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The fight against a sedentary lifestyle

2018 ended with an event that boded well. On 25th November 2018 the Italian District, shaken for months due to internal arguments, resumed its activities with a new President, Giorgio Costa, who, requested by the PI Presidential Committee, had been working since June 2018 as Commissioner of the District, as well as with a new Committee. Now that things have calmed down again, this District will be able to continue working effectively, together with the whole Panathlon Movement, on developing our actions and spreading our ideals.

We need as much positive energy as possible in order to continue to expand.

It is high time, what is more, to think of going in depth into new central themes and new projects that our Clubs could tackle. The PI's Cultural and Scientific Commission, due to meet in the spring, will also have this task on its agenda. We could consider, for example, investigating

problems such as the struggle against bullying in sport, social integration through sport, and so on.

Among the issues being raised, I have noted the increasing importance of the fight against the trouble caused by sedentary lifestyles. Due to the strong world-wide tendency towards obesity of the population, we see more and more studies highlighting the dynamic and healthy benefits generated by the simple fact of engaging in even moderate physical activity.

Of course, one must never forget the importance of promoting fair play, the basic deal of our Movement and of human behaviour in general, as well as of our Charters. An article by Giacomo Santini, published in this issue of our Magazine talks about the shameful behaviour of some parents during a basketball match, showing to what extent the Charter of Parental Duties continues to be current.

An example of the benefits of sport in the field of education has been given to us in the current issue of the Magazine by Marie-Claire Nepi, Vice President of the French District of Panathlon International. The article concerns cases of children in difficulty at school, whose task of learning to read is facilitated by simultaneously practicing sport, considered here as a vehicle for promoting education.

Panathlon International is about to define an agreement with the International Federation of Sports Medicine (FIMS). We are thinking of taking part in the development of common projects referred to scientific projects managed by the FIMS jointly with Panathlon for everything to do with the ethical and educational aspects of sport.

Lastly, we must mention briefly the projects under way initiated by Panathlon, in order to state that our actions have met with great success in 2018. 26 Clubs of the Italy, Switzerland, France and Uruguay Districts joined the "Friendly Games" project and organised events on this subject. We must stress also that 45 Clubs of the Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Uruguay and Argentina Districts took part in the project on "Ethical Tables", to be put up in places accessed by the public, thus contributing in this way to circulation of information on our actions.

These activities encourage us to continue our efforts in favour of promotion of our values.

Please enjoy reading our Magazine.



Pierre Zappelli
International President

The Brussels Antenna Heart and engine in Europe

All sorts of activities and projects at the service of all Panathlon International members and clubs- Rilanciato il programma Erasmus+sport

The Panathlon International Representative Office care of the European Institutes in Brussels thanks Mr. Philippe Vlaemminck, member of Panathlon Ghent, who is offering the facilities of his company for the needs of the administrative headquarters and his generous participation in promoting our activities. We also thank Mr. Thierry Zintz, President of the Belgium District, for his support and participation in the initiatives undertaken by the Representative Office. Mrs. Justine Vandenbon, member of Panathlon Brussels, who has a degree in European law, was of great and valuable support in organizing a proposal for an Erasmus+ project.

After reporting to the Board on the activities carried out, Paul Standaert thanked our President and Presidential Committee, the Secretary General, the staff and the personnel of P.I. for their guidance and support in implementing the local initiatives of the EU Representative Office in Brussels.

Overview of activities and events

In 2018 the members of the Antenna completed initiatives at different levels.

Erasmus+

Starting in December 2017, a taskforce was created in order to work on a proposal for an Erasmus + project. Justine Vandenbon and Paul Standaert worked closely with Professor Annick Willem (Ghent University) on this proposal, jointly with the Panathlon Clubs of France, Italy and Portugal and organizations in Sweden, Croatia and Latvia.

The P.I. Scientific Committee would act as an Advisory Committee for this project. After the validation of the results, in a later stage the Committee could present the conclusions and recommendations of this study at the General Meeting.

The aim of this proposal was a survey held in 7 countries and intended for children aged 10 to 14 years old, asking them to describe the roles of their parents, coaches and teachers and their expectations in triangular relations when practicing Sports.



Il Consigliere Internazionale Paul Standaert

The academic output of this survey might have helped P.I. to evaluate the success of the Panathlon Charters and, if needed, to update them to more modern and practical standards.

Unfortunately our proposal was not selected. The evaluation of this process has led us to the intention to update the 2018 proposal, upgrading its contents and taking the jury's remarks into account so as to enter this new proposal by April 2019.

Safe Sport International

In April 2018 Paul Standaert attended the SSI (Safe Sport International) conference in Madrid. This important conference, headed by Anne Tivas, a distinguished member of the P.I. CSC, was a landmark for the promotion and development of structural measures for protecting children in sports.

We suggest that P.I. should support, at an international or local level, initiatives for relaying SSI's message and, if possible, should host the next conference, to be held in Europe in 2020 or in the near future.

European Week of Sport

As a partner of this European initiative, P.I. was represented by Paul Standaert in Vienna, Austria.

Paul Standaert attended the conference organized by the Austrian Sports Minister and the kick-off of the 2018 European Week, also in Vienna.

This partnership agreement, signed by our Past President Mr. Giacomo Santini in 2015, was supported this year by more than 20 Panathlon Clubs. These clubs responded to our appeal by organizing activities in the days running up to or during the European Week of Sport. This was a very positive result as it showed how partnership is a real commitment on the part of P.I. with regard to European sports initiatives.

ENGSO & EL

The P.I. Representative Office in Brussels organised jointly with European Lotteries and ENGSO a well-attended sports activity held in the immediate vicinity of the European headquarters in Brussels, followed on the next day by a seminar on Gender Equality and Good Governance. (<https://www.engso.eu/single-post/2018/09/30/BEACTIVE-squat-talk-Sweat-laughter-and-interesting-discussions>)

The Panathlon Award

The P.I. Representative Office in Brussels hosted the presentation of Stipendium, a Panathlon Award for the best city project in Flanders promoting the values of Panathlon. This award is funded by the Belgian Lotteries. A jury consisting of both academics and Panathlon members chose the best projects, some of which were presented by large cities such as Antwerp and Ostend. European study on the Manipulation of Sport
In response to the appeal by the Belgian National Platform against Match Fixing, the P.I. Representative Office in Brussels organized a meeting with Mr Goudesone of the National Platform and representatives of 3 Belgian Universities.

The former members of the P.I. CSC Yves Vande Auwele, Philippe Vlaemminck and Paul Standaert took part in the talk aimed at defining the role of the Antenna in this cooperation.

The panel discussed the need for "Evidence-based Data" on this huge problem of Manipulation of Sports. The outcome of the meeting could be a request addressed to the Board to agree to a P.I. partnership in this specific European research programme.

Panathlon International EU Brussels

As the P.I. Representative Office in Brussels (Antenna) is evolving increasingly and becoming an international platform and network, a number of persons have expressed their interest towards becoming Panathlon members.

Since the official language of the Antenna in Brussels is English, the issue of official language to be used by the Panathlon Club was raised.

To answer this question, a new Panathlon Club will be created in Brussels within the end of this year. Its founders, including Paul Standaert and Philippe Vlaemminck, will be Belgian citizens as well as international athletes who will also be Belgian. A president will be elected at the first meeting.

A candidate from Holland has already put forward his name. In order to comply with Belgian Law, this club will be founded in one of Belgium's national languages, however in order to make the Club's communications easier, the probable first President will choose Dutch as the language to be used.

RESEARCH ON OLYMPIC VALUES

Grants for teachers and researchers for studies on eleven priority issues



The IOC olympic studies centre (osc) has launched a new edition of the advanced olympic research grant programme intended for established researchers engaged in olympic-related research.

Main objective

To promote advanced research with a humanities or social sciences perspective by established researchers in priority fields of research, which are identified annually by the IOC. For the 2019/2020 edition, the following list of eleven priority fields of research has been identified dealing with key IOC activity areas:

1. Psychological and emotional health of elite-level athletes after retirement: Awareness, intervention and prevention programmes to protect the athletes.
2. The ethical, legal and social implications of performance-enhancing technologies such as gene-editing tools (e.g. CRISPR), neuro-enhancing tools on the future of athletic performance and athletes' safety.
3. Olympic legacy evaluation – Examining legacies using

empirical, data-driven approaches. Priority will be given to studies looking at under-researched Olympic Games editions: Summer Games held in the period 1972–2004 and Winter Games held in the period 1968–2006 and to Olympic candidatures.

4. Intangible Olympic legacies – Examining the long-term changes initiated by hosting the Olympic Games or the Youth Olympic Games in terms of: a) skills, knowledge and networks; b) policy and governance; and c) intellectual property. The studies should be empirical and look at Olympic Games editions, Youth Olympic Games editions or Olympic candidatures with at least four years of “test of time” (i.e. editions from 2014 or before).

5. Promoting Olympic legacies – Examining how tangible and intangible Olympic legacies are promoted and celebrated during the years/decades following the hosting of the Games.

6. Olympic cities: the role and involvement of the NOCs in host countries in supporting the delivery and promoting the legacy of the Games, and in particular sports practice at local level. Comparison between various Olympic cities

to include the more recent ones.

7. Public perception of the IOC's role and reputation – Examining the public's understanding and knowledge of the IOC's role in society since the 1980s using empirical and data-driven approaches - Analysis and comparison between countries on different continents.

8. To what extent is sport, the Olympic Games and/or the Youth Olympic Games perceived as a means for positive impact on society among the young generation? - Analysis and comparison between countries on different continents.

9. Sports ethics and integrity education – Analysis of effective means and methods to ensure that the ethics and integrity rules and principles established by the Olympic Movement are effectively conveyed and applied in sports governing bodies.

10. Sport for development – Worldwide, continental or regional analysis, inside and outside the Olympic Movement, of the main players (in terms of funding, organisation and implementation), types of partnerships, activities and outcomes.

11. Esports: Support offered by the games publishers and the national esports federations / associations to the players' careers from grassroots to professional level.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

All university professors, lecturers and research fellows who have completed their doctorate and who currently

hold an academic/research appointment/affiliation covering the period of the grant.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Grant Programme Selection Committee is composed of academic experts who are world-renowned for their involvement in Olympic studies. The relevant IOC departments and a selection of peer reviewers are also involved in the selection process.

