



Of. Ext. 001\_2020 Plural Committee

Caxias do Sul, July 1st 2020

To ICSD members

Dear Sirs and Madam,

As we kindly greet you, we inform that we are sure that Brazil, the state of Rio Grande do Sul, the municipality of Caxias do Sul and the University of Caxias do Sul, are prepared to host the 24<sup>a</sup> Summer Deaflympics 2021 and to represent well our country that will be the first in South America to host the Deaflympics.

In this sense, we highlight the importance of the State of Rio Grande do Sul in the national and international scenario in the economic, industrial, educational, technological, tourist and social spheres. The State has more than eleven million inhabitants, which corresponds to approximately 5.4% of the Brazilian population; it is the most populous in the Southern Region and the 5th in Brazil. The population of Rio Grande do Sul is one of the most diverse, being composed of descendants of different ethnicity, such as: Portuguese, German, Italians, Africans, Lebanese, Indians (native people), Spanish, Polish and French. In addition, Rio Grande do Sul has experience in hosting big international events.

Likewise, the city of Caxias do Sul (Figure 1), the second most populous in the state, with approximately 510,000 inhabitants, is prepared to host the Deaflympic Games. As one of the most important metal-mechanic centers in Brazil, the municipality stands out for its economic power, fostered by the presence of large industries and by the trade and services sector. In addition, the city has experience in holding events, among them the traditional National Grape Festival, one of the most popular festivals in the country, which takes place every two years, and receives , in 21 days, approximately 500 thousand visitors.

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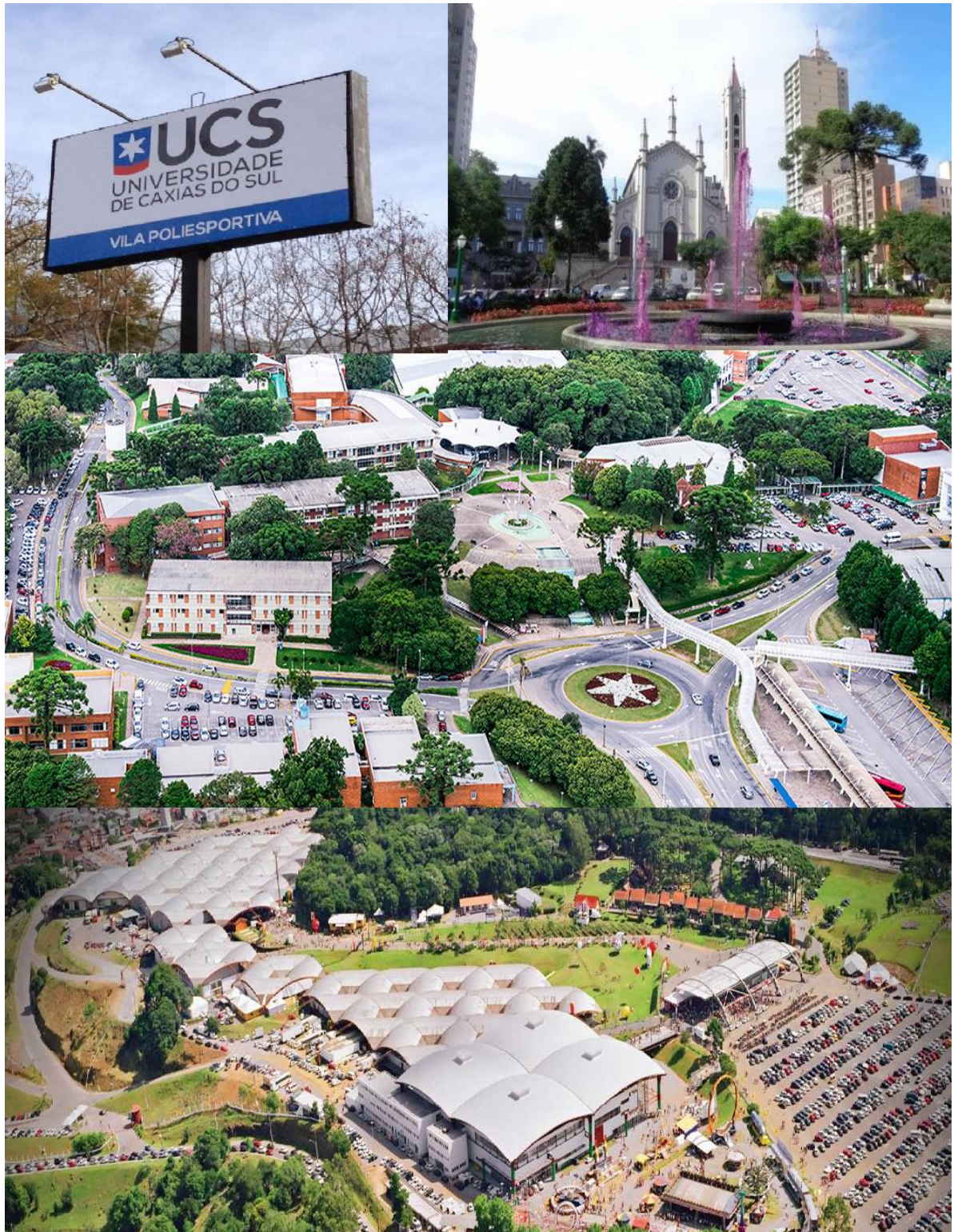


