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# **INTERNATIONAL REPORT**



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### 1. CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Darren Cates	Chair / OUA Representative
Gilles Lépine	FISU American / CWUAA Representative
Geoffrey Phillips	RSEQ Representative
Michael Eagles	AUS Representative
Coleen Dufresne	FISU Representative
David Munro	CCAA Representative
Joe Morissette (Badminton Canada)	Summer NSO Representative
Danny Lamoureux (Curling Canada)	Winter NSO Representative
Bob Philip	Ex-Officio
Ari Grossman	Ex-Officio
Charonne Thomasos	U SPORTS Staff

### 2. COMMITTEE MANDATE

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The International Committee's role is to assist U SPORT Staff / Management in the operations of U SPORTS International Programs where necessary, as well as to provide input based on their areas of expertise related specifically to Sport and/or FISU opportunities.

### 3. KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

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The Committee has the following responsibilities:

- Provide recommendations to management for Canada's participation in FISU-sanctioned events
- Receive and forward recommendations and reports from Games mission staff and relevant NSOs
- Assist in the development of procedures and criteria to select technical personnel (coaches, administrators, medical staff) to represent Canada at international events
- Assist in the development of selection procedures and criteria to select student-athletes to represent Canada at international events
- Assist in the development of procedures for the evaluation of bids from Members interested in hosting international events
- Assist in the evaluation of bids from Members for hosting international events
- Help to maintain effective communication among all NSOs concerned with participation in international events
- Such additional duties as may from time to time be delegated to the Committee by management



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### 4. 2017-2018 SCOPE OF WORK

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As the National member of la Fédération Internationale du Sports Universitaire (FISU), U SPORTS is responsible for facilitating high performance competitive opportunities for student-athletes who are Canadian, between the ages of 17 and 28, and enrolled in degree or diploma granting post-secondary institutions.

FISU Winter and Summer Universiades (World University Games) are held every two odd years, and offer competitive opportunities in over 25 sports. FISU also runs approximately 34 Single Sport World University Championships (WUCs) that are offered every two even years and are generally sports not offered at the Universiades.

U SPORTS Team Canada participated in several international activities in 2017-18. Notably, it being a Universiade year, U SPORTS Team Canada athletes participated in the 2017 FISU Summer Universiade.

#### **2017 FISU Summer Universiade**

A delegation of 387 athletes, coaches and support staff represented Canada at the 2017 Summer Universiade in Taipei City, Taiwan from August 19th to August 30th, 2017. Team Canada included nine past Rio Olympic athletes and competed in 16 sports. With an outstanding delegation Team Canada finished the Taipei Games with 13 medals - four gold, five silver and four bronze. Five of these medals were won in artistic gymnastics, three in athletics, two in swimming, two in diving and one in weightlifting. Gymnast Ellie Black, a Rio Olympian, was Canada's most successful student-athlete, climbing four times on the podium, including a gold medal performance in the beam event. Black also won silver in the team event and bronze twice in the uneven bars and all-around competition. Her teammate Brittany Rogers also won gold for the artistic gymnastic team, dominating the field in the vault event. Two more Rio athletes won a Universiade gold medal - Brittany Crew in shot put and swimmer Katerine Savard, who with the help of Jacqueline Keire, Sarah Fournier and Alexia Zevnik, won the 4x100m freestyle relay. Brittany Rogers (team event) and Alexia Zevnik (200m backstroke) added a silver medal to their tally, while diver Celina Toth was also a multi-medallist for the second Universiade in a row, winning silver with Tyler Henschel in the mixed team event and bronze at the 10m platform. James Linde (200m) and Rio participant Jessica O'Connell (5000m) each brought home a silver medal, while weightlifter Alex Bellemarre secured a bronze medal in the 77kg category. The 13 medals won in Taipei were an improvement over the 2015 Gwangju Universiade, where Team Canada got on the podium eight times. A total of 7,734 athletes from 134 countries competed in 21 sports at the 29th Summer Universiade.

#### **2017 FISU 3x3 Basketball World University League**

U SPORTS International sent a men's team from McGill University and women's team from University of Regina to the 2017 FISU 3x3 Basketball World University League (WUL) final. In total, 32 teams (16 teams of each gender) competed to win this year's tournament. On the women's side, members of the Regina Cougars finished with silver while the players from the McGill Redmen finished third.



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### 5. 2018-2019 PLANNING

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#### 2018 FISU World University Championships

2018 will be a FISU World University Championship year for U SPORTS International. An estimated 13 individual sports will compete at a World University Championship in different countries of the world throughout the full calendar year. Team Canada looks to be present and competitive in the following sports:

- ☐ Cross Country
- ☐ Beach Volleyball
- ☐ Women's Rugby 7s
- ☐ Orienteering
- ☐ Wushu
- ☐ Rowing
- ☐ Women's Futsal
- ☐ Triathlon
- ☐ Squash
- ☐ Canoe Sprint
- ☐ Weightlifting
- ☐ Cheerleading
- ☐ Badminton

#### 2018 FISU FORUM

The FISU Forum will take place in Krasnoyarsk, Russia on August 6-10, 2018 and will be the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of this event. The main theme for the Forum is “Student Sport – springboard for innovative leadership” and is organized by the 2019 Winter Universiade Organizing Committee and the Russian Students Sport Union. U SPORT will look to provide student-athletes with the opportunity to take part in this Forum as part of FISU Educational Programming.

#### 2018 FISU Volunteer Leaders' Academy

The FISU Volunteer Leaders' Academy will take place in Kazan, Russia in June 2018. The FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy is a unique platform for Volunteers to network and exchange their best experiences in the delivery of major sporting events.

#### 2019 FISU Winter and Summer Universiade

The U SPORTS International Programs has started planning for the 2019 Universiade Games. The 29<sup>th</sup> Winter Universiade will take place in Krasnoyarsk, Russia on March 2-12, 2019 while the 30<sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade will take place in Napoli, Italy on July 3-14, 2019. Preparation, the selection of Mission Staff for these events, and bolstering relationships with NSOs will start in the Spring of 2018.



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### **Sport Community Liaison**

U SPORTS International Programs continues to collaborate with the 5 other major games Franchise Holders (Canada Games Council, Canadian Olympic Committee, Canadian Paralympic Committee, Commonwealth Games Canada and Jeux de la Francophonie) through the Franchise Holders Working Group (FHWG). The group's mandate is to develop a performance-enhanced sport delivery model, providing athletes and coaches the opportunity to perform at their optimal level, at multi-sport games. Through Sport Canada funding directly provided to FHWG, the committee's focus is on the management of Medical Missions and athlete data. U SPORTS International Programs also works directly with NSOs in preparation for FISU Universiades and FISU World University Championships and is working on enhancing its active participation in ongoing systems development and alignment with external stakeholders.