account, it is not possible to understand why its players should have less merits than in other sports. Nowadays, an adolescent football player, even in a strictly amateur regional league, will very often already have been through 10 years of football school. As is the case for all competitive sports, a football match is a game, a fight governed by rules in which respect for one's opponent and fair play are ubiquitous. Moreover, according to the statistics, it is not football that is violent, but violence that lays hold of football. At the time of the preparations for the 2008 European Championship in Austria and Switzerland, the specialised police informed us that there was a sort of "European Holigans' Championship" among very organised gangs, each with their own emblems and battle songs, that followed the important football competitions in order to scuffle with one another and break everything before a very large audience. In these circumstances football is clearly the victim of its own popular and media success.

It should, however, be remembered that more than 99% of all football players, male and female alike, are definitely amateurs and play this sport as a personal challenge, as teams and/or purely for pleasure. Switzerland has 300,000 registered footballers, of whom 25'000 female, and then there are 52'000 volunteers who, according to a recent survey,

dedicate double the time to training and looking after young players than is the case in other sports.

The Amateurs' League of the Swiss Football Association (ASF/ SFV) has defined the three main cornerstones of this sport:

- Football is a sport and a public health domain
- Football cements social life and integration
- Football is a factor of joie de vivre and of success

It is not our aim here to thrash out everything underlying these leitmotifs – that we can also find in Panathlon's Charters – but it is obvious that we are faced with a leading sport in which it is necessary to invest in order to ensure its upkeep and development, starting from the broad base right up to the highest peaks. And what should be said about its popularity, about the money that is circulated by it?

It is true, football is not an élite sport. Notwithstanding, among its players, managers, volunteers and supporters we can find every sociocultural class of the population. The communication experts know that it is an incomparably powerful image carrier. In the stadiums or behind the screens it is not fanaticism that dominates but the show – which can be great at any level: the gesture of a child, a succession of long-distance and very fast passes that recall a dance performance, the emotion when a goal is scored – a rare occurrence, making it an exception.

As you will have realised, it is not up to us to say whether football is a sport, to idealise it or to make it a prerogative. Rather, we should present it in a light enabling it to be seen and letting us try to understand every aspect of it.

In football, as in other sports, we can find plenty of extraordinary players who try to surpass themselves, who train unceasingly towards this goal and who pass on this attitude to their team, because football is also a shared sport.

In addition, I know many footballers, both male and female, who also play other sports and who know that, in order to run a marathon in just over two hours or to have a golf handicap of zero, one has to devote one's whole life to this end, albeit with no certainty of succeeding. In Brazil, a footballer has one chance in 1.5 million to get into the national team. In France the chances are 1 in 100,000. It has been calculated that, in the whole world, there are about 300 million registered footballers, of whom less than 0.2 per thousand play at a more or less professional level. As a Panathlon member, I ask you not to confuse competition between sports with competition in sport. This applies above all to the fundamental values, which are the same in all disciplines.

Someone who loves classical music might not like rock or jazz, which is a stand worthy of respect, but it should be recognised in any case that they are types of music, like any others.

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President of the Swiss Amateur Football League
Vice-president of the Swiss Football Association

The Red Star fans The most “ferocious” of the world

(by an article of Michele Caltagirone)



The Red Star Curve at 'Marakana' in Belgrade: the world's fiercest fans

A ranking made by the British radio broadcaster “Talksport” puts in line the world’s worst supporters, with only a partially credible view, given that among the top ten groups do not include the English hooligans that everyone knows well in the world, because of their violence and opposition to every order set up inside and outside the stadiums. For curiosity, let us see this ranking. Everyone puts the English fans in the place you want, based on your experiences.

Even today, the most dangerous fans in the world are considered those of the Red Star of Belgrade. Nothing new, if we think of the sad and well-deserved fame of Serbian fans who had among their historical leaders Zeljko Raznatovic, better known as Arkan, whose “tigers” passed from the violence in the “Marakana” bleachers of Belgrade to the massacres of civilians during the war in Bosnia, constituting the most cruel and bloody wing of the nationalist militia of former Yugoslavia. For the second place, we move to Brazil: Porto Alegre’s Gremio fans are among the most feared of South America and the same tricolor players have often denounced their presence in the stands of neo-Nazis. In the third place, we found the ultras of Lech Poznan, the worst in Poland where the phenomenon of violence in the stadiums has gone into a worrying escalation after the collapse of the communist regime. In fourth place, there are the fans of Lazio, so one-step from the podium!

The presence of several members of an extreme far right is well known in the North Curve of the Olympic Stadium and, unfortunately, is a phenomenon that affects several other groups of fans. We need only think of the case of those Italian supporters at the Haifa stadium during the Italian match against Israel, valid for the World Cup qualifiers, they showed a nasty Nazi greeting, then seen by FIFA which threatened sanctions against the Italian Football

Federation. In the fifth place Napoli’s ultras, also in the list of ‘bad guys’. A paradox against the fans that in the 80s and 90s were considered to have the most proper behavior of the big leagues. According to Talksport, therefore, the fans of Lazio and Naples are more dangerous than the Barra Bravas Argentine; a true example of organized crime that draws its business from the football world but in this ranking occupies ‘only’ the ninth position.

Following this despicable ranking, we find sixth place for the Greeks of Olympiakos Pireo, often protagonists of episodes of intemperance and racism. Seventh place is occupied by the supporters of Penarol, the most renowned and award-winning Uruguayan team. In the eighth place, there are the Turks of Besiktas, considered at home “the most violent among the violent.” In second to last in the top ten, as mentioned above, the fans of Barra Bravas, that for years have been a plague of Argentine football. Among the most powerful and organized groups there is the “Doce”, Boca Juniors’ hard-core fan club who would also enjoy political support.

Finally, in the tenth place, the supporters of another Greek team. This is the Aris of Thessaloniki whose players in the past have threatened even the strike to put an end to the continued violence in the stands of the small stadium “Vikelidis”. Talksport’s classification is obviously incomplete. In addition to the various English hooligans, there is the lack of Dutch hordes that devastated Rome during a match with Totti’s team in 2016, referring to the macabre story of recent years until the massacre of the Heysel stadium in Brussels, with its charge of responsibility by so-called law enforcement officers and local leaders. However, this incredible massacre is now a chapter of a shabby and absurd story linked to the true story of a sport. If we can consider it a real sport. See the next page for other considerations.

If football is a sport/2

Red card for violence and racism

In the previous issue of this magazine, we wondered whether the phenomenon of predominance of worship money in the football world allows it to still be considered a sport rather than a multinational company with only economic and financial ends. The conditioning weight of monetary values in every choice often erases all ethical and moral values. To raise an even more significant question again comes the phenomenon of the fanciers organized, with the Italian case, the outrage of Anna Frank's memory by the usual racist and anti-Semitic fans of Lazio.

It is not the last of an infinite world-marked series, in the sense that everywhere outrage, violence, often deadly clashes, pressures of team-mates and executives on the part of organized crime are the squalid and tragic undergrowth of this, that once again, it's hard to call sport.

The recent Italian case of Lazio sees the fans of this team squalidly on the front page, again for racist and Nazi-inspired political behaviors. As you read in another article in this paper, the white and blue fans (the purity of colors are really wasted for this team ...) occupy a prominent place in the world ranking of "bad guys", precisely with the label of anti-Semitic and racist people. So nothing new under the sun of Rome.

It is nevertheless necessary to add, by virtue of these assumptions, the incredible ingenuity and ignorance with which the Lazio leaders have tried "to patch up" the outrage of their fans by bringing a crown to the synagogue but with so many gaffe and confusing statements by the same President who confirmed the ancient Venetian axiom that often "el tacon l'è pezo del buso". Translated into the present case: the attempt to remedy the damage has further aggravated it. Racism and anti-Semitic choirs and banners have made the fans' disqualifications and closed games a sad habit of European campaigns for the white and blue fans.

Two rounds in 2013 for the Fascist salute made by the northern grandstand against Borussia Monchengladbach in the 16th of the Europa League. A turn for banners exposed against the Legia in October of last year. Tottenham clashes were also of anti-Semitic origin (London Jewish community team), fans of Tottenham attacked Jewish fans at a pub in Rome in November 2012.

The attention on Lazio abroad is so high that in Warsaw, in December 2013, about 200 white and blue fans were stopped - 22 of them arrested - starting a real diplomatic case for nearly a month. Even those who thought about imposing Anna Frank's diary tracks before the matches proved to be unaware of the total deterioration of the organized relationship between society and fans. For that part criminally structured, obviously. With all respect for those who go to the stadium to see the game, support their team but without knives, deafening firecrackers, coals and smoke bombs. Not to mention the worst thing that happens to every game even outside the stadiums of violent groups that clash fiercely.

Here is where football is likely to be expelled from the category of sport: why are those hordes of barbarians allowed to enter the stadium together with so many good people and label them as fans, that is, supporters, that is, sportsmen, that is, all that they are not? If football wants to return to the category of elite sports, after reducing the scandalous money supremacy, it must promote synergy with the political and police authorities to make a firm decision against the criminal groups.

Without the attitude of awe that sport has faced them so far, to the point that they seem to dictate the rules. That is, the criminals and the violent people who took the football hostage, taking it away from the imagination of the true fans.



The staggering photomontage, with the face of Anna Frank, spread by the worst Lazio fans

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 di 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:



***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***

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

Giuseppe Zambon - P.C.Venezia 18/12/2008
Maurizio Clerici - P.C.Latina 15/12/2008
Silvio Valdameri - P.C.Crema 17/12/2008
Enrico Ravasi - P.C.Varese 21/04/2009
Attilio Bravi - P.C.Bra 25/05/2009
Antonio Spallino - P.C.Como 30/05/2009
Gaio Camporesi offerto Enrico Prandi 21/11/2009
Mons.Mazza - P.C.Parma 15/12/2009
Mario Macalli - P.C.Crema 22/12/2009
Livio Berruti - Area 3 19/11/2010
Gianni Marchiol - P.C.Udine N.T. 11/12/2010
Mario Mangiarotti - P.C.Bergamo 16/12/2010
Mario Sogno - P.C.Biella 24/09/2011
Mariuccia Lombardini - P.C.Reggio E. 19/11/2011
Bernardino Morsani - P.C.Rieti 25/11/2011
Roberto Ghiretti - P.C.Parma 15/12/2011
Fondazione Lanza P.C.Udine N.T. 17/12/2011
Giuseppe Molteni - P.C. Varese 17/04/2012
Enrico Prandi Area 5 11/12/2012
Sergio Allegrini - P.C.Udine N.T. 17/12/2012
Piccolo Gruppo Evolution - Polisp. Orgnano A.D.
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