To find a detailed description of the evaluation and selection process and the pool of Peer-reviewers who have contributed to the programme in the past, please consult our website.

APPLICATION FILES

Application files, and any related correspondence, should be sent to The OSC before 1 February 2019. The complete explanatory document and the application form are available on our website.

The Advanced Olympic Research Grant Programme is one of the two research programmes run by The IOC Olympic Studies Centre. To learn more about the other research opportunities, please click here.

To find out more about The Olympic Studies Centre, please consult our website. If you are interested in our collections, we invite you to discover the Olympic World Library (OWL), a library catalogue, entirely dedicated to Olympic knowledge, giving access to over 30.000 official and academic publications.

Panathlon International wishes to thank the National Association of Cycle and Motorcycle Accessories Manufacturers (ANCMA) which has for many years granted the meeting room facilities of its Milan office to carry out working meetings of Panathlon International's management bodies.

A gesture of Fair Play perfectly in tune with the values of sportsmanship that characterize and unite the two organisms.



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Associazione Nazionale Ciclo Motociclo Accessori

Learning to read helped by sport

A French judo champion and teacher has coded a method for turning this sport into a support for teaching classical subjects

Philippe Ribot, a national judo champion and team manager of the JUDO CLUB GRENOBLE UNIVERSITÉ as well as a talented teacher, passes on his skills to his athletes as the competitions draw closer. He is also a specialist in children's mobility.

Marie Lavastre, a humanities teacher, was assigned by the French National Education Ministry a mission on the subject of fundamental learning. On starting her work as a teacher in a so-called "priority" area in the Paris region, she was committed, not without difficulties, to teaching fundamentals to pupils in the first year of junior high school. We met her:

"You teach French, Latin and Greek (what good exercises for the mind). What input gave you the idea of associating sport with learning to read?"

Living among youngsters, it was obvious to me that the body was the forgotten part of the educational system. Stuck between his chair and desk, a child needs to free his excess energy so as to mobilise his attention. But this is not simple, as the pedagogics of bodily education and movement need schools to have a more suitable architecture. Schools are designed for static face-to-face teaching: the teacher and pupil face each other.

"Perhaps one should think of recovering spaces outside the traditional classroom?"

If you don't mind, I would like to recall a beautiful experience of using the body in learning to read, that Philippe and I had. We were in a difficult district on the outskirts of Grenoble. A public of children mostly from immigrant families and therefore in a situation of acculturation. They had to learn to socialize, to communicate and even to read. Unless they mastered reading they could not be successful at school. Another door through which to drift away. So, to lower the number of children who did not read I resorted to the body, to a playful activity meeting their need for play and movement: judo, an activity leading to interaction between three human dimensions: intellect, the emotional side and physical activity in a child in a situation of learning.

"Can you give us an example of how a lesson takes place?"

One of the first lessons is based on staging a tale. The lesson is based on a sequence of rituals: the judokas, who wear kimonos at a judo club, have to come to the dojo and approach the tatami quietly and then express a greeting with a ritual requiring a bow. Philippe Ribot proceeds to activate the cardiovascular system by means of a game of displacement of the body, first within spatial limits, then between people.

The children learn the codes to be complied with for using the common area of the tatami. The teacher then refers to the title of the tale projected on the screen: "Le serpent Arc-en-ciel" (the Rainbow Snake). "You must move through the mountains like the snake". The children go to different positions on the coloured spaces. This exercise requires the ability to move both slowly and rapidly among the companions lying face down. The instructions are based on orders given in Japanese: sono mama (freeze), mate (wait), hajime (begin).

The teacher asks the children to relax again: lying on the tatami they have to concentrate on their body structures. This exercise makes it possible to get rid of tension, to exteriorise emotion and to prepare the children to enter a situation of intellectual effort. It is also an opportunity to approach the context of the story (place, action) thanks to movement and to illustrate the characters by miming and making movements. Then the reading of the tale starts, which was my job. While the tale is read, slides are shown with information about the fauna, the flora and the subject-matter of the tale.

Expressive reading facilitates understanding and compliance in the child. Each time I stop, the children are asked to reconstruct the story they have heard. To help the exchange of words, a ball is thrown around from one child to another. The aims are to require work based on listening to others, concentrating, imagining, understanding and verbalising.

After the commented reading of the tale, the judo and reading work simultaneously. The judo teacher groups the children together except for one, who volunteers to be the first to read. He works on deciphering a paragraph chosen by me, using his recollection of the tale. The method used is the syllabic method. It is a privileged movement, in which the child can express himself without having to share the words with his schoolmates and be judged by them.

At the same time, the group evolves on the tatami. The judo teacher has planned and timed the exercises illustrating the basic story. By exchanging roles and exercises, he works according to the codes given, understanding and speed of performance. In other exercises, also referred to the tale, the aim is to teach how to perform a technical gesture complying with the indications of sureness: keeping hold of one's partner's sleeve so as to control his fall and also trusting the other person; acting the story by involving the body but also learning the body's structure and reference points in space.

So it is seen that children who find it difficult to learn to read also have problems with expression, references in space and a lack of knowledge of their bodies.

At the end of the lesson, the judo teacher reconstructs the tale with the children, and after this playful and sporting exercise it is time to calm down again. The lesson ends with the greeting rituals.

"How long does a lesson last?"

Two hours, from when the children start to be received.

As we saw with the judo exercises, the child socialises thanks to compliance with the rules and develops a sense of cooperation, but must also learn to manage his emotions in situations of opposition and to develop

interaction between verbalisation and the body as a carrier of communication.

This judo and reading method is also a small cultural capital that gives the child mental images, ideas and vocabulary. Reading associated with judo is de-dramatised, all the more so in that it is accompanied by playing and movement, and therefore with pleasure. The effectiveness of this teaching method associating sport closely with learning to read was proved to us by the children's keen attendance and enthusiasm.

One last question: could you imagine adapting this method to other sports?

Yes, to boxing, fencing, wrestling, taekwondo, running in a challenging spirit ... Any sport can adapt to this method.



Il prof. Philip Ribot e la classe di bambini protagonisti dell'esperienza che fa del judo un supporto all'apprendimento delle materie scolastiche

On a tandem in Peking with dark in the eyes

The man making the journey, aged 28, says: "The limits are only in the mind"

by Valeria Eufemia (*)



Davide, how did this idea start?

«We are the first to go on a tandem, but similar trips have already been made by bicycle and there are even people living by travelling. We decided to have this experience on a tandem, travelling 16,000 kilometres, with an average of about 80 to 100 kilometres a day. The idea came in order to send out a message».

What message?

«One of positivity. We want to show that anyone, even with a problem such as a disability, can manage to do anything. A journey like this shows that the limits are only in our heads. Another aim is to promote the tandem as a means able to improve the quality of life, even socially and culturally. It is the only means facilitating integration, enabling a blind person to play an active role and have a definite interchange with people who can see. It enables the cultural barriers that are still found in some of the countries we will pass through,

where disability is still seen as a limit, to be overcome».

In practical terms, how will you manage to accomplish this feat?

«The bicycle will be a bit like our house, and will become 4 metres long. We will fasten a trolley to the back part and put our luggage in it. We will also fix some bags to the luggage carrier. We will stop in various places to sleep and will go ahead very slowly. It will be a slow but intense journey ».

Who will fund the project?

«We have several sponsors, first and foremost Fainplast, the first company to believe in us. Then the 'Silvia Rinaldi' sports foundation of Bologna has given us some very useful things, such as the little trolley and the GPS system designed specifically for travelling by bicycle. We have received further support from the Spoleto Rotary Club and from 'Makeltalia', a company based in

Modena. The tandem itself was given to us by a couple from Piacenza who have an activity called 'The Flying Tandem'.

This is wonderful, because Diego and Cassandra buy tandems, put them in order again and then give them away. For all the other expenses a crowdfunding process has also been started: the link is available on the 'I to eye' Facebook page».

Will the experience be documented?

«Yes, on the project's Facebook and Instagram pages, where we will tell about the journey with photographs,

tales, videos and interviews. Since I will be unable to take photographs or make videos, I have decided to equip myself with an audio recorder with which I will collect the sounds of our trip. I will create an audio story for the blind ».

(*) Courtesy of "Il resto del Carlino", Ascoli Piceno

A DATE IN TORTOSA

A special Panathlon award at the CSIT World Sport Games

Co-operation with the great world-wide organisation that combines sport and the world of work gets stronger

Co-operation between Panathlon International and C.S.I.T. (Confédération Sportive Internationale du Travail), the great organisation patronising sport that brings together the values of sport, social relations and work is continuing and gaining new initiatives. C.S.I.T. has a history of over one century of activity. It is exactly 106 years old as it was founded in Ghent in 1913, spreading rapidly all over the world, now reaching about forty Member Countries with over one hundred million members. The corresponding organisation in Italy is AICS, Associazione Italiana Cultura e Sport (the Italian Association of Culture and Sport) founded in 1962 in Rome, which now has just under one million members. The latest President was Bruno Molea, a panathlete from Forlì, until he was elected President of CSIT.

The earliest relations date back to 2015, when a Panathlon delegation took part in the CSIT World Games taking place in Lignano Sabbiadoro. The then President Giacomo Santini had the opportunity to present Panathlon's aims and values during the General Meeting in the presence of delegates from all over the world, and then during a public discussion on ethics and social sport, together with the then president Harald Bauer and the President of AICS Bruno Molea, who is now International President.

Thanks precisely to Molea, in 2015 a stand was placed at Panathlon's disposal for a whole week. It was manned by two people from the Rapallo secretariat and was at the disposal of the thousands of athletes and managers coming from all over the world, who received promotional material and enjoyed face-to-face meetings.

President Pierre Zappelli resumed this important co-operation by attending the CSIT congress in Tortosa, looking forward to the World Sport Games due to be held this year in that Spanish city. On this occasion the new special Panathlon-CSIT award was presented. It will be assigned every two years during the CSIT World Sports Games, starting in 2019 in Tortosa.

All individuals under the age of 18, with no distinctions, can be candidates. The prize will be a trophy assigned following initiatives or action undertaken in the two years leading up to the CSIT World Sports Games or as recognition of a person's sport-related merits. In assigning this award, the organisers wish to recognise, to reward and to celebrate people who have honoured and supported such fundamental principles through their example and actions. The award is the peak of all the nominations received by the CSIT management, since they all promote and celebrate sport. Nominations for the award must be submitted by CSIT to Panathlon International within the end of January at the latest of the year in which CSIT World Sports Games are to be held.

