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Panathlon has not given up: virtual meetings and solidarity

In view of the healthcare crisis, our Magazine's edition 2 is devoted to a great extent to the consequences of the Covid 19 pandemic on the life of our movement and of sport in general.

On this subject we can read, among the other articles, the thoughts of Giacomo Santini, as well as those of the Uruguay district and of Francesco Schillirò.

The effects of the crisis are devastating.

They obviously concern the balance of human losses.

The extraordinary nature of this pandemic is due mainly to the measures adopted for fighting it and to its impact on the economy, including that of sport.

Sport has been influenced dramatically, in the first place by the postponement by one year of the Tokyo Olympics, until August 2021 and the consequences thereof for the whole Olympic family.

The considerable income obtained from the television broadcasts and the sponsors depend on the performance of the Olympic Games.

In this respect, it is worth mentioning some extracts from the message sent to the world of sport on 20th May 2020 to the world of sport by Lana Haddad, manager of the operations of the ? IOC: *"The whole structure of the Olympic movement is built on the model of solidarity in its broadest sense, and is based on the allocation of the income. The IOC redistributes 90% of its income, that is to say \$ 5 million (USD) during the last Olympics or the equivalent of 3.4 million a day. These investments have the aim of supporting the guests of the Olympics (\$ 2.5 billion during the last Olympics), as well as the development of athletes and sport at all levels in the world.*

Thanks to this model of funding, the IOC maintains directly 40 Olympic sports and their respective International Federations (IFs) and other sports organisations all over the world, as well as 206 National Olympic Committees (NOCs), through which it pays subventions to the teams and individual grants for athletes... Now that the world is facing an unprecedented crisis, this model and the role of the IOC are more important than ever. The IFs and the NOCs address the IOC to ask for help. Without the risk management arrangements made in the last few decades for setting up reserves and guaranteeing the financial safety and independence of the COI, the latter would not be able to guarantee the survival of the Olympic Movement's parties concerned and, through them, to offer the athletes continuous assistance".

At the time of writing these lines, we note that the healthcare crisis is starting to lose its intensity, at least in Europe, even if it remains at high risk in other continents, in particular in Latin America, where Panathlon has so many Clubs.

Will the lives of our Clubs resume its work as before?

From mid-March of 2020, most of our Clubs have stopped all their activities or have reduced them to virtual exchanges. Many have taken advantage of the economy achieved due to the absence of a physical encounter to carry out actions of solidarity for the benefit of the less privileged.

Hats off for all these activities, reported in our Magazine.

We have noted the explosion of virtual meetings of Zoom, Skype and other techniques that have become very effective. Starting from March 2020, PI has held all its institutional meetings in this way.

The Latin American Clubs and many European Clubs have followed this example with success. These techniques were observed in order to allow the participation of a large number of members, the physical presence of which might not have been possible. It is also an excellent manner for maintaining strong links that might have been damaged by the lack of personal activities.

The crisis has ended. What lessons will we learn from it? Will we take up again the lives of our Clubs and of PI like before??

Panathlon's DNA is friendship, sharing and spreading of common ideals, personal contact and conviviality. It is obviously not possible to conceive the life of Panathlon reduced to exchanges only as effective as these are. We can therefore foresee that for our Clubs life will resume as soon as possible, as these exchanges do not replace personal contacts and their spontaneous nature. It would be a pity, however, not to keep up the possibility of virtual attendance of members at certain meetings when, for example, they are badly affected by an illness.

At PI level, we will meet up as soon as possible for physical encounters; in a spirit of reasonable economy, however, and for some exchanges of a purely technical nature or for emergencies, we will do more in order to take advantage of the technical progress, with which the crisis has allowed us to become more familiar, and which has shown itself effective.

Do enjoy reading our Magazine



Pierre Zappelli
The International President

Activity Report for the year 2019

Report on the main projects and activities carried out by Panathlon International in 2019 and prospectd for 2020

Foreword

Panathlon International's organisation (hereinafter "PI") consists of an International Board, including the International President, the Past-president and 7 members elected by the General Assembly, and of a President's Committee that is in charge of day-to-day administration. It also includes a District Presidents' Committee, gathering the Presidents of PI national districts which represent our movement in the countries where our Clubs are located.

This Committee is in charge of coordinating and harmonising the local activities of our Clubs in order for them to implement the initiatives adopted by our international bodies. The General Secretary is in charge of the day-to-day administration and of assisting the President. The International Board meets two or three times a year. The Board reviews and adopts the projects submitted by the President Committee and the General Secretary.

The various members of the International Board have several specific tasks, such as expansion, executive training and Junior movements and action towards people with disabilities. PI's structure also includes national Districts and several regional areas within the Italian District.

PI's members are its Clubs that are established as independent associations; there are 262 Clubs, spread over 4 continents and 31 countries; their overall membership consists of approximately 10,000 individual members. PI publishes a magazine (three issues per year). PI magazine provides insights on the key current issues in the world of sport. Each issue provides an extensive focus on Olympic values.

Here is an illustrative list of articles published in the Magazine: 2/2019: the presence of women in IOC committees, 1/2019 "Research into the Olympic values" and "Sport and climate change", 1/2018 "Korea and Argentina: two Olympic frontiers", 2/2018 "Thanks to Sport and to the IOC, the two Koreas are now closer", 3/2018 "Olympic spirit: a good buy or a risk?", 1/2017 "Sport: a lifeline in a very fragile world" and 2/2017 "The IOC commitment towards the refugees".

A. Activity in 2019

March 2019

LAUSANNE - EXHIBITION AT THE OLYMPIC MUSEUM

PI carries out a part of its action through a foundation, Fondazione Domenico Chiesa, whose purpose is to

encourage young people to express, through graphic works, their representation of the various themes relating to sport.

For the first time in its life, our Foundation had the chance to organise a retrospective exhibition of the international competitions of graphic arts run over the last 10 years. This exhibition was displayed at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne from March 20 to 31, 2019.

The exhibition was very successful and attracted thousands of visitors.

PI would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the IOC for this great opportunity which allowed PI to enhance its action to support education of young people to the Olympic values.

April 2019

ANTWERP - PCU GAMES

Panathlon International's University Clubs organise an annual sports event in Antwerp (men's Futsal, Volleyball and Basketball and women's Volleyball).

Through its university clubs, Panathlon also invites the students of many art schools throughout the world to take part in a drawing contest to illustrate the various aspects of Fair Play. The purpose is to promote synergies between the world of art students and the world of sport students, thus implementing the first fundamental principle of the Olympic Charter that states that the Olympic spirit encompasses sport, culture and education. The 3 top-ranking works from this contest are awarded prize money.

ERASMUS PLUS

We took part in an Erasmus+ programme jointly with the University of Ghent, Department of Motor and Sport Sciences, as well as with other external partners on the theme: "Evidence-based Prevention of Sporting-related Match-fixing". This programme is still in progress.

P.I. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING - Castellanza (Italy)

The opening conference "Women's Way to Sport" was organised by Panathlon Club La Malpensa and culminated in the 2018-2019 award for sports achievements presented to the student-athlete Silvia Pollicini, a professional cyclist and a student at Università di Castellanza. The conference was followed by the meeting of the District Presidents' Committee and by the Extraordinary Elective

General Meeting of P.I. which elected the Constitution and Arbitration Board.

The District Presidents' Meeting was attended by most representatives of the countries within Panathlon. The final statement from this meeting focused on integrating young members into the movement, on the importance to confirm Panathlon's role to support sports ethics in the world, on the future implementation of a five-year strategic development plan and, finally, on improving the relationships between our national districts and the Olympic Committees of their respective countries.

June 2019

PANATHLON DAY

The "PANATHLON DAY" is an event that was created in 2018. The Panathlon Day will be celebrated every year on June 12 all over the world. All our clubs are invited to organise an event to remind that our organisation of sport volunteers was born in Venice on 12 June 1951. This is an opportunity for the Clubs to develop and explore the values that form Panathlon's cultural foundation, including ideals based on friendship, mutual respect, fair play and the promotion of sport as an instrument of education of young people.

July 2019

TORTOSA (Spain) – PANATHLON - CSIT AWARD – IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS AND AMATEURS IN SPORTS CONFEDERATION (CSIT)

During the sixth CSIT World Games held in Tortosa in 2019, the new Panathlon-CSIT World Game Award was presented.

This award is presented every 2 years, at the CSIT World Games, to people who, through their example and actions, have promoted and upheld the ethical and cultural values of sport. In July 2019, the Finnish Olin Kalevi, supported by TUL, the Finnish Federation of Workers' Sports, was the first laureate of the PI/CSIT Award.

September 2019

BUDAPEST - FAIR PLAY - IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE (CIFP) AND THE EUROPEAN FAIR PLAY MOVEMENT (EFPM)

PI attended the World Fair Play Award Day and the conference organised by EFPM for its 24th anniversary. One of the most meaningful speeches was delivered by Zsigmondy Nagy who outlined the perspectives arising from the relationships between fair play, ethics and sport legislation.

It can be mentioned that, at the international meeting organised in December 2019 by Panathlon Club Como (Italy), PI President was presented the "CIFP Special Fair-Play Award" by the president of CIFP. This move was very much appreciated and shows the excellent partnership

between our two associations, both of which are recognized by the IOC.

October 2019

BUENOS AIRES (ARGENTINA) - PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS

Every two years, Panathlon International organises a congress gathering all its Latin American clubs. In 2019, the Congress focused on the topic "Sport at the dawn of the new millennium: where is sport going?". The final statement highlighted that Panathlon's role in the new millennium is to continue to support the development of sport by promoting its cultural and moral values. Moreover, it noted that it was crucial to identify and look for solutions to fight against any type of abuse in sport, whatever its nature, ranging from prohibited substance abuse to moral and sexual harassment of athletes.

ROME (Italy) - IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CSIT

During the last CSIT congress in October, our two associations decided to strengthen their cooperation and to work together to develop new projects. Bruno Molea, CSIT President, stated that he was ready to put at PI's disposal his network to promote expansion, especially in the African continent.

MOLFETTA (Italy) - PI EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING - STATUTE AMENDMENT

Among the amendments approved by the General Clubs Meeting, it is worth noting in particular that the new Statute now allows to set up operating representation offices of our Movement outside the registered office in Rapallo. Our representations in Lausanne and Brussels are already up and running.

B. Budget. Use of the funds granted by the IOC

The funds granted to PI by the IOC account for approximately 17% of our budget (IOC funds: EUR 91,000; total expenditure: EUR 534,872).

Over the past 4 years, it was decided to reduce our personnel-related costs. This enables PI to allocate more resources to the development of actions and international projects for the Clubs.

Please note that all the duties of our international bodies, including the President, are fulfilled entirely on a voluntary basis. Only the employees at the head-office and the head of PI representation in Lausanne are on payroll.

The expense incurred for PI representations in Brussels and Lausanne tends to increase. The various projects which are currently underway and are described below will require us to budget an increased cost.

Specifically, the expense for institutional meetings and, in particular, the expense for organising events and developing projects increased to approximately EUR 101,191 and EUR 56,020 respectively.

In compliance with the principle of transparency sought by the IOC Code of Ethics, PI publishes its accounts in full on its website, jointly with the Treasurer's and the Auditors' reports.

C. The following activities and projects targeted in 2020 were prepared in 2019 or are under development:

PI REPRESENTATION IN BRUSSELS

1) After two years of work, the working team in Brussels reviewed all the actions which may promote Panathlon's action by participating in the activities of the European Parliament and Commission in the framework of their sports development policies. These included participating in the Sport Intergroup of the European Parliament, as well as in the EU Sports Fora held in Vienna, Bucharest and Marseille for the European Week of Sport (EWoS). Within this undertaking, we attended various sports events in Dublin, Madrid, Lisbon, Vienna, Sofia, Bucharest, Helsinki, Paris, Marseille, Lausanne and Brussels.

2) We refer back to paragraph "April 2019" above, to mention PI's participation in the Erasmus+ project, which is still in progress, on the theme "Evidence-based Prevention of Sporting-related Match-fixing".

3) In addition, PI is an active player in EPAS Consultative Committee at the Council of Europe.

4) PI is also a member of the EU expert group on integrity in sport: the members of this group are international experts in the fight against match-fixing and illegal betting. National and international organisations such as Interpol, SIGA, UNODC, ENGSO, Digital Sport Rights, FIFA, UEFA and the International Betting Integrity Association are invited to share their experience and opinions. PI attended the meeting of the expert group held in Sofia, Bulgaria, in November 2019.

PANATHLON FRIENDLY GAMES PROJECT

This project was launched in winter 2017 and continued in 2019. It targets the Panathlon Clubs worldwide and aims to elicit young people's interest in physical exercise as well as to introduce them to sport. It has now become an event created by the Clubs within their local communities.

In organising this event, the clubs are supported by PI in a concrete and material way and the best interpretations of the project are rewarded. In order to attract the attention of the two age groups of young people interested in knowing sport and its values, we provided two simple and informative questionnaires.

In 2019, there were 47 Clubs that implemented this event within their communities.

This experience will enable PI to draw useful lessons for our future action.

ETHICS PLAQUES PROJECT

To develop this project, PI had Panathlon International's "Charter of Sporting Rights of the Young" and "Charter of the Duties of Parents in Sport" printed on aluminium pla-

ques. On the Clubs' initiative, these plaques are displayed in public places and are thus accessible to users (gyms, playgrounds, fitness trails, parks etc.) as a tool to disseminate our Charters and to promote the ethical values of our Association. On their request, any interested Clubs receive 10 plaques each for free from PI. This action has already been very successful. In 2019, 69 Clubs made this project a reality.

EWOS - EUROPEAN WEEK OF SPORT

As previously mentioned (see paragraph C 1 above), Panathlon International has also been a partner of the European Week of Sport (EWoS) since 2016. Thanks to its representation in Brussels, in 2019 it took part in several working and planning meetings organised by the European Union. At the beginning of 2018, a call was launched to encourage all the European Panathlon Clubs to organise a "#BEACTIVE" sports event within their communities in a week in September selected by EWoS. In 2019, 15 Clubs agreed to this proposal made by the Top Management.

LITERARY CONTEST

In autumn-winter 2017-2018, the project for a new literary contest was developed.

The contest was organised by the Districts of Panathlon International both at national level and in the various linguistic areas. This contest targets young people, divided into two age groups, and its purpose is to encourage the young to reflect on the values of sport and to express their thoughts in short texts on topics proposed by PI. The Clubs that took part in the project also undertook to promote the contest within schools in their areas.

The Representation of Panathlon International in Lausanne provided the secretariat function for this contest. The prizes presented to the laureates were associated with events organised by the Olympic movement. For this first contest, PI representation in Lausanne received 142 entries in 4 languages.

In January 2020, the award ceremony took place in Lausanne, the Olympic capital, during the Youth Olympic Games.

Panathlon Club Lausanne organised the ceremony where medals and certificates were presented to the two young laureates. The event was attended by a number of representatives from our Swiss clubs.

Furthermore, Panathlon International offered the two young laureates and their accompanying persons a stay in Lausanne where they could attend and discover the Youth Olympic Games and visit the city and the Olympic Museum.

All the finalists received gold, silver and bronze medals and certificates from their local Panathlon clubs. Certificates of attendance were sent to all the participants.

PI REPRESENTATION IN LAUSANNE

In autumn 2016, the President submitted a plan to IOC President Thomas Bach in view of creating an internatio-

nal branch of Panathlon right at the heart of the world of sport in Lausanne. This project stemmed from the observation that, besides the IOC, Lausanne and Canton Vaud host more than 50 international sports federations, as well as university institutions like the International Academy of Sports Science and Technology (AISTS) focusing on research and education of sports sciences, and a network - Thinksport - which facilitates contacts between different organisations, companies and individuals interested in international sport. Panathlon International is willing to put into practice its ability to translate, practice and convey the moral and education ideals and values of sport on the ground, directly or through its clubs.

Ms Melody Exhenry is in charge of the secretariat of PI representation in Lausanne. The preconditions for this Representation to work properly are now fully met, therefore its activity is growing rapidly. The direct contact with the IOC and with the other international sports organisations of Canton Vaud is now provided by our Representation in Lausanne.

The specific tasks of PI Representation in Lausanne include:

JOJ BUENOS AIRES PROJECT

This project was submitted to the IOC in May 2018. We wished to be present at the YOG in Buenos Aires with a stand and other entertainment events. After obtaining the consent from the IOC, our representation in Lausanne worked jointly with Panathlon Club Buenos Aires to organise a stand and to create events targeted to promote Panathlon's values with the young and with people visiting the YOG. PI's stand was visited by thousands of people of all ages.

THINKSPORT

Panathlon International is a member of THINKSPORT. An agreement was signed with this organisation and PI Representation participated in various events organised by Thinksport, e.g. the event called "THE SPOT". In 2019, THINKSPORT published a PI banner on its Website to promote Panathlon's International Literary Contest.

AISTS

In May 2019, PI President gave a lecture to AISTS students on the topic: "Panathlon's role in the world of sport".

GAISF

PI is an associate member of GAISF and, wherever possible, it takes part in the events organised by the latter. Currently, we are discussing with GAISF about prospective synergies with other associate members.

International Federation of Sports Medicine (FIMS) After entering into a Memorandum of Understanding on 12 March 2019 with the aim of strengthening the potentials of our two organisations, PI has been working proactively with FIMS.

PI President has been invited to deliver a speech at the next FIMS World Congress on the following topic: "The importance of ethical rules in healthy sports practice. The

role of Panathlon International".

YOG LAUSANNE PROJECT

Following the success of PI's stand at the YOG in Buenos Aires, Panathlon took action to organise its attendance at the JOG in Lausanne.

With the help of Panathlon Club Lausanne and of the City of Lausanne, PI could set up a stand in the heart of the city, just a few steps away from the podium where the medals were presented.

At its stand, PI could illustrate its activities and the action of Panathlon Club Lausanne, animated by the cheerful mascot of Panathlon Family Games that are organised every year in Vidy. A prize draw was run every day which offered the opportunity to win attractive prizes.

INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (IPC)

In June 2019, PI President met Andrew Parsons, President of the International Paralympic Committee, in Lausanne. A Memorandum of Understanding between IPC and PI is currently being negotiated.

EXTRAORDINARY PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS

In autumn 2020, PI District Ecuador will host an extraordinary Pan-American Congress on the topic: "Sport is more than winning or losing (recreational basis and social phenomenology, cross-fertilization, principles and values and Fair Play)".

GENERAL ELECTION MEETING - INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

We do hope that we will be able to hold our General Election Meeting in autumn 2020; this meeting was originally scheduled in June and had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. All the international bodies of PI will be renewed at that Meeting.

An International Congress will also be organised on the following topic: "The role of sport in the ageing process".

PARTNERSHIP with the International Workers and Amateurs in Sports Confederation (CSIT)

Following the success of the first joint PI/CSIT Award, the new award is being organised for the ceremony that is scheduled to take place in 2021.

LONDON PANATHLON CHALLENGE

Panathlon International is working to expand its movement in English-speaking countries.

To this end, it has undertaken to develop a partnership with Panathlon Challenge Foundation, a foundation based in London which promotes action targeted to children with disabilities.

Over 1,000 British schools take part in their "mini Paralympic multi-sports competitions" for high school students and primary school kids, in the framework of dedicated programmes. This foundation has been active for twenty years and has trained thousands of young leaders (from 14 to 19 years of age) who serve as sports managers at their competi

All the efforts undertaken over the last few years to reach an understanding are now bearing fruit. Panathlon International was invited to take part in their Games in June 2020 where a MoU will be signed. Our aim is to open new Clubs in Britain, hence to give our action a more universal reach.

CHARTA SMERALDA

In December 2019, Panathlon International signed an agreement to disseminate Charta Smeralda, under the auspices of One Ocean.

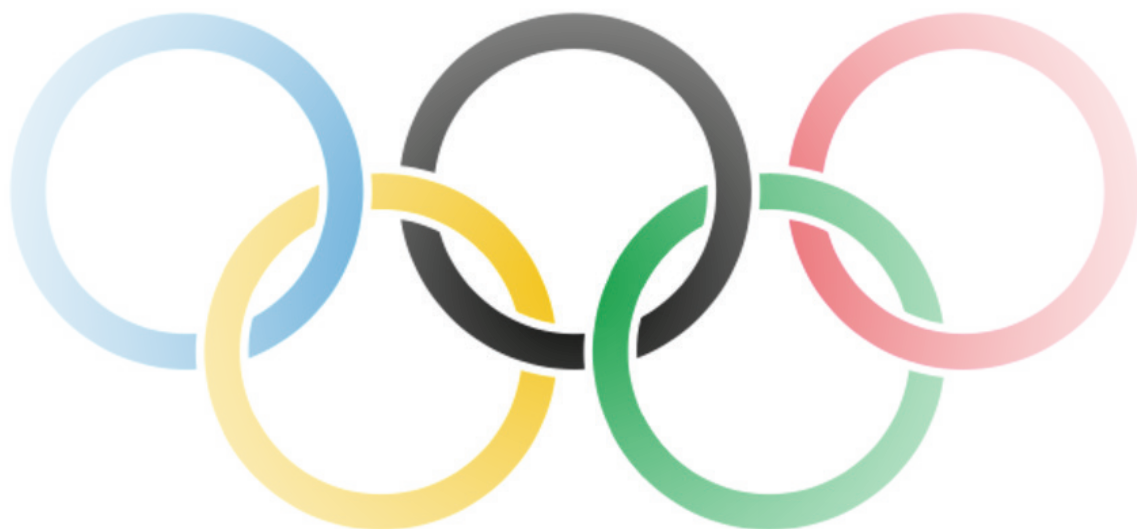
Charta Smeralda is a code of ethics which promotes principles and action to protect the oceans in view of raising awareness among the general public, professionals and all the stakeholders, while underlining the urgency to tackle the most pressing problems of the oceans and of marine and coastal ecosystems. These actions are targeted to identify concrete and prompt action areas to help solve these problems.

