



**NETBALL  
2016**

**Miami  
USA**

**JULY 13-17**

**FISU  
World University  
Championship**



On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we would like to express our sincere and deep gratitude to all nations who competed, the hard-working volunteers and officials, and all sponsors and event partners, without whom this event would not have been possible.

It was so incredibly exciting to host such an important, global netball event here in the USA. The high level of competition, the world class venue, and the overall atmosphere and organization of the championship was enjoyed by more than 30,000 viewers across the globe. You can watch any of the ceremonies, games or interviews through the replays at <http://livestream.com/vamos/netball2016>.

This event was also a crucial one for American Netball, as the USA team that competed was the 1st ever All American team of 12 Americans representing the USA. Quite a feat given Netball has been in the USA for over 40 years. You would probably be surprised to know that 6 of these athletes only started learning Netball 4-12 weeks prior to the Championship, and they experienced their 1st ever full netball game in Miami. That's why this Championship is so critical to the growth of Netball, especially in developing countries like the USA. It provides a great opportunity for non-Commonwealth countries to compete at an elite level, with FISU regulations requiring citizenship in order to participate. This is the only way to get Americans to embrace this great game and move Netball one step closer to the Olympic Games.

Even though the championship has come and gone, we ask you to continue the international buzz about the event, and start preparing your teams for Uganda in 2018.

Sincerely,

Sonya Ottaway  
CEO FISU World University Netball Championship Organizing Committee

