



**FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DU SPORT UNIVERSITAIRE
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION**

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Dear Mr President,

We are writing on the occasion of the upcoming International Day of University Sport (IDUS) proclaimed by UNESCO to be celebrated annually on 20 September. This initiative was proposed by FISU, the International University Sports Federation, as a platform to exchange ideas, developments, challenges and opportunities within and through university sport on a worldwide level.

We are taking the opportunity of this letter to introduce our organisation. Founded in 1949, FISU stands for Federation Internationale du Sport Universitaire (International University Sports Federation). In 1961 FISU was recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the main international body to promote university sports worldwide. Today FISU embraces 170 National university sports federations, making it one of the biggest international sports organisations.

Open to student athletes aged between 17 and 25, FISU sporting events are the Summer and Winter Universiades and the World University Championships. Besides its competitions, FISU stages educational events, i.e. the FISU Forum on University Sport, the FISU World Conference on Development through Sport, the FISU World Conference on Innovation – Education – Sport etc.

To develop its events and programmes FISU works together with all major international sport and educational organisations, including UNESCO, the International Olympic Committee, more than 40 international sports federations, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). As one of the biggest outcomes of those collaborations, in 2015 UNESCO proclaimed the International Day of University Sport to be celebrated on September 20.

This year we have encouraged our members – national university sports federations – to celebrate the International Day of University Sport based on tailor-made events. For that reason, a special logo was created along with FISU celebration guidelines. However, we would also like to invite the National Olympic Committees along with Ministries of Education, Youth and Sports of your country to join this process in your country to make this event worldwide-known.

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Therefore, we would kindly ask you to support your national university sports federation in realization of this important initiative.

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We clearly understand that according to the educational systems and the academic calendar, the date of 20 September does not correspond to the start of the semester. Nevertheless, we are convinced that events may be organised on other dates of the same month.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact FISU Education Department at education@fisunet

FISU is convinced that encouraging the world university community to practice sports on a regular basis will bring enormous benefits for the health and the well-being of the future generations.

We thank you for your kind cooperation and your support of the international university sport movement!

Respectfully yours,



Oleg Matytsin
FISU President