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CIS celebrates first International Day of University Sport

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TORONTO (CIS) – Canadian Interuniversity Sport, as the Canadian representative of the International University Sports Federation (FISU), is proud to celebrate the first International Day of University Sport (IDUS) on Sept. 20.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) announced Tuesday's inaugural celebration of IDUS in November 2015. The historic event marks the anniversary of the first student world championship held Sept. 17-21, 1924 in Warsaw, Poland.

CIS is one of 170 national university sport federations around the world, participating annually in up to 50 sporting events on the annual FISU calendar, including Summer and Winter Universiades and world university championships.

In the last international cycle, over 14,000 athletes competed at the 2015 FISU Games, while another 6,000 attended world university championship events in 2014.

Canada sent over 400 athletes combined to the 2015 Summer Universiade in Gwangju, South Korea and the 2015 Winter Universiade in Granada, Spain. The 2016 world university championships run until December, while the next Summer and Winter Universiades are scheduled for Jan. 29-Feb. 8 and Aug. 19-30, 2017 in Almaty, Kazakhstan and Taipei City, Taipei.

CIS boasts over 12,000 student-athletes and 700 coaches from 56 universities who vie for 21 national championships in 12 different sports on an annual basis. In the last two years, 50 of the 56 member schools were represented at international events, and over 3,100 Canadian student-athletes were named Academic All-Canadians in 2014-15.

About Canadian Interuniversity Sport

Canadian Interuniversity Sport is the national governing body of university sport in Canada. Every year, over 12,000 student-athletes and 700 coaches from 56 universities and four conferences vie for 21 national championships in 12 different sports. CIS also provides high performance international opportunities for Canadian student-athletes at Winter and Summer Universiades, as well as numerous world university championships. For further information, visit www.cis-sic.ca or follow us on:

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