For 2019, the deadline was postponed until the end of March 2019. The winner will be invited to attend the CSIT World Sports Games for the first time in Tortosa in 2019. One of the award's aims is to encourage, coordinate and promote development of the ideal of sport and its moral and cultural values, in all those countries in which the CSIT has been established. The award grants all CSIT members in the various countries the possibility to nominate candidates who have stood out in supporting the ethical and cultural values of sport.

Cassocks, too, on the race track with "Athletica Vaticana"

A fully-fledged sports group has been founded and will take part in official competitions



The "Sport for Humanity" initiative, launched by Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi four years ago with a world-wide event in which Panathlon International also took part, has opened the Vatican's door wide to sport. After promoting conventions and debates on the values, also of a spiritual nature, that could arise from the correct practicing of sport, the Undersecretary of the Pontifical Cultural Council, Monsignor Melchor José Sánchez de Toca y Alameda, decided to promote a genuine fellowship based on sport with competitive aims among the personnel populating the Vatican City.

This is how "Athletica Vaticana" started. It consists of sixty athletes from different backgrounds who work in the Holy See: Swiss Guards, gendarmes, male and female clerical personnel, employees of the Vatican Museums and priests and nuns, too.

The Vatican's Secretariat of State decided to give this fellowship a legal form able to place it on a par with those of other countries, so as to enable its athletes to enter the official competitions, under the aegis of FIDAL, the Italian Track and Field Federation.

This action was inspired by an explicit plea by Pope Francis, who said that priests and nuns, too, should bring a Christian testimony into the streets, coming into direct contact with every expression of social life, including "among men and women who are passionate about sport". That said and done, the team of Vatican athletes has been active since 1st January, and now all that remains is to see it playing in official competitions.

Athletica Vaticana, however, is not the first sport-related occurrence inside the Vatican. For some time now there have already been both a football team and a Saint Peter's Cricket Club, however these sports groups are active inside the Vatican for recreational purposes rather than distinctly competitive.

Athletica Vaticana is the first to be recognised abroad, and will pave the way for another ambitious project by Monsignor Melchor José Sánchez de Toca y Alameda, that is to say to found a group of experimental paralympic athletes, with a view to reaching an agreement with the Italian Paralympic Committee.

Track and field sports will, in any case, be the first to bring the Vatican's sports talents out through the Leonine Walls, and who knows, with the Good Lord's help, perhaps sooner or later they will also be talked about at "Olympic" level!

G.S.

Parents acting as fans insult a trainer who withdraws his team

A great example of ethics in sport by a young trainer who, after six defeats, was at last winning, but refused to go any further

by Giacomo Santini

Here we go again: parents giving a bad example. A dreadful example in front of their children and the world of sport, and contrary to ethics applied to sport. This happened (once again) in Italy, specifically in a small town called Carpenedolo, in the province of Brescia. But it could have happened anywhere and in any gym where a growl can be heard from a certain kind of parents who really feel that their child is a misunderstood champion, and that to prove it they have to win always, everywhere, against anybody. Otherwise either the child is a failure or the others, those who beat him, are all thieves. In the gym at Carpenedolo a very normal basketball match was being played between boys under 13, an age at which they usually think of enjoying themselves and of fighting for the ball and dream of shooting it through the iron hoop and nothing more. The members of the opposite team are friends wearing shirts of a different colour but who have the same feelings and aims: to enjoy themselves, whatever the scoreboard says. Not the parents. They are there in order to win at all costs and to protect their precious children, preventing them from being undervalued by trainers who keep them too long on the benches, or mistreated by referees who have grudges against them and them only. You wonder what these parents have instead of brains, and what kind of a relationship they have with their children off the playing field. We are talking about basketball here but the same thing (or even worse) happens in football too.

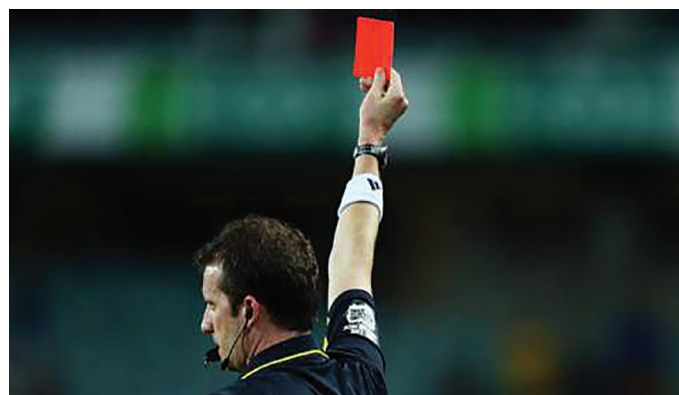
The fact is that in Carpenedolo a team of boys that had lost six matches in a row and was at last about to win one was withdrawn by its (heroic) trainer in order to teach a lesson to parents who, foaming at their mouths, were ranting against his players and against the referee. According to those parents, or rather monsters, he was guilty of not punishing the opponents of their darlings strictly enough.

Yes, well, the referee. He, too, was only thirteen and had just finished attending the federal courses and was refereeing his first matches. A child playing at being a referee among children playing basketball. A rosy setting if it hadn't been for those parents who upset everything. The trouble started when, at the beginning of the third quarter, the child referee was accused of failing to blow the whistle due to foul play by the visiting team and received a barrage of insults and violent offences.

Marco Guazzi, trainer of the leading team, asked for the game to be stopped and approached the group of furious parents, asking whether they really thought that they should behave in that way, against children of the same age as their own. He received his own share of insults. Guazzi is 25 years old, so he too was still young, but had received proper training in ethics and sport, and above all he had a model character.

He called together his young players and then went to the young referee, thanked him for his refereeing and comforted him for the insults by the parents who had lost their tempers. Guazzi urged him to continue acting as a referee in future and informed him that he had decided to withdraw his team from the match, knowing very well that this would make him lose the match by forfeit with a score of 0 to 20.

But with his decision, this trainer won a far more important match in the hearts of his players, who understood the meaning of his act, and in the brains of those enraged parents, among whom it is hoped some would be



capable of self-criticism when, after the match, a few trickles of common sense, might find their way through. This occurrence was among those that, in 2014, inspired Panathlon International to circulate the "Charter of Parental Duties in Sport".

Many copies of it have been circulated on the playing fields of a number of sports. It must be hoped some of the parents and fans will one day come across one and stop to read a few articles of the guide. They would certainly understand better the limits of their roles as parents or fans, in the interests of correct education of their children, and perhaps they might even learn to feel a little ashamed.

BASKIN, UNDIFFERENTIATED BASKETBALL, HAS BEEN FOUNDED

Able-bodied and disabled boys and girls all play together

by Carlo Bellieni (*)

If we were to draw up a list of significant events in 2018, I would gladly see an event that nobody has mentioned but that is changing for the better the lives of many boys and girls and families: the step made by a particular sport, occupying a really innovative niche.

This is Baskin. The name, which will not say much to very many people, actually means “integrated basket”, and it has now held its very first European championships, showing that this sport movement is gaining a firm footing and is now recognised at continental level.

What is it? That’s easy: it is a way of using one’s own energy in basket-ball on the basis of one’s own characteristics, putting on the same team both able-bodied and disabled players. Is this forcing things, or is it folklore? Not at all, unless you have that very narrow view of sport according to which sport is sport only when it has ultra-millionaire sponsors.

The city of Cremona is a pioneer in this sport, and the Baskin Cremona site reads: “Baskin is a new sport, inspired by basketball but with special and innovative features. The game is governed by 10 rules, giving it incredibly rich features in terms of dynamics and unpredictability.

This new sport has been thought up in order to allow both able-bodied and disabled youngsters to play on the same team (consisting of both boys and girls!). Indeed, baskin makes it possible for players with any type of disability (whether physical or mental) to join in actively as long as they can shoot the ball. This leads to doubts about the stiff structures of official sports, and this proposal, made at school, becomes a society workshop”.

So it is worthwhile to challenge our concept of sport: from an event for just a few super-athletes to a popular movement. Already some time ago I had advocated the end of the separation existing in sporting events between sports for able-bodied athletes and parallel (Pa-





ralympic) sports, as if the latter were simply an appendix to the former. Now baskin is actually breaking this pattern, bringing everyone, really everyone, together, and the result is beautiful, pleasant, fun and convincing. It is also worthwhile to leave room for processing new ways of getting together, that once they grow and become structured reach out of the spontaneous field of play and turn into sport.

But who will bear such a disruptive innovation in a liquid society in which everything has to be standardized and flattened, destroying differences?

Such a liquid and tasteless society in the end becomes plaster-cast and sclerotic?

The Italian Education Ministry has undertaken to promote baskin in schools, signing a protocol of understanding with the Association. Baskin is spreading rapidly also outside schools, In 2013 about forty amateur sports associations in Italy had baskin teams. By 2018 there were about eighty of them, in many different regions of Italy: the Aosta Valley, Piedmont, Lombardy, Trentino, Veneto, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Emilia Romagna, Marche, Tuscany, Lazio, Campania, Puglia and Sicily. Baskin has also already crossed frontiers, reaching France, Spain, Greece and Luxemburg.

So baskin is strong, but it has to grow more; it is a real sport, not aid-based, and it deserves room and care. In a world of protocols and routines, this small but innovative flower that is expanding and flowering must not be allowed to wither. Baskin must move ahead.

Incidentally, the European Championships were won by the team "Il Costone" from Siena. Congratulations to all the players.

(*) Courtesy of "Il Sussidiario.net"

EWOS 2018: WHAT A SUCCESS!

The title was: "European Week of Sport", that is to say a week to be dedicated to a sports activity. The campaign was launched by the European Commission and hundreds of sports organisations all over Europe joined in. Panathlon played its part, with many clubs that invented fanciful forms of activity in order to provide their own contributions. Following is a summary account

THE ARIANO IRPINO PANATHLON CLUB The "La Zita 2018" Toy Library

The Panathlon Club of Ariano Irpino took part in Panathlon International's European Week of Sport with its project "Sport ... a lifestyle", through the activities performed by the children of the "La Tartaruga" (The Tortoise) summer toy library.