Figure 1 - Caxias do Sul

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We highlight the infrastructure and technical capacity of the University of Caxias do Sul, which today occupies a prominent place in Higher Education in Brazil, being the 6th best private and community institution, the 1st placed in innovation and the 9th in research, according to Ranking Universitário Folha (RUF) 2018. In 2019, UCS was ranked as one of the best universities in the world by the British magazine *Times Higher Education* and has been a partner of the State and of the Federal Government in many development projects. UCS since its creation in 1967, seeks to continuously promote a scientific, technical and humanist education, with a view to the full education of its students and the economic and social development of the northeast region of Rio Grande do Sul. At the moment UCS has 20,000 students and offers 151 undergraduate courses in classroom and distance learning covering all areas of knowledge. In the area of Stricto Sensu Graduate Studies, UCS has 29 courses, 18 master and 11 doctorate courses. All this makes UCS the largest Community Higher Education Institution in the State of Rio Grande do Sul. The University also has a Science, Technology and Innovation Park (TecnoUCS), which promotes the advance of culture, research, innovation and entrepreneurship.



**Figure 2** - University of Caxias do Sul

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**Figure 3** - Map of the University of Caxias do Sul

Vila Poliesportiva is an organ of the Center for Biological and Health Sciences and its purpose is to carry out, stimulate and support teaching, research and extension activities involving sports, in different modalities, and the practice of physical activity, such as health and social welfare promotion. It is, therefore, an important support body for the Institution's courses, especially those in the Health area. Its activities and services are available to the internal and external community. Vila Poliesportiva gathers a sports and educational complex, in an area of over 20 thousand m<sup>2</sup>, which includes classrooms, laboratories, three gyms (two in Gym II and one in Block 70), three gyms, swimming pool, multipurpose courts, athletics track, tennis and paddle courts, soccer field and volleyball and beach soccer courts. Among its activities, we highlight the UCS Olympics Program, which purpose is to stimulate the training of athletes in the Olympic sports, and the partnership with the Institute of Sports Medicine and Applied Sciences to the Human Movement, interdisciplinary body that carries out actions aimed at high performance sports and the health of the population. Contributing to the achievement of university extension, Vila Poliesportiva maintains several sports initiation schools, and offers for the internal and external public, directed activities at its gyms and the pool. It also supports, with personnel, technical guidance and infrastructure, community-based programs developed at the University.



**Figure 4** - Multisport Village (Vila Poliesportiva)



**Figure 5** - Gymnasiums of the Multisport Village

The University of Caxias do Sul has hosted other events of Sports for the Deaf at Municipal, State, National and International levels. Highlighting championships already held in Caxias do Sul:

a) 1st South American Sport Games for the Deaf - Caxias do Sul - Rio Grande do Sul This event was held in Caxias do Sul, RS, from November 15h to November 23rd, 2014. The competition brought together deaf athletes from 7 South American countries: Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Uruguay. Seven modalities were played: field soccer, futsal (indoor soccer), basketball, volleyball, handball, athletics, cycling, badminton, swimming, tennis, table tennis, beach volleyball, judo, karate and chess. In total, there were almost 700 deaf athletes competing and 170 people from the Brazilian delegation.

b) World-wide Championship of Handball for the Deaf: This event was carried out in July of 2018, counted on the participation of 9 countries (Brazil, