

Great Awards for the nominations sent by Panathlon International to the International Fair Play Committee

A shining Budapest on the day of its national celebration in recollection in that distant March 15, 1948, which marked the beginning of the insurrection that led to its first independent government and its first Constitution, welcomed the members of the Council of the *Comité International pour le Fair Play* for their first meeting of 2019. Among the decisions to be taken, the awarding of the World Fair Play awards. The nominations came from 19 countries world-wide, of these 12 were proposed by Panathlon International: France, Italy and Uruguay the Districts represented. With considerable satisfaction a good quality of nominations were taken into account/registered in all four award categories: Gesture, Career, Promotion and the Jacques Rogge Award dedicated to young people. The preliminary stage for nominations produced by the two Vice-Presidents respectively Mr. Nikolai Dolgoplov (RUS) and Mr. Maurizio Monego (I) has proven to be as always useful at introducing discussion issues. The resulting decisions were not easy due to the validity of the nominations/candidacies and the difficulty of comparing sport and circumstances widely differing from one another. Ultimately, we believe that the true spirit of Fair Play has emerged no matter what/regardless. This fact has led in assigning more than one award with the here below results:

Categoria Pierre de Coubertin per il Gesto

Awarded two Trophies and 3 Diplomas of Honour

A **Trophy** was awarded to Norwegian **Eiving Vold**, canoe category athlete who sought doggedly the truth concerning his passing the marker and wasn't sure of being fair. The ICF Canoe Sprint World Championship in Portugal was underway/taking place. After the appeal of the second runner-up the jury panel confirmed his victory after examining a video, but he provided a video of his own federation showing that they had viewed the crossing of a marker different from that under investigation. The outcome for this persistent quest for justice was the he was demoted in second place.



Eiving Vold



Fabio Caramel receives by President Mattarella the honour of Knight of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic

The second **Trophy** was awarded to twenty-six years old footballer of the Amateur Football League, **Fabio Caramel**, from Marcon (VE), proposed by Panathlon Club Venice. First team centre fielder of "F.C. Spinea 1966", chose to skip an important match against the front-runner team to donate his bone marrow to a sick woman. Caramel, who himself is also Founder and President of "Equal", a Philanthropic Association which works in the world of people with disabilities, has been awarded Knight of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic by the President of the Italian Republic, Mr. Sergio Mattarella with the explanatory statement: " For having witnessed personally the value and responsibility the choice to donate his bone-marrow".

Diplomas of Honour were assigned to Fencer **Federico Bollati**, proposed by the President of the Panathlon Pavia Club, to Greek hockey player (hockey on ice) **Iason Pahon**, and yet to another panathlete **Rodolfo Carrera**, nominated by his Club of Pavia. The first two athletes worthy for having corrected arbitral decisions in their favour prejudicing their achievement and that of Carrera for stopping and giving aid to help out a crew that drove off the track during the 4 Regions Rally (Contest created by Siropietro Quaroni), in which he himself was in the race, and helped him get back on track.

Category Willi Daume for Promotion

Trophy to International Judo Federation & U.A.E Judo & Wrestling Federation & Euronews for having created a sports event that never took place in an Arab country. It was deliberately sought to make the Israeli

team compete in the tatami discipline and make it parade under its national flag in the Grand Slam tournament held in Abu Dhabi in February 2018. This fact has given a great message of peace through sports. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BlotH3HjOOE>)

Trophy awarded to Turkish athlete **Seyit Mehmet Ozkan**, President of the Altinordu Football Club, creator and proponent of the Altinordu FK Equity System, a system that helps young people to train according to the motto “Good Person” Good Citizen, Good Player”.

Nicknamed the “Don Quixote” for his educational commitment to Fair Play, he has required the rule that if an opposing player is unjustly expelled, his team, of any level takes a player off the field. The FK Equity System also manages and finances 129 football schools in Turkey and only Turkish players play, even when having the possibility of deploying foreign players. Diploma of Honour in this category went to **Massimo Righi** proposed by Panathlon Club Bononia, which introduced the green card in the A Series Volley League, and to Turkish athlete Semra Demrier. Nominations proposed by Panathlon Maldonado Club – Punta del Este (Uruguay) and Panathlon Club La Malpensa will be acknowledged with the Letter of Congratulations.



Seyit Mehmet Ozkan

Category Jean Borotra for Career

Trophy goes to the Minister of Sports of **Azserbaijan, Awad Rahimov**, with a sports background in handball and as manager of the Sports Dance Federation. As Minister he has held many world-class events in Baku, starting from the first European Games to the Formula 1 Grand Prix, but above all, he has encouraged and supported the National Fair Play Committee and sponsored numerous EFPM Congresses, assemblies and ceremonies (European Fair Play Movement) and CIFP (International Fair Play Committee).



Azad Rahimov

A sense of fulfilment for Panathlon International has come from other prizes being awarded: **Trophy to**



David S. Cams

French David Smetanine Cams nominated by the Panathlon Club Grenoble Alpes. Four-time Paralympic Champion (2004 – 2008 – 2012 – 2016) in swimming, holder of numerous high-level positions in various national and international sports organizations. He is as well involved in the fight against doping and is member of the Committee for the Olympic Games in Paris 2024. During his distinguished career, he has done a great deal with young people in schools by encouraging the values in sports. His dedication is also given to training children with physical and autistic disabilities.

Panathlon Grenoble Alpes – still on our shields – demonstrating the quality of his proposals – A **Diploma of Honour** is awarded to **Géo Perli**, former high-level footballer, artist, co-founder of the Géo-Charles di Skirolli Museum and active with young people in schools to disseminate the values of respect, living together, fair play and alongside the values of Olympism.

Other two Panathlon Trademark Diplomas of Honour have been awarded to **Marco Olmo**, well-known runner, writer, and authentic witness of Fair Play nominated by Panathlon Club Cuneo and **Roberto Camelia** proposed by Governor of Area – 9 Sicily. Camelia is a Federal Referee of Boxing, he is still active, despite being amputated in a leg after an accident, and is still practicing Sitting Volleyball.

The renowned footballer **Antonin Panenka** of the Czech Republic and the equally famous Polish athlete **Mieczyslaw Nowicki** were also acknowledged with the Diploma of Honour.

Jacques Rogge Fair Play Award for Youth

This category, commissioned by the then- President of the International Olympics Committee - now Honorary President had five nominations from as many countries (Greece, China, Cyprus, Hungary and India). The sports attitude of these young (athletes) people were all of exemplary quality and it wasn't so easy to assign

a Trophy. Awarded was **Gosztonyi Péter Lázlò**, a thirteen years old Hungarian rowing athlete. Not thoroughly convinced that his victory at the National Championships was certain, he asked the Jury Panel for a photo-finish demonstration, which showed the he had come in second by a few inches.

To all other candidate– namely the Greek decathlete Athanasios Paraskevas, Chinese Chuqin Wang winner of the Youth Olympic Games of Buenos Aires in the Table Tennis category, Cypriot sailor Panayotis Iordanou, Indian Dija J. Patel athlete of the Taekwondo category – the CIFP Council considered to award to each the Diploma of Honour.