The children's finals were held on Sunday, 9th September starting at 11.20 a.m. They were organised by the "La Tartaruga" Club, the "Il Paese dei Balocchi" association, the theatrical association "La Fermata" and the Panathlon Club, which assigned the Fair Play Prize.

The topic of the exhibition was "La Zita", aimed at passing the traditions of our town down to the new generations.



THE BELGIUM DISTRICT Fitness and a conference in Brussels

Two events organised at the PI Representative Office in Brussels characterised the European Week of Sport. On Monday 24th there was a fitness race, in which many employees of the Flanders Ministry of Sport and other organisations took part.

The International Board Member Paul Standaert and the President of the Belgium District Thierry Zintz represented the Panathlon Club and also joined in the fitness session actively. Those present received T-shirts and towels (bearing the P.I. logo as a sign of their participation).

On Tuesday 25th there was a conference with the Honorary Member Yves Vanden Auweele as the main speaker. Thanks to its profitable co-operation with European Lotteries and ENGSO, Panathlon has consolidated the basis for future actions and projects.

The International Board Member Paul Standaert also had the opportunity to meet Carlos Cardoso, President of ENGSO (and of the Sports Federations of Portugal), who attended both events in that week.



THE ENNA PANATHLON CLUB At the University and in the city square



The Panathlon Club of Enna played an active role in organising the European Week of Sport. With a slight change to the original plan, this was promoted and organised jointly with the Kore University of Enna's course in Sports Science, with the patronage of the Enna City Council, the cooperation of the Provincial Health Authority, CONI and the provincial Italian Paralympic Committee.

The Enna Club supplied an important contribution, with both information seminars and demonstrations of the practice of play, movement and sport. This highlighted the concept that the "European Week of Sport" is an initiative of the European Commission aimed at promoting motor and sporting activities enhancing the value of the meaning of the movement in terms of education and health, in line with the provisions of the Health-Enhancing Physical Activity (HEPA) Recommendation.

Several different activities and initiatives were developed during the week, with demonstrations of sports in the town squares of Enna and seminars during which important and topical issues were developed. In particular, on 25th September the Panathlon Club organised a seminar at the Kore University on the subject of "Movement, Health and Sport for One's Whole Life". Among other things, this included a report by the Panathlete Roberto Camelia (the boxing referee with a prosthesis) who had fought so hard to have his role as a referee recognised once again among the able-bodied referees. He talked to the many guests present, including a log of young students, on the topic: "Sport as a tool for social integration".

What is more, the Club's members helped to organise the two days of demonstrations of games and motor and sporting activities. On the morning of 28th September on the squares of the city of Enna there were demonstrations of Basketball, Gymnastics, Sport Dance and Judo, and on Saturday, 29th September at the "Tino Pregadio" athletics ground, also in Enna, there were exhibitions and demonstrations of Volleyball, Handball, Walking Football, Tennis, Taekwondo, Karate and Latin American Dancing.

THE GENOVA LEVANTE PANATHLON CLUB **A derby for charity**



The now traditional football match between disabled teams was held once again this year. Organised by the Genova Levante Panathlon Club, and under the patronage of the U.C. Sampdoria football club, the Liguria Regional Council and the Genoa and Bogliasco town councils, it took place on 15th September on the Bogliasco field, placed kindly at disposal by the Tre Campanili Association.

The disabled athletes, members of the DiverTime Sport and BIC Basket Genova in Carrozzina Association, were split by their trainers into two groups, one of fans of the Genoa team and the other of fans of the Sampdoria team. Wearing the shirts of these two teams, they gave rise to a lively match that was enjoyable and captivating thanks to the athletes' commitment.

In presenting the athletes, the President Giorgio Migo-ne pointed out how this was a special match, for special youngsters, in which the colours of the Genoa and Sampdoria teams blended into a single colour, that of loyalty, friendship, enjoyment and integration. True Fair Play. When the players reached the field, the Philharmonic Band of Sussisa played the national anthem. Among other people, the match was attended by the Regional CONI President Antonio Micillo, the Mayor of Bogliasco Gianluigi Brisca, the Right Honourable Pastorino, the town counsellor responsible for sport Stefano Anzalone, the Deputy Police Commissioner Stefano Perria and other military, civilian and sports authorities. They all spoke briefly, expressing their compliments to the President and to all the members for their activity featuring a high social value and for the great organisation.

As always, the match was also for charity. Funds were collected and immediately handed over to the home for the disabled "Noi per la Vita", organised in the style of a family and based at No. 43 of Salita Bersesio in Genoa-Sampierdarena. Its members were adopted by our Club from the point of view of sport and attended the match.

THE LECCO PANATHLON CLUB LECCO **Like mini-Olympics**

Passwords: sport and sharing. This is how Sunday at the "Cascina Le Trote Blu" farmstead in Primaluna could be summarised. It acted as a theatre for the Great Challenge, an event devised by the Lecco Panathlon Club for the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation. Starting at two o'clock in the afternoon, fifteen teams of nine athletes each played all sorts of sports against each other, experiencing a day of sport and fun according to the values represented by Panathlon, first and foremost fair play. The sports played were mountain biking, ski roll, cross-country running, mountain running, paragliding, horse riding



and Special Olympics (badminton, riding, ski roll and cross-country skiing). In the evening the athletes received their prizes from the President of the Lecco fellowship Riccardo Benedetti.

"It really was a fantastic day, part of the European Week of

Sport", he commented, "This challenge contained all the Panathlon values: fair-play, young people and the disabled. I must thank the member and my friend Adriano Airoldi for his hospitality and, as a native of the Sassina Valley, the valley and the many possibilities of practising sports here.

THE MESSINA PANATHLON CLUB

The "Parolymparty"

The Messina Panathlon Club joined in the European Week of Sport under the auspices of #BEACTIVE by participating actively in an event called the "Parolymparty". It was a sports exhibition involving hundreds of people, intended for the whole population but particularly for the disabled.



THE MOLFETTA PANATHLON CLUB

An amateur walk

In the framework of the EWoS (European Week of Sport) organised by the Commission of the European Union and the Sports Department of the Presidency of the Italian Council of Ministers, the Molfetta Panathlon Club organised an amateur walk that, starting out from the Paolo Poli Sports Field, passed by the Palazzetto Nunzio Fiorentini building in the square named after Don Sturzo and ended at the Palazzetto Giosuè Poli building. In each facility, sports experts explained how they were used, the type of users, and the problems of amateur and professional sports in Molfetta. Some members, who had practical experience in the field of sport and management of sports associations, told about their experiences.

The about sixty people who went on the walk included both Panathlon members and ordinary citizens.



THE NAPLES PANATHLON CLUB

Over 65: sport yes, but not competitive!

It is possible to overcome the psychological and physical barriers that tend to occur up when aging by playing walking football and basketball, as proposed by the Naples Panathlon Club. The carefully thought-out approach for helping the over sixty-fives is to strictly avoid running and any type of contact between players, in an endeavour to expressly reduce competition, so as to avoid useless and bothersome injuries.

This gives rise to activity for no longer young: there are two sports specifically for aging athletes, thanks to the project decided upon in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius by the President of the Naples Panathlon Club Francesco Schillirò. The initiative, approved in the European Week of Sport (EWOS 2018 Beactive), has already been widely agreed to. «Our aim is to stimulate people not in favour of our goal to get moving. Our mission is to offer a useful service to society», stated Schillirò at the start of the conference in the so-called Trophy Hall of the Circolo Posillipo.

Sergio Roncelli, President of CONI for the Campania region, agreed in full with this approach. «What are required in order to spread sport adequately sport as a model for life are skills, knowledge and ability. Panathlon Naples can help to organise of the side events accompanying the 2019 Universiade».

The first step is to take off your slippers and wear comfortable gym shoes. «Paying attention to health means active lifestyles, intelligent opposition to being sedentary and social aggregation», added the former football referee Liberato Esposito, who illustrated the rules of walking football, with no offside and two halves lasting 20 minutes each, with a quarter of an hour's break between them. «2018 is the year of prevention: being sedentary increases one's risk factors», added Roald Vento, President of Panathlon Trapani, who was once a good player, playing several times in "Serie A" matches.



THE OZIERI PANATHLON CLUB

Sedentariness and obesity

The Conference on "SEDENTARINESS AND OBESITY" organised by the Ozieri Panathlon Club in the f2018 EWoS (European Week of Sport) took place on the splendid premises of the Regional Wine Museum in Berchidda. Over 150 people came, representing schools, sports associations, health services, families and various bodies, including the Sardinian Regional Council. The opening speeches

by the President of the Ozieri Panathlon Club Raimondo Meledina, by the mayor of Berchidda Andrea Nieddu, by the Governor of Sardinia Area 13 Lello Petretto and by the representative of the Regional Councillor's Office for Culture and Sport Dario Cuccuru, were followed by a report by Dr. Filippo Fele, a paediatrician and past-president of the Ozieri Panathlon Club. The crowded hall found it very interesting. It was about what can be rightly defined as a predominant pathology that is becoming more common all the time. He answered exhaustively the many questions he was asked.



THE PAVIA PANATHLON CLUB "Bicycling"

At the time of #BEACTIVE, the 2018 European Week of Sport (EWoS), the Pavia Panathlon Club decided to join in, as proposed by its member Gianandrea Nicolai, contact person and member of the "Board for the Young". It organised a bicycle ride open to everyone, whether young or not so young, able-bodied or disabled. Hand-bikes were in order, as well as tricycles and tandems. The ride took place



on the cycle path linking Certosa, Borgarello and Pavia, with the support of these three towns. Gianandrea Nicolai, with the cooperation, from time to time, of other members of the Governing Board, acted in good time, calling meetings and getting together with the representatives of the towns and various organisations involved. The event took place under the patronage of the towns of Pavia, Certosa di Pavia and Borgarello, with the cooperation of the Pavia Branch and national Federazione Italiana Amici della Bicicletta (Italian Cycling Friends Federation), as well as of many Volunteer Associations of the towns of Borgarello and Certosa di Pavia. It has been included in the framework of the European Week of Sustainable Mobility and in the Sport Exhibiton, an event promoted by the Pavia Provincial Delegation of CONI.

