



Dear participants - athletes, officials, partners and guests,

It is with great pleasure to welcome you on behalf of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) on the occasion of the 12<sup>th</sup> European Universities Volleyball Championship here in Nicosia.

I would like to thank you for your interest and commitment to take part in our Championship, which has already attracted substantial interest from several European universities which will be participating. I would also like to recognise the work the Organising Committee has done regarding the organisation of this important event.

The history of the European Universities Championships goes back to 2001 when the first events were organised. In 2012 the 1<sup>st</sup> European Universities Games were successfully held in Cordoba, signalling the new era of alternating European Universities Championships and European Universities Games.

Success of the event depends on you – the participants, and the work and devotion of the Organising Committees and local Authorities which together with EUSA representatives and delegates make the Championship an unforgettable experience.

Our activities go well beyond just sports competitions and are only possible due to the immense level of support and encouragement we receive from our National University Sport Associations, participation of University teams across Europe and involvement of EUSA staff and representatives. I also have to acknowledge the continuous support of our partners, especially cooperation with International University Sports Federation (FISU) and also other partner organisations.

I am certain that the athletes taking part in this event will enjoy the Championship and that they will compete for their best results in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere, at the same time making new friends and experiencing new cultures.

May the competitions be governed by fair play and reflect the true spirit of university sport and best of luck to everyone!

Welcome to the EUC Volleyball 2013!

Mr Adam Roczek, EUSA President