FISU Conference
July 14-17, 2013
University and Olympic Sport: two models — one goal?
1st Announcement
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Dear Participants,

The Universiade and the FISU Conference in Kazan 2013 will coincide with the 90th anniversary of the First World University Games in Paris-1923, linked with the First International Scientific Conference on University Sport with a main topic: “Sportsmanship, a direct heritage of the new Olympic spirit”.

Today’s youth represents the largest cohort of young people in human history. This generation has access to the greatest opportunities as well as unprecedented risks, in a world which is currently facing multiple challenges. Now more than ever, we need to prepare tomorrow’s decision makers.

— FISU firmly believes that, as part of higher education, sportsmanship fosters and enlightens student-athletes, helps them perform at the highest level of sporting and academic excellence, and provides them with emotion and inspiration for the joy of life.

— FISU re-affirms with force that University Sport can play a major role in promoting active citizenship engagement, social integration, a healthy way of life and global consciousness among the youth.

— FISU considers that through highly-competitive sporting activities, young people tend to acquire sharply trained minds and strong wills to overcome difficulties.

A powerful international multisport event, the Kazan 2013 Universiade should provide an excellent opportunity to foster the outstanding world leaders of the future.

The thematic of the Kazan 2013 FISU Conference, “University and Olympic Sport: two models — one goal?”, will offer a wide range of lectures on the history and spirit of the Olympic and International University Sport movements, as well as information, discussions and exchanges about sportsmanship (fighting spirit, fair play and friendship) as a truly meaningful and epoch-making opportunity to foster the leaders of the future in competitive environments.

We hope to meet you at the Conference of the 27th Summer Universiade in Kazan.

Claude-Louis Gallien
FISU President

Rustam Minnikhanov
President of the Republic of Tatarstan

Dear friends,

I am delighted to welcome you in the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan, with the thousand years of history, the city of Kazan.

First sport competitions of the 27th Summer Universiade will start in less than a year’s time. Kazan now is getting ready to welcome all participants of the most important youth sports’ festival with our traditional hospitality.

Hosting Universiade is a great honor and also a big responsibility for us. We believe that it will become an important milestone in the modern history of our Republic, helping to take sport in Tatarstan to a new level.

This conference is an important event in the process of getting ready for 2013 Universiade and it is a unique opportunity for sportsmen, sport administrators and scholars to exchange knowledge, ideas and other achievements in the field of sports.

The significance and importance of the conference is further underlined by its participants, including representatives of FISU Executive Committee, Russian Olympic Committee, Presidents of National and Continental Student Sports Federations, Rectors of leading international educational institutions for professional sports, Scientists, sportsmen and students.

I am confident, that the conference will contribute greatly into development of modern sport and will help the young generation to understand the importance of sport for everybody.

I hope that your visit and joint work in Kazan will establish and will strengthen business, friendship ties between organizers and participants of the youth sports’ movement.

I would like to extend my best wishes to you all. I wish you good health, happiness and prosperity.
CONFERENCE INFORMATION

MAIN THEME:
University and Olympic Sport: two models — one goal?

SUBTHEMES:
- historical, cultural and social aspects of University and Olympic sport;
- legacy benefits of staging a Universiade or Olympic Games;
- dual career issues for student athletes;
- the role of Media in University and Olympic sport;
- traditional and innovative technologies in University and Olympic sport;
- leading a healthy lifestyle: how can University and Olympic sport contribute?;
- the place of sport in different educational systems;
- women in University and Olympic sport.

Date: July 14-17, 2013
Venue: Main International Centre of the Universiade Village, Kazan, Russia
Language: English, French, Spanish, Russian

FISU CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Important Dates
Abstract submission: January 2013
Notification of Acceptance: March 2013
Full paper submission: April 2013
Registration: April 2013

Further information on www.kazan2013.com, call center: 8 800 777 2013
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For Russia and the whole world Kazan — is a symbol of tolerance, peaceful neighborhood of two great: Christianity and Islam religions and cultures. Representatives of about one hundred nationalities and ethnic groups live here in friendship and peace.

