



With the awareness of the importance of University Sports in fostering European and academic values, with the aim of encouraging a spirit of understanding between each other and between our wards, united in a vision of academic solidarity and with the intention of bettering academic life, desiring to contribute to the future we are the custodians of, WE, the undersigned, do hereby issue the following

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

We, the Rectors,

Having attended this Rectors' Conference, held at University of Rijeka in the year 2016, do hereby:

- Acknowledge the role university sports play in encouraging well-being and health of both the mind and the body, in instilling European and academic values, which are of paramount importance in ensuring a better future for our peoples and in fostering solidarity and camaraderie among students and universities in the spirit of friendly competition and cooperation;
- Honourably declare our intention to improve the overall awareness and understanding of the complexity and importance of University Sports amongst students, academia and wider populations alike;
- Honourably declare our intention to contribute to the continued and strengthened development of University Sports at our universities, so as to foster the values inherent in university sports within and outside of our nations;
- Honourably declare our intention to contribute to the growth of university sports in Europe, under the auspices of the European University Sports Association framework, so as to overcome the differences that separate us and to promote a spirit of unity, friendship and cooperation.

Thus united in cause and intent, we hereby sign and issue this Joint Declaration on the importance of university sports, for the reasons and goals stated herein, to stand as a testament to the successful conclusion of this Rectors' Conference.

In the city of Rijeka, in the Republic of Croatia, on the 12th day of the month of July in the year 2016,