



# INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION

## 1 week to go for the International Day of University Sport!

*The third edition of the International Day of University Sport (IDUS) will be celebrated worldwide on 20 September 2018, with more activities and greater participation than ever before.*

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND — With just one week to go for the International Day of University Sport, cities around the world are gearing up for this festival that celebrates sports and physical activity in higher education institutions. More than 500 IDUS activities have been organised globally through the 2016 and 2017 editions, and 3 IDUS related festivals have been organised – Lausanne in Motion in Switzerland, Oslo in Motion in Norway and Monash in Motion in Australia.

This year, the International Day of University Sport becomes even more special as it will be marked by the lighting of the Krasnoyarsk 2019 Winter Universiade flame in Torino, Italy. Torino was the birthplace of the FISU Univesiade in 1959 and befittingly, the torch that will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Universiade, will begin its journey in this historic city.

A total of 650 torchbearers will take part in the Universiade Torch Relay beginning on 20 September, with the route passing through Almaty, Kazakhstan on 24 September and Harbin, China two days later. Following this, 30 Russian cities including Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Kazan, Grozny and Vladivostok will witness the Universiade Torch passing by. On the opening day of the Winter Universiade, the flame will be lit in the City Cauldron, installed near the Platinum Ice Arena.

Proclaimed by UNESCO in 2015, IDUS is FISU's unique platform for the exchange of ideas and development through university sport on a worldwide level. "The International Day of University Sport is an occasion to celebrate all the benefits of sport. It is also an occasion to showcase the vital social role played by universities in establishing a more inclusive world and educating responsible and flourishing adults," says UNESCO Director General, Audrey Azoulay.

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