As agreed, everyone met early in the morning, at 8.45 a.m., in the parking area in front of the "Pietro Fortunati" municipal stadium. The sky was not very clear and it was quite damp. Everything pointed towards a "healthy" sweat for the cyclists. Among the first to arrive were Club Treasurer Antonio Maggi, who was one of the upholders of the event, together with Gianandrea Nicolai, the main promoter. Then there were the Vice President of the Club Lorenzo Castorina, the contact person of the Culture Commission Angelo Porcaro, the Honorary President Federico Martinotti and, last but not least, the International Board Member Lorenzo Branzoni and the President Marisa Arpesella, here in two roles. Indeed, she is also the new president of the "Croce Verde Pavese", which is one of the advocates of the idea and works closely on the event.

The planned route is about 20 km long, that should be completed in just over a couple of hours, including possible stops. No detailed list of riders was drawn up, but at 9:15 a.m., when the group started off, it consisted of at least eighty people.

Arrival at Castello Visconteo took place at about 11:40 a.m. Closing of the event was entrusted to the Mayor of Pavia Massimo Depaoli, who thanked all the participants and praised the initiative, hoping that it could be repeated in future.

THE PIACENZA PRIMOGENITA PANATHLON CLUB Dedicated to disabled youngsters



The Piacenza Primogenita Panathlon Club honoured the proposal of EWoS 2018 by adding it to the project "Friendship through arts and sports". It was promoted by the European ERASMUS PLUS Programme, which intends to facilitate exchanges among young people aged between

13 and 25, including those with disabilities (the age range was chosen by the 4 countries taking part in this specific project. i.e. Italy, Sweden, Ukraine and Lithuania), all belonging to the European Union.

THE RAVENNA PANATHLON CLUB

Sport at the boathouse

The Ravenna Panathlon Club was in the European Week of Sport under the auspices of #BEACTIVE, organising a



multi-sports event on the sea shore.

The initiative, called "Sport at the Boathouse", was organised jointly with the Ravenna CONI Point and with the support of 18 sports federations.

For a few days the city's boathouse was became a small city of sport, where young people were able to learn about and try various types of sport, helped by the federal technical staff, with a view to enhancing the development of a broad sporting culture open to the richness of sport.

The pupils of the schools and the whole town, young people and not so young, tried out exhibitions and tests, increasing their knowledge and encouraging new passions, not only for a given sport but also for sport as a school of life and psychophysical training.

THE SICRACUSA PANATHLON CLUB

Ethical labels and gym trials

The Siracusa Panathlon Club celebrated the European Week of Sport with a conference on "Ethics in Sport and Relations between Parents and Children". After this, plaques



were awarded to four athletes from Sicuracusa who had stood out particularly in their sports. Lastly, gym trials were organised for both able-bodied and Paralympic athletes. These events were held in the Palacorso and Paralobello facilities where, in a separate seminar, the importance of sport for the education of young people was discussed.

In the Akradina gym, the talk was introduced by Rodolfo Zappalà, President of the Club, who then left the floor to Nicola Garozzo of the Governing Board. The town councillor for sport Nicola Lo Iacono was also present and joined in the discussion, as well as conveying the greetings of the Mayor Francesco Italia.

Recognitions went to Vincenzo Maiorca and Pino Cortese for skating, to Martina Arsi for twirling and to Irene Burgo for canoeing.

Then a new plate comparing the rights of young people and the duties of parents in sport was illustrated.

The group of participants then went to the Palalobello building where a second Panathlon plate with the same contents at the first was placed.

THE TIGULLIO CHIAVARI PANATHLON CLUB

A basketball tournament for the young

The third basketball tournament for the young named after Carlo Parpaglione was held in Lavagna on 20th September and was attended by sixty female athletes, trainers, referees and judges and many other people and family members accompanying the girls playing in the games. Organised by the Polysport Basket Association of Lavagna with the



support of the Tigullio Chiavari Panathlon Club, the event featured the presence of plenty of public, who sat on the bleachers of the stadium for the whole tournament, following the matches and prize-giving ceremony with competence and enthusiasm.

The matches were played by the teams from Lavagna, La Spezia, Savona and Pontedera.

The tournament is named after Carlo Parpaglione, former manager of Polysport Basket Lavagna, who died in 2014. He was also President of the Tigullio Chiavari Panathlon Club for two terms of office, for a total of six years.

Inclusion of the 2018 event in the calendar of the European Week of Sport gave it a highly moral meaning and the response of the athletes and public was equally well convinced.

Before the prize-giving, the President of the Tigullio Chiavari Panathlon Club, accompanied by Mrs Marie Claude Parpaglione and by Mr Gianluigi Rotta of the organising association and member of the Panathlon Club, illustrated the aims of the European Week of Sport and of Beactive, and the importance of working all together for the physical health and mental wellbeing of individuals through sport and movement. The players and the public expressed their approval with a standing ovation.

Everyone who played was given a poster of the event bearing the symbols of Beactive, EWoS and Panathlon, as well as the Charters of the Sporting Rights of the Young and of

Parental Duties.

In addition to the winning team Amatori Basket Savona, special recognitions went to Michela Fantoni for "Twenty years of competitive career with no sanctions by referees and with irreproachable behaviour both on and off the field" and to Greta Donati for "The correctness shown during the event and in particular for changing a referee's decision, turning it against herself".

THE TRAPANI PANATHLON CLUB

Prevention, sport and fair play

A day devoted to the values of sport, fair play and the importance of prevention. Villa Margherita hosted a beautiful event, in the framework of the "European Week of Sport and Prevention" called by the European Commission and organised in Trapani by Panathlon. The event involved a large number of schools in Trapani, Erice and Paceco, the Sports Groups of the 6th "Bersaglieri" Regiment, the Italian Air Force's 37th Formation, the Trapani Calcio football club, the Pallacanestro Trapani basketball club and the Trapani Scherma fencing club.

Street artists and other lively activities filled the whole day with joy. On the stage at Villa Margherita the administrative, sport and military authorities greeted everyone, stressing the importance of prevention and the educational values of sport and fair play.

Along the entrance to Villa Margherita the Army, the Air



Force and the Red Cross organised stands illustrating their functions to the many young people attending. Inside the building there was a photo exhibition on the subject of "Sport in Trapani in the 20th Century".

THE UDINE PANATHLON CLUB

A cheerful race through the fields

To celebrate the European Week of Sport, the Panathlon Club in Udine chose the open countryside. A cross-country race was organised, leaving competition in the back-



ground and letting the atmosphere of a cheerful holiday prevail. The place chosen was among the most pleasant, in the area of Campoformido, where everyone could choose their own level of commitment, between two lengths, that is to say 5 or 15 km, depending on their own physical possibilities.

There was no lack of family groups, who took advantage of the beautiful sunny day to enjoy a healthy picnic and breathe the fresh air. Of course, the management of the Panathlon Club did not fail to point out the aim of being in the European Week of Sport and of remembering the panathletic values summarised in the Charters of the Sporting Rights of the Young and of Parental Duties.

THE VITERBO PANATHLON CLUB

Sport as an elixir of youth

"Super adults, sport as an elixir of youth". This was the captivating title of a conference held at the Balletti Park Hotel of San Martino promoted by the Viterbo Panathlon Club presided over by Angelo Landi. The subject was sport practiced by the "not so young", increasingly present in



today's society.

Present were Riccardo Viola, the CONI Regional Delegate, Mrs Troncarelli, the Viterbo Town Councillor for Social Policies, Pietro Pallini as Vice President of the Italy District and Massimo Zichi, Governor of the Panathlon Lazio Area, as well as members of Panathlon and of other local associations. The main speech was given by Michele Panzarino, professor of Physical Education in the Elderly and currently President of the Academy of Sports Culture. This eminent speaker, whose ideas were confirmed also by Antonio Lanzetti, President of the Viterbo Medical Association, stated how it has been proved statistically that practising sports, even of a competitive nature, albeit with moderation, by the over sixties makes them live longer and consolidates their wellbeing.

Essentially, practising sport, even competitive sport, with moderation, without any "help" from drugs, is a natural treatment against the aggression of old age on the body. A good mood, a positive attitude to life, and interest in something is the consequence of sports activities practiced by pensioners and citizens of both sexes.

Dr. Panzarino also presented a recent book, "Manuale motorio dell'anziano" (Old People's Movement Manual), written by him together with other specialists in this field and published by Calzetti Mariucci. After handing over gifts and acknowledgements to the speakers, President Landi closed the conference, which was followed by a convivial meal for the Members and their guests.

Sport and climate change

Deep concern and commitment of the IOC within the UNO to safeguard the Olympic Games from the risks of natural disasters

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As world leaders at the UN Climate Change Summit in Poland prepare to implement the Paris Agreement to limit the rise of global temperatures to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has taken on a leadership role in the new UN Sports for Climate Action Initiative, which aims to drive climate action across the sports community.

The Initiative was launched today by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in partnership with the IOC, at a High-Level Event of the Summit. It aims to set the course for the sports world to address climate change through concrete commitments and partnerships, while applying verified standards to measure, reduce and report greenhouse gas emissions – in line with the Paris Agreement.

“Addressing climate change is everyone’s responsibility, and the IOC treats it very seriously – as an organisation, as the owner of the Olympic Games and as the leader of the Olympic Movement,” said IOC President Thomas Bach. “Sport is about action, and today the world needs urgent action to limit the rise of global temperatures.

The Olympic Movement and the sports community at large are committed to making their contribution to the Sports for Climate Action Initiative.”

“The IOC is proud to have taken on a leadership role in the Sports for Climate Action Initiative,” said HSH Prince Albert II, Chair of the IOC Sustainability and Legacy Commission, speaking at the event. “With its global reach, universal appeal and the power to inspire and influence millions of people around the globe, sport is uniquely placed to drive global climate action and encourage crowds to join in.

As countries here in Katowice prepare to turn their climate commitments into reality, we stand ready to leverage the power of sport to support their efforts.”

Sport is already being heavily impacted by climate change. Unreliable snow and warm winters are threa-

tening winter sports, and rising summer temperatures and unpredictable weather patterns are increasingly challenging for summer sports athletes, event organisers and spectators.

The Sports for Climate Action Framework calls on the sports world – including sports federations, leagues and clubs – to jointly develop a climate action agenda for sport, adhering to five principles: promoting greater environmental responsibility, reducing overall climate impact, educating for climate action, promoting sustainable and responsible consumption, and advocating for climate action through communication. The Initiative also aims to use sport to drive global climate awareness and action.

