Dear Partner University,

The two Universities in Clermont-Ferrand (France), in partnership with the FFSU (French University Sports Federation), the SUAPS (Physical and Sports Activities University Service), the student association Doct'Auvergne and local partners, have the great pleasure to invite you for the **2nd European Doctoral Olympics Sports competition.**

These friendly Olympiads are open to PhD students of all Doctoral Schools in Europe. **The event will take place from 22th to 24th June, 2016 in Clermont-Ferrand (France)**. The organizers will bear the costs of accommodation and meals. Only travel costs remain the responsibility of the participants.

Five sports activities will be open to competition:

* Green Ball,
* Run and bike,
* Badminton,
* Canoe,
* Futsal

PhD students have the possibility to register to one or more, or even to all activities. Each team must be composed of six PhD students, of whom at least two women. There will be numerous prizes to reward the brave candidates.

Through the following web links you can discover portraits of the teams from last year:

<https://www.polytechnique.edu/fr/content/les-doctorants-de-lx-remportent-les-olympiades-sportives-doctorales-2015>

<https://www.univ-paris1.fr/.../pantheon-sorbonne-au-top-des-olympiades>

<http://droit.ed.univ-poitiers.fr/actualites/divers/nos-doctorants-aux-olympiades-doctorales-europeennes-2015/>

Please find enclosed a poster, which will enable a wide dissemination of this information among your Doctoral Schools. We wish very strongly that your PhD students will participate in this event, which we hope will create intercultural links between doctoral schools from different countries.

For further information and registration (deadline is 1st June 2016), please contact: **sandrine.defenin@clermont-université.fr**

Looking forward to your response and hoping to welcome you soon!