PI is involved in these actions which aim to protect the natural environment where a number of sports are practiced. Starting from 2020, Panathlon will kick-start the process to adopt this important code of ethics in order for it to be shared with its Clubs.

CSIT – ERASMUS PLUS – GREEN-ATHLON

Panathlon International is assessing whether to take part in a new Erasmus+ project led by CSIT.

The aim of this project is to promote climate and environmental awareness in the views of sports organisations by developing innovative sports practices.



More and more women are becoming world-wide Olympic champions

Eleven commission presidents out of thirty and 7.7 5 of the commissioners of all the member countries are carrying out the great Agenda 2020 reform

This is a new record and concrete evidence of one of the main aims of the reforms of the 2020 Olympic Agenda: to encourage the whole Olympic movement to promote gender equality both in the competition area and outside it. Since 2013, following the 2020 Olympic Agenda, the number of women in the IOC commissions has more than doubled (in 2013 they amounted to 20%). This year the week of the IOC commission is planned from 2nd to 8th November 2020. It will then be decided whether the meetings will be attended personally or held via remote means.

The composition of the IOC commissions for the year 2020, instituted by the President of the IOC in close cooperation with the Executive Committee of the IOC, also includes the appointment of two new presidents. Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul, member of the IOC in Thailand, has been appointed president of the Commission for Culture and the Olympic heritage, and Zhang Hong, member of the IOC in China, will be the president of the IOC Coordination Committee appointed recently for the 4th Youth Winter Olympic Games in Gangwon in 2024.



This brings the total number of commissions chaired by women to 11 out of 30, that is to say 36,7% of them.

Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul became the first Thai woman to be elected as a member of the IOC, at the 131st session of the IOC in Lima, Peru, in 2017. She is currently Deputy Chairwoman of the World Badminton Federation and President of the Cultural Commission of the Olympic Committee of Asia (OCA). She has been a member of the Committee for Culture and the Olympic Heritage of the IOC since 2018 and has great experience in sport and culture in this capacity.

Zhang Hong won China's first Olympic gold medal in speed skating at the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi in 2014. In 2015 she became ambassador of the promotion of Peking's offer to house the 2022 Winter Olympics. At the 132nd session of the IOC in PyeongChang, Zhang Hong was elected as a member of the Commission of IOC athletes. She is also a member of the Commission of entourage of the Athletes and a Member of the Commission of Evaluation of the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games of 2026.

"Developing female assistance in sport is really a team effort and I want to thank everyone contributing towards this support with unconditional commitment and inspiration", stated the IOC President Thomas Bach. "It is always possible to do better, but we can only go ahead if we work together".

President Bach continued as follows: "Increasing the participation of women in the IOC commissions and the number of chairwomen of these commissions, the IOC will listen increasingly to the voices of women and girls and guarantee the emancipation of women, using the powerful platform provided by sport for promoting gender equality". Another dominant moment of the announcement was the presentation of the composition of the IOC Coordination Committee for the 4th Youth Olympics in Gangwon in 2024. This new committee will support the organisation of the first Winter Youth Olympic Games in Asia.

The commission consists of six members, five of whom are women. They come from different cultures and horizons and have all acquired vast experience in different editions of the Olympic Games, developed recently during the very successful organisation of the 2020 Winter Olympic Games for Youth in Lausanne.

President Zhang will be supported by Samira Asghari, member of the IOC in Afghanistan, by Virginia Faivre, president of the committee organising the 2020 Winter Olympic Games for Youth in Lausanne, by two representatives of the international Winter Sports Federations, Heike Groesswang and Sarah Lewis, plus a representative of the National Olympic Committees (NOCs), José Luis Marco, of the Argentinian NOC.

Our values are stronger than the virus

by Giacomo Santini

This virus is also a scoundrel as it has attacked particularly ferociously two of the most fragile worlds: that of the elderly and that of sport. With regard to the first it has blocked every prospect of future life that they were facing up to serenely, even in the precariousness of an age that becomes a challenge against time. For sport it has blocked everything: great events, championships taking place and individual physical activities.

This scoundrel is also sneaky precisely with athletes, as it has let itself appear with a familiar symbol: as round as a ball, with threatening protrusions that make it look like a sea urchin or a wandering mine.

The world of sport, with more or less readiness, has got blocked. The Olympic Games have been put off until next year, in the best of all cases. Championships of various sports have been stopped half way through with provisional rankings that become final. So there are those who rejoice because with half the effort they win national titles, and those who foam with rage because they were preparing a great final recovery.

In addition to ethical regret, in the great professional sports, there are less noble assessments of an economic nature. Up until the end, not very conscientious managers have done what they could to attempt to keep the competitions open, or to programme them after a brief break for quarantine, with the illusion that Corona virus was indeed only flu, albeit a little angrier than the seasonal versions, as some reckless people were saying at the start of the pandemic. Even in the worlds of public health and science.

It has, however, unfortunately taken thousands of victims to get us to understand that the opponent we were facing had nothing to do with those who have to do with sport every day: more or less hard, more or less improper, more or less beatable.

It was discovered too late that Coronavirus, rather than an "opponent", was a merciless enemy without rules, except

that of harvesting as many victims it could. And nobody was trained, or had a manual to consult, or had followed specific courses for facing up to it.

It won hands down, interpreting badly the "killing instinct", that in sport is considered an attribute positive combativeness, if aimed at achieving victory against an opponent, but in the furrow of ethical rules and strict techniques.

The Corona Virus "killing instinct" is a simple homicidal fury that has harvested and is still harvesting victims in the world in terms of human lives mowed down and crushed hopes. It is sufficient to think of the thousands of athletes that for four years have been preparing for the Tokyo Olympics, many with the spirit of the last resort in terms of age limits or for completing a sports path. Or the emotion stolen away from a young beginner who will have the opportunity to try his luck again, but it will not be the same thing. How has the world of Panathlon reacted? We can say this in an exemplary way.

At all levels there has been no hesitation at all before suspending any social activity, starting from the traditional monthly convivial occasions. Many have deviated their wish to face each other to talk around a table about information technology instruments, giving rise to audio-visual links that have kept the line of our passion alive but taken away the joy of a direct personal relationship.

The general emergency has given rise to desperate appeals and Panathlon has been able to respond in its own style and with its own story. Once again, the Clubs, being the heart and root of our movement, were able to give the example, reacting to the fund-raising campaigns in favour of public bodies and voluntary associations providing help for the most needy.

The budget of the convivial events not carried out became an immediate local gift, highlighting an aspect of our mission that is often put in the background: generosity, altruism and solidarity.

In these latter months we have published in our weekly news item the details of our actions, relaunching the information coming from the Clubs. The ethical value of this presence transcends the material value and makes us proud to belong to this family.

In the initial part of our magazine we are providing several articles on this issue, so as not to forget those who have committed themselves and with great commotion, those who even from the lines of Panathlon, entered the sad list of the fallen on the field of the pandemic.

Victims of the "poison ball", the name of a very old court game and currently the symbol of an endless tragedy.



#DISTANTIMAVICINI

As devastating as a war Deferral of the Tokyo Olympics

Harm for both the athletes and the organisers, extension of the appointments for the management

by Renato Zanovello
Former Chairman of Panathlon Padova



In a newspaper in Tokyo the Italian comedian Gene Gnocchi saw the following announcement, reported by him in the "Gazzetta dello Sport": "Olympic Torch for sale, little used. Time-wasters not required". This wisecrack accompanied the pain with which it had to be said that the Corona virus had forced the IOC to defer the 2020 Tokyo Olympics until the summer of 2021.

Apart from this 2020 edition, there had only been three earlier failures to hold the modern Olympic Games, due to wars, specifically in 1916, 1940 and 1944. This year a tiny hitherto unknown virus is upsetting the whole world, including the world of sport, making us think, incidentally, about the fragility and the limits of human beings, often characterised by fake self-sufficiency based on false values and therefore easy to crumble, as widely shown. The announcement of the deferral of the Olympics has positive and negative aspects, depending on the facets applied.

It is an excellent piece of news from the priority point of view of health, considering the current tragic development of the pandemic. It is less excellent news for many champions, above all for the less young from the athletic point of view, who will have to keep in good shape for another year plus a few months.

It is very poor news, on the other hand, from the organisational and administrative point of view, as it is easy to imagine with reference not only from that of the Olympics. It is sufficient to think for example, of the possible freezing of the institutional positions about to fall due, with some managers already seeing the illusion of retirement while others had instead already started a more or less visible election campaign, that we of Panathlon always wish to be inspired by the competent spirit of service, assiduous and disinterested.

Let us hope for the best! This is the most obvious conclusion.

E-sport as a place of refuge in the forced seclusion

Sport in Coronavirus times: when entertainment is digital

by Giovanni Calgaro

Sport, like any other activity, is having to tackle the global health emergency due to the corona virus. Sports events have been suspended or cancelled, shaking up whole competitive seasons that had by now reached their high points.

The most important events of 2020, like the European football championships and the Olympic Games, have been put off until next year; the schedules have been revolutionised and the athletes are forced to train at home, pending resumption of their sports.

FROM REAL TO DIGITAL – For enthusiasts and fans, this period is one of stagnation during which nothing can be done other than dreaming of when things will return to normality. The absence of sport is making itself felt, however these weeks have given room to something that was perhaps unthinkable but that could, somehow, widen the horizons of a near future. In order to continue to entertain, the world of sport has actually projected itself towards e-Sport and – more in general – towards the opportunities offered by the digital world.

VIRTUAL – The lack of “traditional” events has started to be filled by various “virtual” initiatives that federations,

editors and event organisers have decided to set up during these weeks. Of course these will not make up for the enormous economic losses that the whole universe of sport will have to face up to and, probably, will only be a stopgap for the enthusiasts of “real” sport.

Notwithstanding, it is significant that in times like these the reluctance towards “digital sport” that has prevented the two worlds from communicating has been put on one side.

ATHLETES RISING TO THE OCCASION – The great success with the public encountered by the recent activities leave no room for doubt: the formula of “replacement” activities works and entertains. Above all if busy with their pads they are definitely the athletes we all know. From football to Formula 1, from basketball to GP motorcycle racing, the professionals have not backed down.

The players of the Liga have challenged each other on FIFA 20, while the stars of the NBA continue “formally” their season with NBA 2K. The NBA, again, is planning to launch a tournament, to be broadcast on ESPN, in which one player of each of the thirty franchises of the league will take part.



Formula 1 will organise virtual GPs replacing the stages of the world championships, suspended due to the corona virus.

