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Enrico Prandi Fair Play Award 2021

The Enrico Prandi Award for Fair Play, a prestigious award, unique in the world of university sport and the highest merit a university can achieve in relation to ethics in university sport.

The Fair Play Award is named after Enrico Prandi, the Past President of Panathlon International, former member of the International Olympic Committee Cultural Commission and former President of the Italian Basketball League. In 2010 he initiated the idea to create a university platform within Panathlon International to promote ethics in sport also within the worldwide university community. We call him father of the PCU Committee.

The Enrico Prandi Fair Play Trophy has been awarded since 2016 year during the PCU University Games.

- In 2016, Goce Delcev University of Stip (North Macedonia) received the trophy for the fair actions of their teams during the PCU Games 2016.
- In 2017, the trophy was won by the University of Essex (England, UK) for a fair action of their Medical staff during an emergency.
- In 2018, London South Bank University (England, UK) was awarded for creating a nice atmosphere in the sporting facilities during the tournament, and all teams displaying respect and friendship to their opponents.
- In 2019, the Enrico Prandi Trophy was won by De Montfort University (England, UK) based on a Fair Play points ranking made by referees after each game.
- In 2020, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation (Russia) has been honoured for the project “Remote Walking”.

The 2021 Enrico Prandi Trophy will again be awarded to a university or university college for a project which ensures sports and physical activities for their students during the Covid-19 pandemic, keeping in line with local Covid-19 regulations.

The PCU Committee Games Council decided on Friday 30 April after considering all candidatures to award the 2021 Enrico Prandi Trophy to **Campus Bio-Medico University of Rome (Italy)** for the project “Vir(tu)al Olympic Games”.

The project was initiated by the University together with the students committee at the height of the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic in Italy (including very strict lockdowns) as a way to provide distractions for their isolated students. Built on the base of a YouTube-series (with the presence of Olympic and Paralympic athletes as well as students), the **Vir(tu)al Olympic Games** were organized, a digital quiz about the Olympics (Paralympic) & Olympic values, focusing also on the cultural aspects of the Olympic movement. This way the students are motivated in a playful manner to get informed and learn more about the Olympics and Olympic values. Thanks to sponsoring the winner gets awarded a free trip to the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland. The project was inspired by the postponement of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics to 2021.

Part of a larger vision to spread sports culture among students and encourage a spirit of fair-play, friendship, and community sense within students, the three pillars of the project are: History (Acquisition of sport knowledge), Skills (Complementarity between knowledge and competence), Values (Sport as a vehicle for the diffusion of values as Fairplay, through the Olympic spirit, for the development and harmonious care of the qualities of body, mind and spirit). The project was accompanied by a lot of virtual tournaments (e-sports, chess, ...) and challenges (in common sports as football, basketball and tennis) to keep students also physically active during the strictest lockdown period.

Due to its success, the idea was built upon and expanded for the 2021 edition. From 10-14 May 2021 a complete Sports and Culture week is organized blending sport, culture and community sense including the Vir(tu)al Campus Olympic Games. Future ideas for this yearly event include scaling up the event to a regional/national or even international level.

Furthermore, the PCU Committee Games Council wants to honorably commend the candidatures of the **University of Padua** (Italy) and the **University of Primorska** (Slovenia) for showing great effort in keeping students active during the Covid-19 pandemic. Finally, the **University of Malaya** is commended for their project "Exergaming", a research-based e-sports themed training program for disadvantaged youths with physical disabilities, with the aim of increasing leisure time physical activities among those affected by the lockdown situation.

The PCU Committee looks forward to a successful cooperation with the Universities involved and thank you for spreading the values of fair play and international friendship through sport and art.

