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IPF PRESIDENTS MESSAGE—GASTON PARAGE

Dear Athletes, Officials and IPF Member Federations,

Today is a great day for the IPF, our sport and most importantly our university students. Today, the International Federation of University Sport (FISU) sent a letter to the IPF officially granting us recognition to their organization. This decision is a big step forward for the sport of Powerlifting, specially concerning our application for IOC recognition as FISU is an IOC recognized organization. Last year, the IPF decided to start with the World University Cup. For this year and last year, FISU granted to us the patronage for our World University Cup Championships. As a result of all of our hard work, the IPF was rewarded and honored by FISU granting us the membership.

Now that we have recognition, the next step will be for us to become a part of the World University Games, which is held every two years, and is similar in scope to the World Games. As such, we will get right to work with FISU on a partnership agreement to host each year the IPF/FISU University World Championships and to become part of the World University Games — Count on it. The IPF is quite pleased the many doors that are now opening for our sport, especially for our university students. I'm very proud that we reached this goal for our athletes, our coaches, our officials and our member federations! One more step forward to our goal of becoming recognized by the IOC.

To close, special thanks go to Mr. Oleg Matytsin, the FISU President the FISU EC Members for reviewing and approving our application to become a FISU member. We will demonstrate we're a sport for all and we'll make them very proud they've included as a member to their organization.

Thank you once more. Sincere regards,
Gaston Parage, President, International Powerlifting Federation



Meeting in Moscow — (left to right) Mr. Oleg Matytsin President of FISU, Mr. Gaston Parage, President of the IPF and Sergey Ivanov, Russian National Team Coach.



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