Even the NASCAR championship has gone digital, even being transmitted live on Fox Sport. Dorna has involved some world motorcycling stars such as the two Marquez brothers, Bagnaia, Vinales and Quartararo, who have challenged each other on the virtual curves of Mugello. What is more, Formula 1 intends to organise virtual GPs not only to replace each stage of the championship suspended until May, but also to allow the fans to challenge directly the professional pilots through activities open to everyone.

POTENTIAL AND RISKS – This activity, carried out by Formula 1, does have a potential: it is a new way to approach fans, to entertain them and above all to interact with them, making them become active

parts of the show being put on stage. Something that happens very rarely in traditional sports events and that only partly was made possible by Formula E with the social vote of "Fanboost". The sudden interest of great masses towards digital events, however, can have risky repercussions, above all if the rich betting market is considered. With the world of sport blocked, some sites have quickly thrown the online competitions onto page one, increasing the possibilities of placing bets.

PANDEMIC AND E-SPORTS – The health emergency has obviously also affected e-Sports. Many events have been cancelled, deferred or played behind closed doors. In Europe alone, for example, the PUBG Global Series programmed in Berlin have been deferred until the end of the year; the Pokémon Company, on the other hand, has decided to cancel the events it had programmed.

The Intel Extreme Masters of Katowice, one of the most important eSports and most followed in the world, took place behind closed doors; the Gwent World Masters of Warsaw were deferred, just like the start of the season of the Apex Legends Global Series and some stages of the Capcom Pro Tour.

Ubisoft has decided to cancel the Pro League finals in May, planned in Brazil, while Activision Blizzard, with its two championships, finds that it has a tough nut to crack. Indeed, the CoD League and the Overwatch League had



Alex Marquez, even before his debut in the highest category, has already won the virtual GP of Mugello.

envisaged a whole lot of live events in their calendar, all cancelled, with consequent heavy losses for the whole chain involved. Luckily, however, e-Sports have the fortune in this particular moment of being able to continue to "live on", simply moving the competition to digital sites.



These basketball stars take part in events organised by the NBA.

The Italian athletes win with the Anti-Covid 19 video

In support of the heroic health personnel: Brignone, Paltrinieri, Di Francisca, Moioli, Paltrinieri, Zaytsev, Pellegrini, Wierer, Quadrella, Chamizo and Egonu



Italian sport wins even when the athletes stop due to the corona virus. Indeed, on the occasion of the World Health Day 2020, the International Olympic Committee has chosen to symbolise the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic with the touching video “ItaliaConVoi” (Italy with You), in which the athletes of the Italian Team played the leads. The film, produced by the Italian National Olympic Committee, had seen some of the great names of today’s Italian sport combined together in an “enormous thank you” addressed to the doctors and nurses working in this difficult time.

This is the first time that the IOC has chosen as its symbolic video the Italy of sport for a specific occurrence. Honouring the World Health Day, the IOC has joined forces to thank all the hard-working health personnel from all over the world.

The leading players of the video organised by the Italian National Olympic Committee are the champions such as the female fencer Elisa Di Francisca, the female snowboarder Michela Moioli, the female skier Federica Brignone, the swimmer Gregorio Paltrinieri, the volleyball player Ivan Zaytsev, the female swimmer Federica Pellegrini, the female biathlete Dorothea Wierer, the female swimmer Simona Quadarella, the wrestler Frank Chamizo and the volleyball player Paola Egonu.

Among the texts of the IOC there are also those written by other athletes. The current Olympic 48 kg judo champion Paula Pareto, after spending two weeks in isolation after her return from a competition in Ekaterinburg, has gone back to the San Isidro Hospital north of Buenos Aires where she works as an orthopaedist.

The former Dutch field hockey goalkeeper Joyce Sombroek, who had won a gold medal in London in 2012 and a silver medal in Rio de Janeiro in 2016 but then withdrawn due to repeated hip problems, is busy with rescue work in Holland.

The goalkeeper of the Australian hockey team Rachael Lynch is a nurse in Perth.

AN ELECTIVE ASSEMBLY AND CONGRESS HANGING FROM A THREAD OF HOPE

Except in case of unforeseen circumstances, the dates of 17th and 18th October in the Italian town of Osimo, in the Marche region, have been confirmed

The possibility of holding the elective general assembly and the extraordinary congress in the town of Osimo, in Italy, is hanging by a thread of hope.

The President's Committee has confirmed the hoped-for date and place of an early return to normal circumstances, not only just in Italy but all over the world.

In particular in South America where Panathlon International has many Clubs and from where many delegates should be arriving.

The signs of improvement that came to light from the end of May onwards authorise some optimism, although we are still far from a total recovery of normality in the movements of the citizens and in the possibility of carrying out mass events such as our Assembly.

The previously announced dates of 17th and 18th October have been confirmed, providing the holiday period still separating us from them does not lead to unpleasant surprises in the behaviour of people and in the consequences of the inevitable promiscuity that the sea and mountain areas inevitably favour.

It is true that the world of sport will undergo an important

recovery in these four months separating us from Osimo. Football is resuming its challenges, even behind closed doors, cycling will see a return of the Tour de France in August and then the Vuelta de Espana in September and the Giro d'Italia in October, together with some classical events. Formula One, too, is announcing the resumption of the championship, and more or less all the sports are competing with one another to give vent to their will for normality.

While this is a positive signal, it does, however, entail a danger for the whole world of sport.

It appears clear to everyone that if some cases of positivity should occur in the virus testing in any competition, all the others, too, would be surrounded by doubts and a general quarantine would occur.

The International Council that will be held on 26th June in a telematic form ... and reach the final decision, which will have to be in line with those of the political and healthcare authorities of the various countries and of the World Health Organisation.

These uncertainties make the preparatory work difficult, in particular as far as concerns organisation of the travelling for the most far away and the booking of the hotels.



A century ago sport, too, was on its knees; after the war came the “Spanish flu” pandemic

Summary of words by the “Lo Slalom” agency

Overshadowed in recent months by the evening news bulletins and by the bereavements following one after another, we should for a moment make an effort to imagine a population that is at last thinking of leaving a war behind it but after a moment ends up in an even more world-wide pandemic.

H1N1, known as the Spanish flu, presented itself on planet Earth in 1918, experiencing a peak in the month of October and then coming back to life in the following autumn and lasting until 1920, when it disappeared.

Why it was called Spanish when it did not come from Spain has been much discussed by historians. Let us accept the idea according to which the Spanish newspapers were the first to write about it with a certain amount of freedom, not being subject to war-inspired censure.

The outcome of that epidemic, reported to us one century later, indicates a number of deaths varying between 50 and 100 million. These numbers are so enormously high that almost seems to us that the enormous difference between 50 and 100 does not make any difference. Only a few countries remained immune. 500 million people were infected. One third of the world's population. As if nowadays they were two and a half billion people. It was sometimes called “the Blue Death” as the lungs of people who caught this virus turned blue. It came mainly to men aged between 18 and 30.

The epidemic was very American, above all when starting. Many sports were still at a standstill because of the war. The first to be affected was baseball. Due to the commitments of the armed forces, the 1918 World Series between the Red Sox from Boston and the Cubs from Chicago were brought forward by a month and a half. The point was that Boston, specifically, was found to be one of the fiercest hotbeds of the epidemic.

The navy was affected first, then the army and lastly civilians. When on 9th September one of the finals was supposed to be played at Fenway Park, the doctors in Massachusetts asked for the match to be deferred but uselessly. Three matches were played in Boston and in the reconstruction by L'Équipe the number of onlookers decreased progressively from 24,694 to 22,183 and lastly to 15,238 in spite of the wins. “I used to wonder why people went to Fenway Park when they could have died”, said Skip Desjardin, author of the book “September 1918: War, Plague, and the World Series”.

One of the most famous people infected was Babe Ruth, who at the time was 22. One theory maintained that he caught the virus during a match, others felt that it had happened during a later visit to his family in Baltimore. Rumours in Boston said that the giant was on his deathbed, but instead he recovered. On 12th October 1918 the Los Angeles Daily Times published a title according to which the quarantine order affected all sports except for duck hunting. The public opinion was struck deeply by the death at the age of 46 of the umpire Silk O'Loughlin, the man who during his career had expelled 164 players.

In Australia the football championship went on. Not only, it managed to increase the number of teams playing in the tournament from the four in 1916 to the nine of 1919. There were no restrictions affecting the public. The finals had an average of 47 thousand spectators, according to the web site of the Australian Football League. Some players were infected but none died.

In Ireland, the 1918 Gaelic football final was put off until February 1919, and Wexford won against Tipperary in spite of the absence of Davy Toibin, who was ill. The match was played anyway. Indeed, because of the passion for gaelic football, with no suspect economic interests, a clamorous fact had occurred. On 4th August 1918, as a reaction to the cancellation of the activity by the Government, over 50 thousand people gave rise to a giant anti-isolation protest, organising a series of Sunday matches throughout the country.

In Spain, Joan Gamper, founder of the Barcelona team, guided the battle for not stopping football, The Spanish federation had blocked the tournament but in 1918 a championship was held all the same. Marca wrote that Gamper had convinced the Health Ministry to grant him permission, the same result that had been obtained by athletics and tennis.

The British Parliament, too, did not cancel football due to the pandemic, and did not arrange to limit access to the stadiums. 20,000 people arrived at Stamford Bridge for one Chelsea match. The national tournament was at a standstill due to the war, however the teams were playing in regional championships and Chelsea was playing in the London Combination League, in spite of the fact that two players and two vice presidents had fallen ill.

In 1918 English football was not subject to today's economic interests, and did not stop. Indeed, it buried the

former Gainsborough Trinity wing Johnnie Pattinson, the Millwall midfielder Young and the Scottish wing Angus Douglas of Newcastle, former Chelsea. Angus Douglas is remembered as a lord of assists, according to Modeo "A marvellous archetype of every future wing (from Best to Dalglish to Overmars)". He had lost a finger working in a factory. His wife Nancy died three days before him, leaving an eight-month old orphan called Betty.

We are now in 1919. The second wave, from the point of view of sport, affected hockey, so much so that for the first time the Stanley Cup was not assigned. In the afternoon of 1st April, six hours prior to the start of the decisive match, five Montreal players were hospitalised, having caught flu. Some historians blamed this collective contagion on the fact that the team had played in a friendly match in Vancouver, a region where this virus was quite widespread. Four days later, Joe Hall, one of the stars of that team, died in a sanatorium in Seattle. He had won the title three times and had three children. One of the managers, the general manager George Kennedy, aged 39, was to die instead in 1921 due to the consequences.

The new world arising from the epidemic of one century ago created the basis for the development of sport as we now know it. Or perhaps we should say as we had known it?

Sport in 1920. Was this a restart or something new?



If it was true that in ancient time the *Olympics* stopped wars, what event was the best for celebrating the end of the gloom and the arrival of a new age?