The IOC, the Organising Committees for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024, and sports organisations such as World Sailing, the World Surf League, Roland Garros and Forest Green Rovers – a UK-based, professional football club dedicated to “greening up” football – have all signed the Framework. Athletes from around the world have sent words of support for the Initiative.

As part of its leadership role, the IOC will support the signatories in understanding and implementing the guiding principles of the Initiative.

To support the Framework, the IOC released two practical guides today: “Carbon Footprint Methodology for the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games”, which provides detailed guidance to the Organising Committees on how to measure the carbon footprint of the Olympic and Paralympic Games; and “Sports for Climate Action”, published in collaboration with the UNFCCC, which aims to provide the Olympic Movement at large with a general understanding of the issues related to climate change and managing carbon emissions.

Sustainability is a working principle of the Olympic Movement and one of the three pillars of its strategic roadmap for the future – Olympic Agenda 2020.



Climate change has a prominent place in the IOC's sustainability work: it is one of the five focus areas and a cross-cutting theme of the IOC's Sustainability Strategy. The IOC's long-term strategic intent for 2030 is to put in place effective carbon reduction strategies for operations and events, in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

As owner of the Olympic Games, the IOC now requests the Organising Committees for the Olympic Games to develop carbon-management plans, including action to promote low-carbon solutions and compensate greenhouse gas emissions.

As an organisation, the IOC has put in place carbon-reduction measures and is compensating its residual emissions thanks to its Official Carbon Partner, Dow.

As the leader of the Olympic Movement, the IOC is also providing one-on-one guidance and support on climate-related issues to International Sports Federations and National Olympic Committees.

The UN Climate Change Summit (COP24) is taking place from 2 to 14 December in Katowice, Poland. During the Summit, countries are expected to finalise the Paris Agreement Work Programme, which is needed to

implement the Paris Agreement and limit the rise of global temperatures to 1.5°C.

Look at that! e-sports are discovering fair play

Tricks, combines, rigged software, strategic espionage, stream-sniping, bets and other such deformations make the Olympic ambitions of these electronic competitions less and less plausible

The enthralling discussion that has started also among Panathlon International members on the subject of e-sports can find further fuel in news coming from that world that many still find it difficult to consider one of sport, and even more so they cannot consider it comparable to the field of Olympic sports it longs to belong to.

e-sports are discovering fair play. This is seen in the document set forth below, revealing scenarios compared with which problems such as doping, betting and match-fixing affecting traditional sports pale.

"One of the greatest values of sport is without doubt fair play: playing correctly according to the rules and without resorting to tricks aimed at deception.

This issue has always aroused every enthusiast and has definitely also been passed on to electronic sports. In e-sports, whoever tries to be too smart pays a price for this. A bit like in football or in tennis, whether about doping or combines.

In e-sport, too, play should be fair. Since this phenomenon is growing fast, new methods of trickery arriving every so often are always being

tested by whoever intends to win at all costs, not caring about rules. The most widely used system for tricking consists of using rigged software capable of affecting performance or the results of competitions, above all in networked tournaments.

It is no coincidence, however, that scandals occur fairly regularly among those who practice stream sniping (real-time spying on one's opponent while playing against him) and those embroiled in murky affairs connected with betting.

There can be serious disqualifications, even able to put an end to a player's career, as in the recent PUBG scandal, for example, which led to a three-year ban from playing for the guilty parties.

But disqualification of a pro player from a match or even from a whole title is the least that can happen, and is often accompanied by a fine or, in some countries (in South Korea, for example), even by a prison sentence. Indeed, the penalties are often applied to the whole team to which the player belongs (if acquiescent), or end up by involving players who may not have taken part in the cheating at all."



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Great attention paid to the field of sport /handicap

by Charles-Henry Massy

During the paraplegic athlete Silke Pan's conference in Monthey (in the canton of Valais), the Chablais Panathlon Club, which organised the "Course des deux Chapelles", announced a record level of generosity. Records are made so as to be beaten: so much money had never been distributed before by the club service! The young talents Ugo Ballerini (BMX), Nathan Bonzon (foot racing), Jade Dubi (ice hockey) and Arnaud Guex (cross-country skiing) will see their positions confirmed in 2019. The Commission, which investigates the candidate's files, has announced that three new athletes will be sponsored. Their names will be revealed early in the year. So there will be seven active sponsorships – a record.

In addition to these annual grants, in 2018 the local Panathlon Club supported the challenges of Silke Pan (passing over the crossings of the Pyrenees with a hand-bike) and Maureen Jordan (athletics at an American university), as well as Charlotte Chable's return to competitive sport (Alpine skiing).

Shared generosity

The proceeds from the Monthey - Les Giettes race, the funds raised and the contributions enabled distribution of the record amount of 15,000 francs. Many thanks and applause to the contributors!

The Club also places its members' skills at the service of the sponsored athletes, and we must not forget that during the fourth Course des deux Chapelles, the Association for Orphaned and Ill Children of Monthey will sell sweets, as had already been done with great success for "Ensemble contre la bestiole" (Together against the Beasts).

My handicap, my strength

Having become paraplegic, Silke Pan is always looking for new projects. On Tuesday, 4th December 2018, at the "Casa della gioventù" of Monthey (Valais), Silke Pan won over the public, presenting for the first time her crossing of the Pyrenees with the strength of her arms alone. "I have turned my handicap into a strength", declared the acrobat.

Cards for parents

The Club has published a collection of cards, including those on children's rights in sport, downloadable from the site www.panathlon.org

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Some of the athletes being sponsored in 2019 (from the left) Jade Dubi, Nathan Bonzon and Arnaud Guex [© Jérôme Genet].



The paraplegic athlete Silke Pan [© Jérôme Genet].

The ethical function of football in Cucchi's radio reports



Da sinistra : Giuseppe Bova, Antonio Laganà, Tonino Raffa, Giuseppe Viola e Riccardo Cucchi

"Radiogol" provides an example of a peaceful and educational style for reporting on great football events. Encounters with the most important sports press and with authors of prestige have by now become a central aspect of the Reggio Calabria Panathlon Club's programme. After those with Matteo Marani and Marino Bartoletti, it was now the turn of Riccardo Cucchi, a very popular "voice" of Radio Rai, who presented his autobiography "Radiogol" published by Il Saggiatore.

The event took place in Palazzo Alvaro, in the metropolitan city hall, with the patronage of CONI, the Rhegium Julii cultural fellowship and the "Polimeni" Tennis Circle. Almost two hours of pleasant talk were moderated by the President of the Messina Panathlon Club Tonino Raffa (who since the early nineteen-eighties, together with the writer, has been a member of the long-lasting staff of the Italian radio programme "Tutto il calcio minuto per minuto"). In addition, contributions came from the delegate for sport of the Calabria Region Giovanni Nucera, from the representative of the CONI Board Irene Pignata, from the President of Rhegium Giuseppe Bova, from the Governor of Panathlon's Area 8 Antonio Laganà, and from journalists working for a number of publications.

"Radiogol" is a retrospective overview in which thirty-five years of football, lost and found again, are looked at. It is a gesture of love for the wireless and its extraordinary characters of the past, from Enrico Ameri to Sandro Ciotti, from Roberto Bortoluzzi to Alfredo Provenzali, from Ferretti

to Luzzi and from Carosio to Zavoli.

Cucchi (who during his career has followed eight Olympics and seven world football championships) spoke of his childhood dreams, of his work alongside the giants of the microphone and of his meetings with aces such as Maradona, Ancelotti and the Abbagnale brothers. He took time to mention the emotions that only a formidable means such as the radio can communicate to both the person telling the stories and the listeners.

The evening was made even more precious by the projection of old footage and recordings of some of the writer's most famous commentaries, including the unforgettable one of the finals in Berlin in July 2006, when the Italian team, guided by Marcello Lippi, got its fourth world championship title, winning against France on penalties. The experienced radio commentator did not forget to provide a few indications for people who would like to do this always fascinating and more and more difficult job: a good general culture, scrupulous documenting, humility, respect for others, sharing of the educational values of sport, transparency, truthful stories about the facts and, above all, an unwavering passion.

At the end came the usual ritual of taking photographs as souvenirs and dedications on copies of the book. The Panathlon Fair Play award was given to Cucchi by one of the members of greatest prestige of the Reggio Calabria Club: the former President of the Court of Cassation Giuseppe Viola.

A great party for the Club's 39th anniversary

A dinner was held on 13th December of last year at the Real Palácio Hotel to celebrate the 39th anniversary of the Lisbon Panathlon Club. It was attended by about 100 people, both members and guests.

On that occasion, after the presentation of the Secretary of State for the Young and for Sport João Paulo Rebelo and of the President of the Club Manuel Brito, the new members were introduced and the annual prizes were given to the winners. The ceremony ended with a speech on "Sport and Inclusion" by David Rodrigues, then the candles on the anniversary cake were blown out.

In a hall crowded with guests, the President of the Lisbon Panathlon Club Manuel Brito expressed words of welcome and thanks to the members and guests attending the ceremony. Specifically, he thanked the Secretary of State for the Young and for Sport João Paulo Rebelo, the President of the Portuguese Sport Institute Victor Pataco, the President of the Portugal Olympic Committee José Manuel Constantino, the managers and representatives of various organisations such as the National Institute for Rehabilitation, the Portuguese Sport Confederation, the Portuguese Paralympic Committee, the Lisbon and Odivelas City Councils, the Movimento Associativo Sportivo, the Olympic Academy of Portugal, the Association of Olympic Athletes of Portugal and the various academic bodies, associations and professional groups linked with Sport, Teaching and Physical Education and the sports press. Words of greeting were addressed also to the other personalities present, such as the Olympic champion Carlos Lopes and the other Olympic and Paralympic athletes, Joana Pratas, Nuno Barreto and Jorge Pina.

In his speech, Manuel Brito went over the Club's activity during the year, stressing the international relations and regular monthly sessions with the attendance of specialists who dealt with various subjects relating to the country's sporting life. "The Lisbon Panathlon Club was founded as a civil, free and democratic movement", endeavouring to contribute to the goal of Sport "as a right of all citizens, in accordance with the ethical values and fundamental principles of the Olympic spirit." At the same time it wishes to "strengthen the social and political importance of Sport," stressed the President of the Lisbon Panathlon Club.

