For Adriano Gomes this award with the 'Torsten Carlus Fair Play Award' was more than just an honour for a fair play behaviour. The Portuguese (Benfica Lisbon) saw in this honour, an honour from his sporting life and a belated birthday present (on January 23, Adriano Gomes got 88 years old). 15 years old, Gomes started in athletics, due to professional reasons he was seven years without any competitions, but otherwise always active. In 1952, he was even qualified for the Olympic Games in Helsinki in 800 m and 1500 m he could not participate because the federation had no money.

In Nyiregyháza (HUN) two times he was third, but because of the medal standards he did not get the medals. "An absolut correct decision", Adriano Gomes commented this decision.