The Games were supposed to be held on 14th August. Actually, for the first time in history, and 4 years before the first edition of winter Olympics in Chamonix, for the first time Antwerp included some competitions on ice in the games.

Antwerp's choice was defined "curious at least" in the book *L'enciclopedia delle Olimpiadi* by Elio Trifari. The candidacy of Budapest had failed in that this city was the capital of a country on the aggressive side in the war. A shy candidacy had arrived on De Coubertin's desk from Havana. "Playing in addition to Lyons and Antwerp there were also candidates from overseas: Cleveland, Atlanta and Philadelphia, but what they were promising seemed exaggerated to de Coubertin, who did not trust them.



One of the most popular sports of the time, *boxing*, faced the new world with two novelties. The first was the official introduction of the World Heavyweight medal. Before 1920 the category included the heaviest boxers but with no weight limits. A limit of

175 pounds was instead set, below which the fight was among light heavyweights.

This looks like a regulation-based and bureaucratic loophole, while in actual fact it is a line marking the start of a legend.

The second novelty was that boxing became legal in New York, opening a season of great matches until Las Vegas took over as capital of the business connected with punching.



The *Tour de France*, too, when it was resumed in the new world, was accompanied by a symbol showing its distance from darker times: the yellow jersey.

In post-war and post-epidemic sport, another of the myths of our times was born.

As written by Carlos Arribas last summer in *El Pais*, "It is yellow also because, as explained at the time by Henri Desgrange, organiser of the paper and the race, yellow is the colour of hope, of the sun lighting up, a few months after the Great War, the destroyed cities and the foul streets raced along by the group. No-one can imagine how the Tour would have been without the yellow jersey, the clothing item that the English, with their magnificent aim for finding an exact formula, call the Graal of cycling".

It appeared at the 1919 Tour and initially this did not seem very significant. About Eugène Christophe, the first to wear it, we will know later that he did not keep even one of them: «I used them to dress in during the war, as cotton vests. At the time we did not know what would happen afterwards ».



Tennis, on the other hand, was devoting itself to the cult of Bill Big Tilden, who in 1920 won for the first time at Wimbledon, remaining a candidate for many years (until Laver? Until Federer?) for the greatest impossible title ever.

A friend of Charlie Chaplin and of Greta Garbo, an author of many technical books about tennis, he was discriminated due to his homosexuality.



In *football*, the FA Cup, suspended due to the war, came back on 24th April of 1920 for the final at Stamford Bridge. Precisely the Chelsea stadium of the pandemic. The match was won by Aston Villa scoring 1-0 against Huddersfield. English football in the new world was to bring in new ideas precisely with Huddersfield, English champion on three occasions (1924-1925-1926) and a workplace for tactical experiments for Herbert Chapman, who later, at Arsenal, was to invent the WM. In France, again after the war and the pandemic, the federation was under the guidance of a gentleman named Jules Rimet. He was to invent the World Championships.



The first Italian *medal* following the resumption went to Inter, which won against Leghorn in a final not without controversies.

The papers of the period talked about a stressful season. In the enthusiasm for its rebirth, the federation had admitted a considerable number of teams to the regional qualifications, and the matches never came to their ends. Because of this, in order to shorten the times, the formula was changed along the way, causing plenty of protests.

I have a dream ...

Lately, the most commonly used word is perhaps "future", thought of both individually and collectively. Some see it with great worry, others, on the other hand, with the strong hope of a better human race.

On the subject of the future, I have dreamt of living in a Panathlon where, alongside us, the "hard core", so to say, there were new people, good-looking, fair or dark-haired, the sign of a change of generation, the future of our Movement, that will have to continue its "mission" of promoting and spreading culture and sports ethics according to the IOC's official mandate, adopted also by the Italian National Olympics Committee.

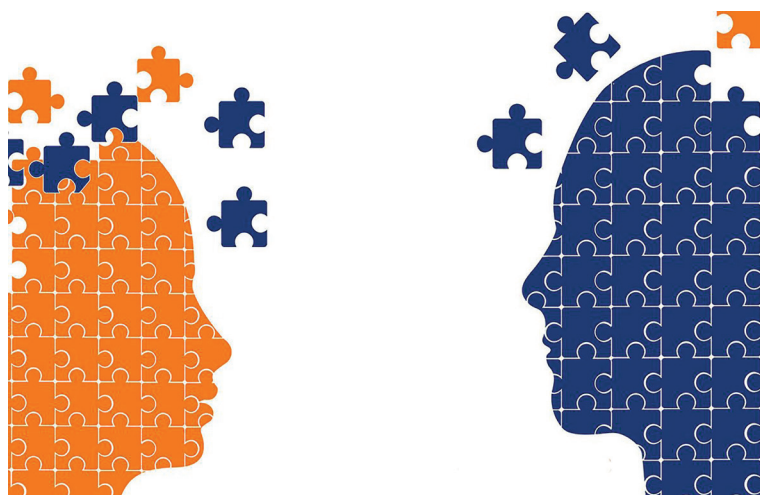
This will take place by means of Conferences and Public Events, Thematic Meetings (with or without convivial events), Scientific Research Papers and Sports Publications, Grants for young people reaching excellent levels in sports and in life, Fair-Play Prizes, Activities for the disabled playing sports, specific projects, links with other public and private institutions, and so on.

Once I had left the dream behind, I asked myself how we could actually promote and facilitate as much as possible that exchange of generations, recruiting new panathletic forces, with special attention for the youngest, perhaps richer in physical and intellectual resources than in financial means.

To answer this and other possible questions about our future, personally I would propose organising a "Competition of Ideas", open to panathletes and to anyone sharing our ideals. The best entries aimed at future proactive ends would then be awarded prizes on the basis of a choice made by a Commission consisting of forward-looking people, ready to adopt even revolutionary ideas, provided they respected the Principles inspiring our Movement.

The material collected should then be submitted to the Management Bodies of Panathlon for the consequent concrete decisions, that I am confident would be equally forward-looking and not subject to any vested interests. This proposal for a broader consultation, in my opinion, should provide new food for thought, useful for the future development of our Movement, spurred on in this also by the encouragement of the Nobel prize-winner Rita Levi Montalcini, who used to say: "Think of the future coming to you, think of what you can do and do not fear anything!"

Renato Zanovello
Past President of Panathlon Padua



Serious loss for Panathlon

Claudia Subini has left us

Claudia Subini left us on 13th March 2020 after a long illness against which she had fought for 18 years. She would have been 67 in October.

She was a Panathlete of the Ravenna Club, of which she had been President from 2011 to 2016. This is a very serious loss for the whole of Panathlon and for the world of sport of the whole city. A teacher, she had been Physical Education coordinator at the Ravenna Education Office for 20 years. Her whole life had been devoted to the world of school and to sport for the young. A CONI Delegate since 2013, main character of all the activities of the Club she was working on the 13th edition of the City of Ravenna Cultural Orienteering Culturale Città, which sees every two years over 500 pupils of the Emilia Romagna Region present in Ravenna.

We express our great affection to our dear friend Roberto at this very sad time.

Goodbye Claudia from the whole of Panathlon

Giorgio Dainese – Deputy President of Panathlon International



THESE ARE THE SIX FINALIST OF THE BANCARELLA SPORT 2020

Now the “grand jury” will designate the winner, followed by the proclamation

While practised sport was blocked by the Corona Virus, things were not the same for the selection committee of the 57th Bancarella Sport Prize, which met together at a distance. There were about forty works to be examined, among which to choose the six finalists. Six finalists were selected, as usual very different from one another.

The Selection Committee, consisting of the President Paolo Francia, and Massimo Arcidiacono, Giuseppe Benelli, Giovanni Bruno, Danilo Di Tommaso, Luigi Ferraiolo, Ignazio Landi, Roberto Lazzarelli, Paolo Liguori, Angelo Panassi, Giacomo Santini, Giovanni Tarantola and Ivan Zazzaroni, expressed particular appreciation for the following books:

- GIOANNBRERAFUCARLO. GIANNI BRERA, SECONDO ME, written by Andrea Maietti, and published by Bolis Edizioni;
- IL TENNIS L'HA INVENTATO IL DIAVOLO, written by Adriano Panatta together with Daniele Azzolini, and published by Sperling & Kupfer;
- LA PARTITA, written by Piero Trellini, published da Mondadori;
- NON PETTINAVAMO MICA LE BAMBOLE. LE MERAVIGLIOSE STORIE DELLE RAGAZZE DELLA NAZIONALE, written by Alessandro Alciato and published by Baldini+Castoldi;
- RICKY ALBERTOSI. ROMANZO POPOLARE DI UN PORTIERE, written by Collettivo Soriano, edited by Massimiliano Castellani and published by Urbone Publishing;
- VOLEVO SOLO NUOTARE (200.000 BRACCIAE CON RACHELE BRUNI), written by Luca Farinotti, published by Artingenio.

The chosen texts will now go through the end stage and will be sent to the members of the “Grand Jury”. The votes of the independent booksellers belonging to the two Associations organising the Bancarella prizes, added to those of the electors designated by the Italian District of Panathlon Distretto and of the usual characters of the worlds of sport and journalism, will be submitted in the form of secret electronic cards to the Notary of the Prize, Ms Sara Rivieri, who in a public session will name the final winner.

The award for a journalistic career named after Bruno Raschi will also be given on the same day, to Beppe Conti. The “Bruno Raschi” award, remembering and in honour of “The Divine”, is assigned each year, starting from 2005, to a journalist who has, in his career, marked, innovated, and reread the manner of carrying out sports journalism. Beppe Conti, born in Turin, was and still is a reference name for cycling.

Due to his past experiences as a journalist for the Gazzetta dello Sport and Tuttosport and to his passion for cycling, he is considered one of the most expert and liked storytellers of the exhausting and astonishing undertakes on two wheels.

He has taken part as a columnist in TV broadcasts on the Giro d'Italia and the Tour de France. He has written many books about cycling.



Echoes of the Panathlon International Writing Contest

In the last issue of our magazine we devoted plenty of space to the Panathlon International Writing Contest and to the prize-giving held in Lausanne. The two young winners of the categories Prose and Poetry wanted to thank the organisers and to express their true joy for their unforgettable experience.

Following are the two short letters they sent us.

The joy of having won with the strength of my feelings

"It was definitely a fantastic experience. I would never have expected my story to win. The moment of the prize-giving with the handing over of the medal and diploma was the most emotional of all. The city of Lausanne, its splendid cathedral, Lake Geneva and the Olympic Sport Museum left me speechless. It was a unique occasion.

I can only say Thank you to Panathlon, to the teachers of the Casorati Art School of Novara thanks to whom I became acquainted with the competition and to everyone who enabled me to reach this wonderful goal. It will definitely remain one of my most beautiful memories."

Marta Buscaglia
Winner of the Prose Section

Poetry as harmony also in sport

"It all started out from a simple poem, that with the proper interpretation can involve one emotionally, revealing the need to avoid bringing together pages on history and sport founded on nothing at all.