Ever since the Club was first founded, the promotion of social, cultural and citizenship values has remained in line with the defence of an "integrated and integrating model of sport", ended Manuel Brito.

On this commemorative occasion, the Secretary of State for the Young and for Sport João Paulo Rebelo also spoke, stressing the importance of the activities of the Lisbon Panathlon Club, so much so that he always

attended the Club's monthly meetings himself, or in any case someone from his department. "The Government is interested in the reflections expressed here," he said, stating the intention to pay attention to the "positive contributions made by the Club".

After the introduction of the new members Fábio Figueiras and Pedro Dias, the Club's annual prizes were assigned. The 2018 "Luís Caldas" Assiduity Award went to the member José Horta Casquinha; the 2018 "Mário Simas" Fair Play Award was given to the athlete Inês Fernandes from Futsal. Lastly, Professor Leonor Moniz Pereira received from the Club's President Manuel Brito the 2018 Panathlon Prize for her work in favour of the development, participation and evaluation of sport as a factor of social and personal development.

Before the symbolic blowing out of the candles on the Club's anniversary cake by the current and former presidents of the Lisbon Panathlon Club, that is to say Manuel Brito, Rodolfo Begonha, José Vicente Moura, Maria Emília Azinhais and João Mariz Fernandes, there was time to hear Professor David Rodrigues on the subject of "Sport and Inclusion".

His talk was based on the creation of practical conditions so that everyone would be able to enjoy sports activities, including people finding it difficult to access sport due to various reasons such as physical, social or economic differences. It could be summarised by the words: "Difference is positive but inequality is negative".



Giorgio Costa is President

Elected at the meeting in Bologna together with the new Board

The Italy District has left behind it the long deadlock that followed the resignation of the former president Federico Ghio and several controversial steps that delayed his replacement. Thanks to the commitment of the International President Pierre Zappelli and of the whole Steering Committee, it was possible to call an Extraordinary Election Meeting which was held in Bologna at the Savoia Regency Hotel. In addition to the President, the members of the Steering Committee and of the Board of Auditors were also elected.

68 clubs were present, in addition to the 55 that had appointed proxies.

The results were as follows:

President

Giorgio COSTA

Members of the Steering Committee

1. Leno CHISCI, Area 6 Tuscany
2. Federico LODa, Area1 Veneto-Trentino/Alto Adige Südtirol
3. Paolo PERIN, Area12 Friuli Venezia Giulia
4. Alberto PACCAPELO, Area 5 Emilia Romagna Marche
5. Sandro Carlo FAGIOLINO, Area 10 Umbria
6. Roberto PREGADIO, Area 9 Sicily

Board of Auditors

1. Franco BENESPERI, Area 6 Tuscany

Alternate Members

1. Luciano RAGGIO, Area 4 Liguria
2. Paolo PAGLIARI, Area 7 Abruzzo - Molise



THE ITALY DISTRICT /THE ROME CLUB

Peace on the field

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In the splendid setting of the Aniene Rowing Club, the Rome Panathlon Club organised an unforgettable meeting under the lucky star of the International Olympic Committee and inspired by the most authentic sports culture.

The occasion was the presentation, as an absolute preview, of the book “Politica e Diplomazia dello Sport – La pace in campo: da Olimpia ai giorni nostri” by Mario

Pescante - former president of CONI (the Italian National Olympic Committee) and honorary member of the IOC – and Piero Mei – a refined journalist who has always been sensitive to sports culture. It was published by “Eurilink University Press”, the publishing house of the Link Campus University of Rome.

In addition to the authors themselves, Franco Carraro, former president of CONI and of Federazione Italiana Giuoco Calcio – FIGC (the Italian Football Federation) and current member of the IOC also honoured us with his presence.

The event was hosted by Giampiero Cantarini, President of the Rome Panathlon Club. He expressed greetings

from Giorgio Costa, President of the Panathlon International Italy District to the distinguished guests – Mario Pescante is also an honorary member of the Rome Club – and drew attention to the leitmotif linking Panathlon to the IOC and to the issues dealt with in the book. “Behind the numerous successes obtained by the Italian athletes in 2018 is the work of excellent managers and representatives such as Mario Pescante, Franco Carraro and Giovanni Malagò. Never before had there been three IOC members all from the same country. As far as concerns Panathlon, it expended as much energy as possible in order to bring ‘peace’ to the world of sport. Ever since we started, our Statute has had the aim of defending ethics, morals and fair play”. What is more, President Cantarini voiced the wish that in the near future Panathlon could be present on the CONI’s National Board.

“In actual fact, the initial intention was simply to provide an educational text for the young people at the university where we teach. But the Korean story – at the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang, for the first time in history North Korea and South Korea, which had always been enemies, paraded together – was precisely the best possible epilogue of our contacts and forced us to speed up publication of the book”, revealed Pescante, before going into further depth on “peace in sport”. “Ours is a neutral peace, not positioned politically as happens for shows, events, movements and marches, as we are used to. The most important role of sport is to fight for the peaceful coexistence of peoples. In 2009 I was lucky enough to be appointed the ‘IOC’s first permanent representative care of the United Nations”, pointed out the Honorary Member of the IOC.

Mei, on the other hand, focused on the importance of the intuition of Pierre de Coubertin who, in the late 19th century, re-invented the modern Olympics. “The purpose of the Olympic Games was not so much to win medals as to enable young people from all over the world to meet together”. Then the co-author of the book illustrated another great diplomatic victory of sport: “Sport is capable of diplomacy far more than politicians can, not

to mention fans. Have you ever thought that Ireland is united only by its national rugby team?”

Thanks to his long federal career, Carraro delighted the audience with several amusing anecdotes about his friendship with Pescante, before stressing the latter’s skill and human and cultural depth: “Mario has always been an extremely operational person and animated by a disproportionate passion for sport. We owe the extraordinary success of the Turin Winter Olympic Games in 2006 entirely to him. On that occasion he was appointed extraordinary commissioner in order to remedy the far from minor delays and organisational difficulties. In 2009 his efforts were fundamental for ensuring that the IOC should join the UNO as a permanent observer. Then it must not be ignored that, in addition to being one of the greatest representative of sport of all times, Mario is also an esteemed university professor and a passionate scholar of the complex interplay between sport, culture and society, as his many publications show”.

Before the traditional gala dinner, President Cantarini gave the “Fidelity Award” to Marcello Capriccioli – defined unanimously the “the History of Panathlon” due to his 42 years of membership of the Rome Club and to Carlo Maria Fallani (aged 32), Pino Bendandi (aged 30), Maurizio Pozzi (aged 30) and Mario Pescante himself (aged 27).

What is more, the family of the Rome Panathlon Club has acquired two new members, Daniele Di Clemente and Fabio Archimede Penna.

Lastly, the evening was embellished by the greeting from the CONI President Giovanni Malagò who, in spite of the late ending of an important institutional commitment, was eager to show once again his affection for the Rome Panathlon Club, expressing best wishes to everyone present for the coming Christmas Holidays.

It was a memorable evening, endorsed by the presence of three current IOC members. It added to the Rome Panathlon Club’s cultural wealth and will certainly continue to be talked about in coming years.

Lorenzo D’Ilario



(from the left)
Franco Carraro, Giampiero Cantarini,
Mario Pescante and Piero Mei

(Photo by Antonio Italiano)

The Annual Meeting in Graz

by Gerti Gaisbacher



The Annual District Meeting was held on 30th November 2018 at the new Raiffelson Sports Centre in Graz. In the presence of the International Board Member Ernst Denoth in lieu of the International President Pierre Zapelli, of two representatives of the Innsbruck Club - the Past President Winfried Sponring and the new Secretary Peter Preisinger - of the whole Governing Board of the Graz Club and of several presidents of different sports associations who were members of the Graz Club, the District Chairwoman Gerti Gaisbacher expressed her warmest greetings.

After one minute of silence in memory of the deceased founder member Peter Spath, the President opened the agenda by announcing the speeches.

Ernst Denoth expressed the P.I.'s greetings from Rapallo and reported on the new regulations, the broadenings and the efforts made to introduce an amendment to the Statute. The translations into German of the most important information, also in the Magazine, were welcomed particularly favourably.

The reports on the previous year followed. In Innsbruck the 50th year from foundation had been celebrated officially and new members were acquired. Cooperation with the "Tiroler Tageszeitung" is planned for 2019 on

the subject of Parental Duties and Children's Rights in Sport.

In his report on the Graz Club, President Sepp Müller pointed out in particular that the medal named after Pierre de Coubertin had been assigned for the fifth time to students who had achieved noteworthy performances.

At the Aeronautical Museum of Graz, President Gerti Gaisbacher was awarded the P.I.'s recognition due to special merits. An information event is planned for 2019, on the subject of sport in elementary schools.

During the lively discussions, the subject of the Internet, including facilitated access to it, was talked about again. The Club's efforts to find new members is also always discussed. Unfortunately, with regard to Vienna, it was not possible to report any recovery after the closing down of the traditional Club, although attempts are being made in this respect.

We then had the opportunity to see some groups of youngsters showing their skills in various ball sports in this new sports arena.

The 2018 District Meeting in Graz ended with many cues and talks during a warm meeting with good food and drinks.

A champion's smile

by Pierre Scheidegger



There was something special in the air ... an atmosphere of serenity and curiosity, letting this sport-based friendship inspire this meeting.

He was here and talked with the President of the Lausanne Club as well as with other athletes! He was relaxed, simple, but above all very calm!

What could be surprising for us, at first sight, was his smile! Handsome, youthful, trusting. A willful look that did not hide a winner's character.

It seemed that luck had given him an easy existence, as a gift from his very birth onwards!

But no! Fate and sport made him understand that nothing would have been given away to him. When he was only three years old he had an accident that left indelible traces on his body. With his parents' love and competent medical staff, he faced up to his adversities ... but always with simplicity and ... his smile!

Théo is only at the start of his young existence and is already extraordinarily ... an example for all of us. Tireless, tough, determined, but always in a good mood and with a smile, he decided to ski, like anyone. Then came this wish to compete, which opened the doors of new horizons for him. From an adolescent he soon became an adult.

He wanted to become an Olympic Champion! It was not by chance that he was put on the road that he himself had drafted. It was his will, with his desire to fight and to stand out, in spite of his condition.

