

PANATHLON INTERNATIONAL

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Panathlon International Activity Report for the year 2019

Report on the main projects and activities carried out by Panathlon International in 2019.

A draft of the projects which are being developed since the beginning of 2020 is also enclosed.

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 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 its 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 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.

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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.

<u>June 2019</u>

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.



<u>July 2019</u>

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.

<u>October 2019</u>

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 plaques. 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. Fort 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 international 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 competitions.

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.

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