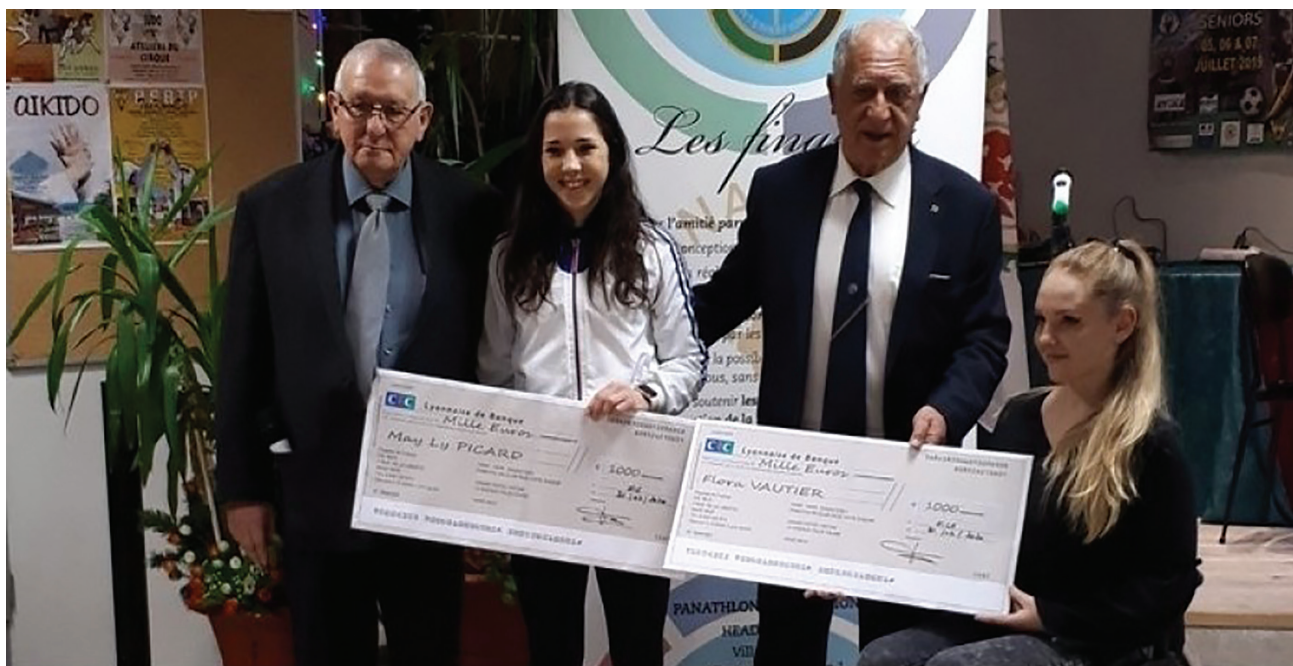
The context in which I lived through this fantastic experience in Lausanne taught me a lot both from the psychological and from the cultural points of view, making me feel aware of the main values inclined to make any form of sport true and pure.

In order to obtain certainties in competitions, we need to be conscious as persons and consequently self-satisfied regardless of the outcome. If understood as personal liberation, I believe that poetry can lead us towards a physical and mental harmony able to make us rational even at the most obscure times full of dissatisfactions.

Each of us is entitled to know the reality of the facts. With regard to the winning of the writing competition organised by Panathlon International, I can say that I learned the fact that it is always worthwhile to try."

Angelo Petrellese
Winner of the Poetry Section

SCOLARSHIPS FOR TWO ATHLETES, FOR TABLE TENNIS AND KARATE



The members of the Nice Côte d'Azur Panathlon Club, an association belonging to the World-wide Panathlon Clubs organisation and presided over by Richard Papazian, have assigned scholarships to two particularly well deserving athletes. The ceremony took place in the presence of numerous characters of the world of sport.

The chairman Richard Papazian expressed his "Pride for this year's selection". He also insisted on "This moment of help and accompaniment for these sportswomen, in the hope that their assignment may bring them happiness".

Flora Vautier, the first woman athlete being prized is a table-tennis player on a wheelchair, member of the Villeneuve-Loubet-Table Tennis Club. Flora, aged 15, is an example for young people. In 2015 she became paraplegic following a traffic accident and is now obliged to use a wheelchair to move around.

Having spent two years in a re-education and rehabilitation centre, she discovered sport for the disabled. In love with sport, she has developed a passion for table tennis and the results of her work and altruism were so great that in 2019 she joined the French Pole and won her first European title.

The name of the second female prize-winner, who is from Nice, is May-ly Picard Karateka.

A member of the ASBTP Club, this sportswoman ranks among the top 50 players in the world, accumulating great international performances over a period of many years. She is also a nurse and it is her intention to exploit every opportunity leading up to her dream: to take part in the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Next summer, karate will become an Olympic sport and will be present in Paris in 2024.

We are isolated but close and not losing hope

In these days of uncertainty, tribulation and even fear, with the appearance of the corona virus (COVID-19) the Human Race is undergoing a test in which each of us has to show his or her best. In view of this exceptional situation, in which an as yet unknown plague has spread rapidly all over the world, with consequent suffering, pain and death, the only actual strategic manoeuvre is to stay at home and suspend one's activities, so as to reduce as much as possible the likelihood of infection and of getting too close to others. This has forced us to limit our duties drastically, and voluntarily or compulsorily, depending on the policies of the various different countries, everywhere on the planet. We trust that time, and possibly a new vaccine, will help to defeat this pandemic, but the negative consequences on the economies of peoples and individuals will continue.

This situation has caused negative impacts in Sport. Competitions, tournaments and national, regional and international sports activities have been suspended. Recreational sports, too, have been stopped. An exceptional situation has come about in which the Olympic Games have been put off, which had not happened after the world wars. They will be deferred until 2021. This reduction of sports activities will influence the activity of athletes in general, who have had to stop or reorganise their training in order to adapt to the rules of isolation and quarantine. Several organisations and sports federations have had to apply insurance against unemployment or to release employees and players.

Panathlon International and its Clubs – and it could not be otherwise – were affected by this problem. Its Convivial Activities and works have all been stopped until notice otherwise is given. Unhappily, we have lost physically some valuable panathletes, mainly in Italy. This has struck us and pained us as human beings, but as an institution it threatens us, since if the organisation loses its driving force it runs the risk of not working any more.

How to maintain the activity of Panathlon in these times in which we cannot meet together? How can we keep up our spirits and hope in our Clubs and Communities? We must remember that we are in a period of latency but not of leave or of holiday. We have to remain isolated, but we can still stay in contact with one another thanks to information and communication technologies.

Let us give some suggestions, which could be enriched by contributions from everyone:

- First and foremost, we must keep communications among us going. We must think about our partners' and companions' situations and health. Let us see how we can help them or arrange to meet any needs they might have, to the extent that this is possible for us.
- Let us take advantage of the situation to study Panathlon, its philosophy, its documents and Sport-related problems.
- Let us plan future service and programming activities that our Clubs can perform or in which they can cooperate with other institutions or authorities, once the danger of the pandemic has passed.
- Let us conceive reflections and ideas about our Institution and about Sport in general, in order to build thoughts and knowledge that can be applied in suitable actions and policies once this crisis has been overcome.
- Let us imagine how we can participate, to the best of our possibilities, as individuals, as panathletes and as a collective body, in the new scenarios and issues that will arise in everything referring to Sport after this period. In the meantime, we must resort to the Principles that Sport and Panathlon International have always taught us in order to beat the pandemic that is challenging us.

Otherwise what is the point of our ideals if not for Life? Let us remember that we are a team and that we must work as such. The Values of Sport and Panathlon International will guide us so as to win this competition against the corona virus:

- We must all do our best.
- We must face these adversities firmly, aiming at overcoming them permanently and learning from our experiences.
- We must comply with the authorities' health rules and recommendations.
- We must act in a spirit of equality, cooperation and responsibility.
- We must be loyal and show solidarity with others.

All together, forming the best team against this challenge, we will share the Victory. We will make it!

For the Hope that we will all win together, for the Faith that we will meet again in order to continue bringing Panathlon forward, letting the sacrifices of our deceased companions inspire a new stage of achievements, for the Triumph of Love and Life over death, let us all join together in a single Heart, so as to continue building our panathletic dream.

The importance of exhibiting panathletic “cards”

by Franco Storri

The Central Panathlon often suggests attractive initiatives that everyone finds very interesting and about which a bit of noise is heard for some time, but very soon nothing more is said about them. Our magazine contains articles on seminars, conventions, meetings, prizes and so on, that is to say the outside activity of Panathlon, both at central and peripheral level, is highlighted. A fine thing, admirable, and that I therefore feel is in line with our aims: showing what can be done in accordance with the tasks entrusted to us and Panathlon's aims in the world.

In this sense my Club too, for about fifteen years, has been spreading propaganda about the activities it carries out with services on local TV programmes and on social networks.

There is, however, rarely any talk about the Panathletic Cards on the “Young People's Rights in Sport” or on “Parents' Duties”. Perhaps a lot of noise is made about a plate installed in a particular place, but then everything ends there. Well, I would like to recall our activity of distribution of the Panathletic Cards.

It was in the years 2007 and 2008 when Panathlon International presented us with the “Gand Card”, that is to say “Panathlon's Statement on Ethics in Youth Sport”, asking us to publicise it in places attended by youngsters: gyms, schools, sports facilities.

About ten years after this the “Charter of Parental Duties” was created. It is sure that many Clubs took steps to comply with the Districts' and Governors' requests but not even this activity is mentioned as it should be. Certainly every Club did a lot in this sense, I have no doubt, but obviously silently. With great difficulty I managed to have the Councils of all the 14 Municipalities of my area approve the “Panathlon Declaration on Ethics in Youth Sport”. When I was elected Chairperson of my Club I organised the convention “Ethics in Youth Sport”.

The “Charter of Parental Duties” was launched in 2017, with the handing over of the first prototype of a plasticised paper label containing the “Rights of Young People” and the “Charter of Parental Duties”. Some Clubs had prepared polycarbonate

panels of a far larger size and therefore far more visible and easy to read, in addition to being more suitable for putting them on show outside.

We were inspired by this idea and now we have aluminium panels measuring 100 x 65 cm that we are now exhibiting at Gyms and Sports Facilities in our municipalities. The costs of these posters is quite high but accessible, so we are looking for sponsors and contributions and our activity is proceeding. We have already put into place or planned about thirty of them, welcomed by the executives or authorities receiving them. Distribution is planned, at the moment, of a total of 120 of them.

In all the panels, in addition to the Logo of the Municipality in which they will be placed and from which we request a small contribution, we include the logo of the Official Sponsor, showing very clearly the symbol of Panathlon and that of our Club. Currently, having obtained the patronage of the Tuscany Region and a contribution from them, we also include its logo, which makes us even more proud and certain of greater consideration. I can say that wherever they have been presented these panels were liked because they are also elegantly coloured and designed, in addition to being easy to read.