This is an example that many athletes, whether champions or not, should follow in their careers, also in order to defend their credibility, which is often called into question in these modern times!

Yes, Théo, thank you! Thank you for opening for us this book on one of the most exciting Olympic pages of Swiss sport.

You, who at the end of your adolescence you took the liberty of offering us three Olympic gold medals, overcoming all the obstacles you found.

But your smile and your simplicity are even better than your three wins. Never close this book in which you have already written such a beautiful page.

Finding new strategies for involving young people

An excellent evaluation of 2018 and great intention to expand in the new year

The year that has just ended has enabled us to appreciate a remarkable quantity of initiatives and work at the Clubs in our District. Insofar as possible, the Management Committee tried to attend as a means of coordination and support. We would like to stress the success of the 8th Panathletic Meeting in October, organised this time by the San Carlos - Maldonado Panathlon Club.

We must also congratulate the panathlete Serrana Hernández of the Minas Panathlon Club for organising the Third National Special Sports Games, held on 12th October, in which about 250 athletes with motor, sensory and intellectual disabilities from all over the country took part.

A few days later, on the 18th of the same month, the city of Las Piedras enjoyed a crowded evening organised by the local Panathlon Club, with the presentation of the book "Toto" by Marcelo Inverso, on the life of the well-known panathlete, journalist and lawyer Jorge "Toto" Da Silveira. The success of the Round Table on Sport was reiterated and tribute was paid to the children who won the National Football Championship on 28th May. On 8th May, during a significant ceremony, the Montevideo Panathlon Club gave its Fair Play awards to several contact persons involved in sport. In November, on its 45th anniversary, thanks to the panathlete Sebastián Bauzá, former President of the Uruguay Football Federation, an opportunity was provided to think about the recent past, the present and the future of Uruguayan football. Last year, the annual cycle of the Maldonado - Punta del Este Panathlon Club's programme "Playing and Growing with Health" was completed. Since 2017 it has been carrying on recreational and sports activities in rural schools and will continue to do so this year.

Because of these activities, it was suggested to the International Fair Play Committee as a candidate for the Fair Play World Trophy in the Willi Daume Category. It must also be pointed out that last year the Maldonado - Punta del Este Panathlon Club won the Panathlon International Award for Radio and TV Communications.

What is more, the Club had organised the Travelling Exhibition of the Football Museum of Punta del Este (from 19th to 25th November) and taken part in the Tribute by the Fernandina community on 22nd November to the panathlete Juan Ángel Miraglia. There would be plenty more events worth highlighting.

The presence of our District at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires enabled us not only to meet and organise exchanges with the Argentinian panathletes but also to take into account several requirements and problems relating to how to spread our message on values, reaching especially the young generations. We have observed that,

generally speaking, the panathletic proposal is greatly welcomed and listened to, but is not always understood adequately by the young.

We must transmit it in their own language and in their daily lives, so that they can understand it and it is in their worlds and in their communication networks. The average age of the panathletes is high, and if we do not manage to have our ideology included in the involvement of the new generations, it will run the risk of disappearing.

Our District wants, therefore, insofar as possible, to expand the channels of communication and dialogue with the young and with society as a whole. We are also asking each Club, indeed each panathlete, using their own networks and channels to which they have access, to spread the codes of value and supply information on our country's panathletic activities and those of the whole movement, including abroad.

The strategic area of Expansion of the District is inextricably linked to the consolidation and integration of the Clubs. That is why we will continue, this year, to strengthen ourselves internally and throughout our area. Our District is currently present in two important International Working Groups in which it was called upon to take part: the Expansion Commission and the Revision Commission for Reforming the Panathlon International Statute. We cannot neglect the fact that this is also the result of the impact of the representation that our five Clubs give us.

For this reason we beg everyone, this year, to double their efforts to develop creative activities, to establish adequate communication above all with the young, and to articulate adequate consolidation and expansion of our movement. Will we have better results than last year? That will depend on how we work in order to build our panathletic dream together.



The Governing Committee of the Uruguay District

A congress full of suggestions

Expansion of Panathlon International towards Northern Europe and beyond, spreading of the Club's ethical values, paying attention to schools, which have to set themselves the goal of developing children through sports with the support of the families: these are just a few of the topics tackled at the "Area 9 Congress – the Italy District" organised by the Messina Panathlon Club, whose president is Professor Ludovico Magauda. It was held care of the Capo Peloro Resort in Torre Faro.

The main subject of the event was "Growing through Sport", the true aim of Panathlon International, which intends to promote sport as a statement of personal moral and cultural values and to act as a fly-wheel to produce solidarity among peoples of every race, religion and physical condition.



The speech by Eugenio Guglielmini, Governor of Area 9, in the presence of the International President Pierre Zappelli (seated) and Ludovico Magauda, President of the Messina Club.

Among the authorities present were the International President Pierre Zappelli, who came to Messina on purpose from Lausanne. During his speech he stressed the importance of ethics in sport, a useful tool for definitely circulating a view of the activity and practising of sport, so as to promote an integral personal training path. Many projects initiated in this respect have been successful from the very start, such as, for example, compliance with the "Charter of Sporting Rights of the Young" and application of the "Charter of Parental Duties in Sport", called upon to facilitate the education and psychophysical growth of youngsters practicing sport.

The same spirit of indelible commitment towards the growth of the Panathlon Club was expressed strongly by Eugenio Guglielmino, Governor of Area 9 - Sicily. "Our first look is and will be aimed as a priority towards people with disabilities", he maintained. "They are our first and greatest resource."

The first session of the proceedings was opened by the former Superintendent Gustavo Ricevuto, who pointed out the duties of schools, called upon to play a leading role in the growth of children through a model of sport able to develop a strong ability for critical thought and in-depth knowledge of one's own ego, without forgetting its role of promoting aggregation between those who practice a sport and those who do not.

The first Round Table, moderated by Ciccio Manzo, in charge of communication for the Messina Club, was very interesting. Champions originating from Messina and with illustrious pasts as winners took turns on the platform, providing moving contributions to the subject "Growing through Sport and Becoming Champions". The first session ended with Vincenzo Nibali, the great current champion from Messina known also by his nickname Squalo (the Shark). He spoke by means of a video link from Lugano, greeting everyone present and addressing bicycle lovers with a few very effective comments. "Safety in this sport", said Vincenzo, "is a battle that I and my team in Messina

have taken on and will continue forever." In this respect, the Team Manager could not help remembering the small cyclist from Messina Rosario Costa and the great cyclist Michele Scarponi.

On this topic, the special story of Marzia Ranieri and her father found a place. Marzia is a girl with motor, communication and intellectual disabilities. A special bicycle, the "Marzia", with two seats, was designed and built for her. It was made starting out by combining her father's bicycle with a tricycle, and with it she can face even the hardest road cycling and mountain biking challenges. The project has been explained in the trailer of the documentary film "Il Giro dei 2 Mari con Marzia" (Tour of Two Seas with Marzia).

The first session of the proceedings was ended by Massimiliano Lo Giudice, President of the Messina Section named after "Salvatore Rizzo" of the Italian Referees' Association. The second Round Table, about "Growing in Health through Sport", was discussed by a team of panathletes from Messina experienced in this field, with the knowledgeable moderation of Dr. Rita La Paglia, paediatrician. Time was devoted also to advice for elderly sportspeople with the physical education teacher Elena Avellone, a CONI Provincial Delegate from Trapani.

Then the subject of "Growing through Sport to become organisers of large-scale events" was tackled. The proceedings were ended by the Amateur Sports Association's "PAMA" archers from Milazzo, who this year have won the national Compound Archery Championship. They were presented by the provincial head, Mr Antonio Villari, a member of the Governing Board of the Messina Panathlon Club.

That magic Olympic wreath created by Mastro 7 in 1984

There is a historical and refined reference linking the person and the art of Mastro 7 (whose real name is Settimo Tamanini) to the Olympic universe and the IOC.

Many years ago, when Panathlon was not yet foreseeable, the man who is now Panathlon International's official supplier of traditional items such as gadgets, trophies, banners, plates, pennants, ties, scarves, badges and a whole range of new and customised creations, tested his skills with a very high-level creation: a gilded wreath for Olympic prize-winners.

The inspiration came from a competition for ideas held by the Italian National Olympic Committee, and was due in particular to the very strong idea of a great manager of the time, Bruno Beneck. Thanks to his enthusiasm, to the creativity of Mastro 7 and to the advice, in terms of culture and history, of his friend Professor Marco Bridi, he started research that led him into Ancient Greece, to the origins of the Olympic Games, when the winners of the various different competitions were given laurel wreaths tied together with knots of Hercules.

No sooner said than done. Mastro 7 chiselled one in metal with a golden shine and presented it to the Italian Olympic Committee and then to the IOC.

The first to show his enthusiasm was the then president Antonio Samaranch, who would have wanted to adopt it immediately and for everyone. Some too conservative managers showed restraint so that the first to benefit from the new trophy were only the wrestling and boxing champions at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Then other obstacles kept this suggestive project closed in a drawer, until the Olympic Games in Athens, when Mastro 7's idea was raised again and the wreath was reproduced, with natural olive branches.



A picture of the wreath being awarded to Olympic boxing champion Maurizio Stecca



President Samaranch tries a wreath on a secretary's head, assisted by a very young Mastro 7 (Settimo Tamanini), honoured and amused.



Fondazione Culturale Panathlon International Domenico Chiesa

The spirit and ideals

The Foundation was created in memory of Domenico Chiesa, based on the initiative of heirs Antonio, Italo and Maria. Domenico Chiesa, who in 1951, besides being a promoter, had also drafted the statute of the first Panathlon club, and in 1961 was among the founders of Panathlon International, had expressed the desire when alive, though not technically binding for the heirs, to allocate part of his property for periodical awarding of works of art inspired by sport, as well as more generally, of cultural initiatives and publications in line with Panathlon's objectives. Besides the substantial contribution of the Chiesa heirs, the Foundation was also created thanks to the enthusiastic participation of the whole Panathlon movement, through the generosity of numerous clubs but also of individual athletes, therefore providing the Foundation with the necessary conditions to approach the world of visual art in a prestigious and sensational way: the creation of an award in co-operation with one of the most important organisations worldwide, the Biennale of Venezia.

Domenico Chiesa Award

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



***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
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