A unique combination of Western and Eastern traditions adds the city an inimitable colour. Ancient Kazan City Kremlin is a recognised World Heritage Site, which bears UNESCO medal on its walls.

Kazan, the capital of Tatarstan is a member of seven international organizations, such as UN-Habitat, European Association of Historic Towns and Regions, Organization of World Heritage Cities and World Organization of United Cities and Local Governments.

The population of the city is about 1.2 million people, and 26 million people more live within a 500 kilometres from the capital. It is approximately 18% of the population of Russia. Kazan has been named as one of the best municipalities of the country. According to the results of the independent Forbes Magazine’s research surveyed Russian cities, Kazan is on the top of the list for business climate and attractiveness.

In 2005 delegations from 40 countries, 30 thousand people came to Kazan to the celebrate the 1000th Anniversary of founding of Kazan. Kazan is known as the Eastern Russian capital, the regional centre, which is politically and economically stable.

In 2007 the Government of the Russian Federation announced Kazan as the best Russian municipality. The city received the right to be officially called as the Third Russian Capital.

Kazan is the city of students. About 40% of Kazan’s population are young people under the age of 30. Kazan takes third place in Russia in the list for numbers of the higher educational institutions. Kazan State University founded in 1804 and historically it is one of the oldest universities in Russia.

Kazan is a magnet to students from all over the world. Kazan has 30 of Russia’s largest universities and it is alma mater to many famous people, including author Leo Tolstoy, mathematician Nikolai Lobachevsky and political thinker and leader Vladimir Lenin.

40% of Kazan’s population is students. Kazan is a vibrant city boasting with youthful energy and enthusiasm. It is forward-thinking city with limitless opportunities for the next generation of world leaders.

Kazan offers an educational experience that is second to none, both inside and outside the classroom. Participants and visitors of the 2013 Universiade in Kazan will discover that the desire for knowledge among the city’s residents never stops. By continuing to learn, the people of Kazan, with their youthful spirit and quest for new experiences and ideas, serve as great role models to the youth.

For most people around the world, Kazan and Tatarstan associated sport and sport achievements. According to a research conducted by the Russian mass media with the support of the Ministry of Sport, Tourism and Youth Affairs of the Russian Federation, Kazan was named as the Sport Capital of Russia. Sport and physical trainings became a lifestyle for Kazan’s citizens.

The sport infrastructure is highly developed in Kazan. The city hosted many grand Russian and International tournaments. Kazan is proud of its sports’ teams. They are:

- Rubin Football Club, two-times Champion of Russia;
- Ak Bars Ice Hockey Club, Gagarin Cup holder, Continental Cup Holder, Champion of Europe;
- Kamaz-Master Team, nine-times winner of Dakar Rally;
- Zenit-Kazan Volleyball Club, Champion of Russia, Russian Cup Holder, Champions League winner;
- UNICS Basketball Club, Russian Cup Holder;
- Sintez Water Polo Team, Russian Cup Holder;
- Dinamo-Kazan Ice Hockey Team, Russian Championship Bronze Medalist, Champions Cup 2009 Holder.

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International University Sports Federation

The International University Sport Federation (FISU) created in 1949 attributes, supervises and organizes worldwide competitions for students-athletes aged between 17 and 28 representing their country. FISU has 163 members that are National University Sports Federations and 5 Continental University Sports Federations. FISU events are organised every two years. FISU multi-sport events are called Universiade. Summer and Winter editions are held in odd-numbered years. Single-sport events, the World University Championships, are hosted in even-numbered years. FISU is the only international sport federation that presents over 50 sports on its program and provides permanent liaison between the academic world and sport activities by organizing, conferences, forums and seminars during the sport events. FISU is promoting sport in the education system in the spirit of fair-play insisting on the benefits of amateur sport while giving a strong importance to volunteers.