Lastly, we have noted that they attract great interest on the part of young people and sportsmen and women.



Virtual convivial events Health first and foremost!

by Ernst Denoth, Consigliere internazionale,
Panathlon Club di Chur und Umgebung

Due to the Corona Virus, will there be no monthly meeting?
The Chur und Umgebung PC expressed its disagreement.

Christoph Schmid, who stubbornly continued to seek a solution for saving the start of his activity as the new president, found it with his management council.

Our media manager Reihard Soahr had said, "Why don't we hold a virtual meeting by telephone instead of the April meeting planned in the Hotel Stern?", to whom this electrifying idea had come while having a shower.

The member could have linked up by telephone at the usual time to listen to the report by Denise Rudin, head of the Health Promotion and Prevention Section of the Regional Health Service of the Grisons region.



"Health in critical times" was the title of the report, in which the speaker showed clearly how the promotion of sport and movement is of great importance also for the elderly.

In this way, the threshold towards a minority and a possible dependence can be shifted by years.

Giving advice for a healthy diet and for practicing movement, Denise Rudin explained her reasons for keeping fit even while growing older and during the Corona virus pandemic. After her talk she answered questions by the people present. mhard Spahr advised the Clubs interested in videoconferences as follows, "Nowadays in all the Panathlon Clubs there are people who know how a videoconference is organised. There are many providers such as, for example, www.telefonkonferenz.ch or Microsoft Teams, for holding these conferences."

The Panathlon Symbol Exhibition reserved for Representative Bodies

A question not new and already debated within Panathlon International came up again: the use of the panathletic symbol in the institutional and individual communication of individual members.

At the recent meeting of the President's Committee, in the face of recent private statements by members on social media, with the display of the symbol, the question was raised about the appropriateness of such free use.



The President's Committee reiterated the line already adopted in the past to reserve the right to display the symbol only to institutional bodies in their official communications and documentation, namely:

- International bodies
- National districts
- Areas
- Clubs

The individual debate among members is positive and providential for internal dialectics but must take place under the regime of total freedom and therefore engage personal opinions that cannot be supported by the symbol of all.

The future of sport and of the Olympics in on-line meetings

by Fabio Figueras, counsellor with delegation for international relations of the Lisbon Panathlon Club

Before I go into specific details on our last monthly session, which was held on 21st of May 2020, I would like to make a short introduction. I am Fábio Figueiras, a board member and in charge for the international relations of Panathlon Club of Lisbon (PCL). Our club celebrated, recently, 40 years of history in Portugal and is, currently, the only Panathlon club in Portugal.

As the sole existing club in Portugal, the sporting message that we carry of high importance.

Along with other events that we promote and participate, we have a monthly physical session, that we organize and where we discuss relevant sports related topics. Unfortunately, and due to the current pandemic situation, we had to suspend all physical meetings from March on (e.g. board meeting, monthly debate Session and other physical gatherings).

Fortunately, in PCL we understood and agreed, that we would need to adapt ourselves and keep organizing and having monthly sessions. We immediately started to discuss and plan online sessions for the upcoming months.

In April we held a session regarding the postponement of the Olympic Games to 2021 and the consequences that this would have on the athletes.

The session was held in Portuguese, online and we had mostly Portuguese and Brazilian attendees (mostly Panathlon Club members of Brazil) that registered and took part in the session.

Following the success of our April session we immediately started to draft and organize ourselves to have a dedicated international session in May: the outcome of it, and let me anticipate it to you, was great.

We had more than 80 registrations and we counted with participants from all over the world (Brazil, Belgium, Bulgaria, Russia, etc.). A high number of participants belonging to a Panathlon Club.

The topic of the May meeting was: Pandemic vs. Sport – Panathlon contribution to Sport, challenges and recovery.



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To discuss such important topic, we invited Panathlon International (PI), PCU Committee (PCU), Panathlon Club of Antwerp (Belgium) (PC Antwerp), Panathlon Club of Sorocaba (Brazil) (PC Sorocaba) and Panathlon Club of Lisbon (as host) to participate in our panel. Consequently, we were able to count with the participation of Mrs. Simona Callo (Secretary General of Panathlon International), Dr. Gabriel Kotchofa (Secretary General of PCU Committee), Mr. Nils van de Velden (President of PC Antwerp), Prof. Antônio Bramante (member of PC Sorocaba and member of the Scientific Committee of Panathlon International) and Mr. Mário Almeida (President of PCL). The session was moderated by me and I had Duarte Lopes (Secretary of PCL) and other PCL Board Members assisting (Joana Viães & Carlos Lopes Ribeiro).

We scheduled a two-hour session and divided it into four big groups of themes:

- 1) Current situation and challenges for PI/PCs/PCU;
- 2) getting into COVID-19 and more specifically on the OMS specific recommendations with regards to the implementation of measures and their (national/local) experience on this and also to briefly discuss on the postponement of the Olympic Games from 2020 to 2021;
- 3) the impact of this health crisis on the global value of sports, taking in consideration, e.g., the adoption of "lay-off" measures and the difficulty of sports return under these circumstances;
- 4) other challenges that, due to the pandemic situation, were not being discussed and needed to be discussed (e.g. Match-fixing, doping, racism in sports, hooliganism, etc.).

In sum, we heard from our panel members, that on the postponed Olympic games, the big challenge would be with regards to the opening of the borders and that it would be important to have Olympic Games in 2021 but it would only be possible, if a vaccine is found.

A big concern was with regards to its organization but without spectators there would be more room for sponsors and marketing/advertising.

During this discussion it was also noted that COVID-19 is

"very democratic", as it affected everyone without choosing classes. However, it was also emphasized, that with COVID-19, we did not lose the spirit of innovation.

Another conclusion met, was that Governments will need to support sports and that Panathlon Movement can try to attract more women and young people. With regards to return to sports, it was mentioned, that with most competitions stopped, and sports being a social matter, there would be no guarantee, that people that left sports due to this crisis would return back to it.

From the audience we received some questions, mostly related to the concerns of the return of sport and public policies that needed to be launched to face this issue.

It is difficult to summarize a two hour session in such short review, but the outcomes of the discussion, if I can say, were positive and even though we still live in uncertainty with regards to the future, I am sure, that many of the topics that we have discussed can and will contribute to the future of sports.

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The “Study and Sport” Award

The Cuneo Club has re-initiated its traditional activity of rewarding young male and female athletes who have stood out both on the playing fields and at school.

This year, this activity has reached its 24th edition. How many years have passed, how many students have reached this prestige objective ... and how many of them have become great athletes and champions, bringing lustre and prestige to our area around Cuneo.

The reason underlying the will to introduce this Prize was, at the time, the wish to help young people busy with studies and sport, understood as a fundamental moment of global training of individuals. There was the aim of highlighting and maintaining “student-athletes” having achieved praiseworthy and considerable results both in their studies and in the specific sports practiced by them at federal and student level.

There was great insight in this initiative of the Cuneo sports association that today, more than ever, notices the proper intuition sought with the cooperation of C.O.N.I. and the Provincial School Office. These bodies have always provided their effective contribution, helping in the assignment of the prestige award to secondary school students.

It is appropriate, in this difficult period we are all going through, to remember some of the young winners of the Study and Sport Award who have become great sportsmen and women: Elisa Balsamo, Carlotta Ripa, Marta Bassino, Nicolò Balsamo, Emanuele and Francesco Becchis, Martina Giordano and many others, up to the present time.

Our Members remember them with affection and repeat their wishes that a future of outstanding achievements will continue for them, and that once this period has passed we will see them, more competitive than ever on the fields of the great trials.

The Panathlon Club of Cuneo will continue with this initiative, which will always have to be in line with the times and ever more followed.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, and hoping to be with you this year too



Sport for starting up again with a thought for those who are suffering

The Lugano Panathlon Club has reactivated its activities aimed at promoting sport-related values.

“For the moment”, as reported by Christian Crivelli, in charge of communication”, the activities have taken place with proper respect for social distancing, and many members approached for the first time the virtual world of on-line conferences.

At the start of the feast the chairperson Claudio Ortelli shared with the members his thought on the importance of the support given by Panathlon to three organisations in the Lugano area that are particularly busy in the operational context. A thought was addressed to those who in this particular period have been emotionally wounded.

Support was expressed specifically for the personnel of the Moncucco Clinic, to the personnel and volunteers of the Croce Verde Lugano and to the organisation Swiss Special Olympics: “Precisely this latter organisation has stood out for its Unified project, aimed at making sport for everyone by cooperating with sports clubs so that they can provide training suitable for boys and girls with specific needs”.

The chairman drew the attention of both male and female members “to the importance of experiencing now this moment of resilience in which everyone, not least the world of amateur and professional sport will be called upon to frit their teeth and face up decidedly to any problems that could arise.

In our social tissue, sport is a fundamental adhesive enabling all and sundry, whether young or not so young to experience emotional moments and to search for mental and physical well-being”.



We will return to our traditional convivial events but must not abandon digital efforts

Video conferences have favoured the opening of broader horizons and the getting to know of new and interesting characters outside Panathlon

by Francesco Schillirò
Governor of Area 11

In these over 60 days of lockdown, the Area 11 in Campania with its Clubs, has not stopped and has continued on a remote basis the activity of spreading the principles of our Association with activities on social media but above all trying to contribute towards the needs of society.

Solidarity, seen by most of the Clubs in this area, active in the territories to which they belong. Certainly in this period there has been a lack of direct contacts. We have been conditioned by the limits in terms of space and time of the various platforms, we have not experienced the true moments of the "convivium", but we have – with what has been done and within our feasible limits, respected the precepts of associationism, with a new form, perhaps more involving and spreading than our movement, offering more people – even not panathletes – to attend the meetings and to get to know what we are and what we do.

I feel that in order to obtain some benefits from this period of isolation, we should – once we return to normal conditions – learn lessons for using meetings on line not only for organising our Clubs' normal activities but also for updates for our managers and members.

The continuous exchange of ideas on a remote basis among the various Clubs that are the skeleton of our "Panathletic World" could be a real opening to international relations in the cohesion of our intentions.

This vision of mine, which to some could seem utopian, would open new outlets for the growth of our Movement, with a presumable impact on the actuality.

In an article written by me and published in Panathlon Planet, I expressed fears that in the "after Covid" period, tolerance towards remote "convivial events" could arise, with a loss of direct contacts among members. This could happen also because in many of us (according to data by the "Società di psichiatria", in over 1000000 Italians), after this quarantine a "hut syndrome" has arisen making one feels secure only inside one's own home. Of course, we have experienced a period in which media

bombing and the crude nature of the images of the first periods of pandemic (that will always remain in our memories) have affected our psyches.

But as Pliny the Elder used to say, "malum quidem nullum esse sine aliquo bono".

We must, as the other side of the coin, hope that it has made the "global village" understand the behavioural errors that had actually become routine for many. This invisible enemy has upset our "modus vivendi", forcing us to accept limits to our freedom, respecting strict protocols that we would never have thought of living through.

The slow return to normality is the best viaticum temporary resolution of the problem, or even as we all hope, a final resolution.

We, who are sportsmen and women, have to give an example for living correctly this "new life". In my earlier articles in the Distretto Italia publication, among the various strips, drafting of which made my quarantine more bearable, I made room for personal considerations about the reopening of football activities, expressing all my qualms.

In my opinion, "the game is not worth the candle", because we would have a football that is not played, the beauty of which would be amputated due to actions that for reasons of safety would not be feasible.

The risk that in the team or among the people accompanying it there could be a positive person, and that this would force everyone who has come into contact with them to go through quarantine, whether in the team they belong to or among their opponents.

Only the arbitration trio would avoid isolation, but I do not know to what extent, since it would be impossible to exclude some rash gesture due to the emotion of the event.

We could therefore run the risk of an end of a championship distorted not by the wills of the athletes but due to their respect of the safety measures, or "hiccupping", as

defined by me, due to probable interruptions of the competitive activity.

Nobody can know today – and I am saying this as a doctor – when our “pre Covid” life will be returned to us, Going back to the activity of the Clubs in Area 11 Campania, there was great merit in the project by the Benevento Club to make a gift of PPE to a sports group of the parish.

Danila Vitale, the new President, who took over from Stefano de Masi, has not lost heart and in spite of this period has managed in a virtual manner to keep the Club active.

Together with the Area, the Naples Club has thought of activating a meeting on Stage 2, with members of the Club as speakers (I believe that the direct involvement of members who are experts in the topic being dealt with is an excellent step towards developing loyalty). The meeting met with success and was honoured by the presence of Giorgio Costa, President of the Italian District, and that of the PDG (Past District Governor) of the Rotary Club.

In the past, as President of the Naples Club, together with the Management Committee, we had organised inter-clubs with other Services, so as to encourage people to understand who we are, what we are doing and what our mission in sport is.

I feel that we should follow this path globally.

To go back to the activity of the Area 11 Clubs, after these personal considerations of mine, and to end my column, I must recall the interesting meeting of the Club of Ariano, which involved a lively debate conducted by Luvia Scrima as the new President, the school and sport. I appreciated the empathy between the teacher Concetta Ricci and the pupils, some of whom are already in national teams.

E had two hours of pro-active panathletic activity, in line

with our principles of dissemination in the school.

The on-line activity of the Clubs of the Area will not stop here. Indeed, two more meetings are on the way.

To conclude, I feel that computers, our companions in this period, and not to be considered a totem, will become an increasing part of our panathletic activity for meetings of groups, but trying not to fall into “Meetingitis”.



!!! Help us to help you !!!

Luckily the articles the Clubs send to this magazine document their activities and their most suggestive events.

This periodical belongs to all the Clubs and all Panathletes, and because of this the editorial staff try to please everyone, making adequate room for them.

Normally this means one page for each article, with a photograph.

Often, however, our job becomes gruelling due to two problems linked to the material you send in. Sometimes it is too much and you oblige us to edit down praiseworthy texts. On other occasions we have to re-write them in full because although they were drafted willingly they were in an unsatisfactory style for journalism. In each Club there should be a press officer familiar with this activity.

In order to help you, following is the standard of a text.

For computer users: max. 2,500 characters including spaces.

For type-written texts this means 40 lines, 60 characters each.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Giacomo Santini
Past International President
Editor-in-chief

Stronger than the virus: these are the winners of the digital school contest

In spite of the corona virus, we have been able to complete the sixteenth School Competition organised by our Genoa Levante Club”.

With great satisfaction Giorgio Migone, president of the Club, celebrated the end of the contest, which for the first time was carried out in a fully digital manner. “While the schools were closed the pupils produced a lot and in a completely independent, personal and creative manner”.



They dealt with the topic – proposed every year by the Genoa Levante Panathlon Club - connected with the project “One hour for the disabled and for the prevention of Saturday evening and motorcycle accidents”. This was done in the form of literary works, drawings including digital works, designs with comments and mixed techniques, polymaterial collages, modelled plastics, self-produced videos and whatever else their imaginations suggested.

“It was difficult to draft a scoreboard”, explained Migone, “as all the schools (17 schools for a total of 481 students) worked in an excellent and deserving manner”. Sent to the Liceo Natta school in Sestri Levante. Among the Intermediate Schools there was a beautiful joint win of I.C. Casella and I.C. Certosa – Parini Merello. Among the Primary Schools, too, there was a joint win of Diaz and Montanella Prà.

All the winners will be given beautiful pictures showing the reasons for their choice. “A beautiful prize offered by Mr Mauro Iguera of Camiaso Risso Marine, who we thank very gratefully, stressed Migone. “Statements of merit

were sent also to the students deserving them.

Deep thanks are due also to the City Council of Bogliasco and to the 50 Plus Association for their contributions”.



Football down-sized by the Corona Virus

With the suspension of national championships and intercontinental cups, the Corona Virus has forced the world of football, too, to pay a heavy price from many points of view, starting from the economic and financial aspects. The effects in terms of down-sizing of the values on the field and of relations among the most valuable football clubs are being evaluated.

Which are the top football clubs in Europe in terms of their corporate values?

The latest Kpmg Football Benchmark annual report, based on pre-coronavirus data, has classed the Italian clubs away from the top.

Following is the ranking, based on the algebraic sum between the market value of the actual capital (or net capital) plus the total of the financial liabilities and less the cash value:

SPAIN: Real Madrid (3,478 million euros);
 UNITED KINGDOM: Manchester United (3,342);
 SPAIN: Barcelona (3,193);
 GERMANY: Bayern Munich (2,878);
 UNITED KINGDOM: Liverpool (2,658).

The Italian club ranked highest is Juventus, now positioned eleventh, lower than before (1,735 million euros). It is followed at a distance by Inter (14th, 983), Roma (16th, 602), Napoli (17th, 590) and Milan (22nd, 522).

Generally speaking, the whole field has felt the effects of the corona virus, which has "lowered their values" on the average "by 20 to 25%.

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“Doing things without communicating is like not doing them at all. Or doing them halfway”

(Giacomo Santini, Past International President)

On the importance of contributing towards ensuring Panathlon's modern and widespread communication, capable of informing members but also of getting our Movement known by others, we are publishing an enlightened thought by Renato Zanovello, Past President of the Padua Club. He is as always lively and proactive, as well as having something to teach, in line with his great commitment as a university professor.

In communication we should learn from hens

by Renato Zanovello
Past President of the Padua Club

At one of the several meetings I was asked to attend, one person there noted the clearly visible coloured buttonhole in my jacket and asked me inquisitively what Organisation it referred to. When I answered “Panathlon”, he asked me with even more interest: “What is Panathlon?”

This led me to a fairly predictable thought about the visibility or otherwise of our Movement. I quickly provided him first of all with the definition that I always give, because I feel it to be the most complete and important, the one recognised since the last century by the IOC at international level and now recently by the Italian Olympic Committee at national level.

Panathlon is a deserving international movement for the promotion and spreading of sports culture and ethics.

Then I turned to its historical origins, the origin of the name, its typical motto, its hierarchical organisation and its various activities. Actually unknown to most, they were developed at various different levels for reaching the aims inherent in its DNA, such as, in no specific order :

- 1) Conferences, Thematic Meetings and Events, with or without convivial activities;
- 2) Scientific research and publications about sport;
- 3) Assignment of grants to young people found to be particularly brilliant in competitive sports and in life;
- 4) Assignment of special prizes referred specifically to Fair Play,
- 5) Projects and initiatives concerning the world of disability in sport. All this in ten minutes or little more, then the dialogue was interrupted by a warm greeting, with consequent exchanging of addresses. A few months later my

cell phone rang and I heard again the voice of the person who had decided to join the Panathlon family, presenting among other things a very respectable summary.

Why have I mentioned this personal episode? To reiterate once again, with strength, the need to increase our visibility in the world of sport, by means of communication. Obviously through direct communication, by word of mouth, as in my case referred to above, and then above all by exploiting the powerful means of the modern world. To this end, appearances in the press and in national or local radio and television programmes should be sought after as much as possible, alongside the use of Internet, appearing in the various information portals, sites and social networks. All this constitutes undoubtedly a fundamental aspect, necessary for the knowledge and development of the Panathletic Movement in Italy and in the world.

I also mention that the international Magazine circulating among members, Lettera 22, Panathlon Planet with its portal and Facebook (for those who use it) show that we are going in the right direction, although the path is long, takes hard work and does not allow stops or, even worse, anachronistic about-turns. I ended with a fairly eloquent statement on the importance of communication, due to a great United States business man in the world of cars, Henry Ford, well known to be an expert in marketing and communications. He claimed that ducks laid their eggs quietly while hens cackled madly to tell everyone that they had laid them, so that consequently everyone in the world eats chicken's eggs. He who has an ear let him hear.

The spirit and the ideals

The Foundation was created in memory of Domenico Chiesa, at the initiative of his heirs Antonio, Italo and Maria. Domenico Chiesa, who in 1951, in addition to being the promotor of the first Panathlon Club, had also written the draft of its charter, and who in 1960 was one of the founders of Panathlon International, had expressed the wish during his lifetime, albeit not technically binding for his heirs, that part of his wealth should be used to assign awards periodically to artistic works inspired by sport, as well as to cultural activities and publications sharing the same goals as Panathlon. With regard to the creation of the Foundation, alongside the Chiesa family's conspicuous contribution, the generous support of the whole Panathletic movement must be remembered. It came from very many clubs as well as personally from many Panathletes, letting the Foundation achieve the conditions needed for entering the world of visual art in a prestige and striking manner: introducing an award organised jointly with one of the most important organisations of its kind at world level: the Venice Biennale.

Domenico Chiesa Award

On 24th September 2004 the Panathlon International Central Board, considering the need to increase the Foundation's capital and to honour the memory of one of the founder members of Panathlon, who was its source of inspiration as well as its first financial backer, decided to start the "Domenico Chiesa Award". It was to be assigned following proposals by the single clubs and on the basis of specific rules, to one or more Panathletes or even non-members who had lived according to the Panathletic spirit. In particular, it was to go to people who had undertaken to uphold the ideal of sport and had contributed in an exceptionally significant manner:



***towards the understanding and promotion of the values of Panathlon
and of the Foundation through cultural means inspired by sport***

***towards the concept of friendship among all Panathletes and everyone operating in sporting circles,
thanks also to the assiduity and quality of their participation in the activities of Panathlon,
for members and for non-members, recognising in the Panathletic ideals a top value
for the education and training of the young***

***towards the willingness to serve, thanks to their activities for the benefit of the Club
and their generosity towards the Club and the world of sport.***

Chiesa Italo - P.C. Venezia 20/10/2004	Attilio Bravi - P.C.Bra 25/05/2009	Sergio Campana P.C. Bassano 09/12/2014
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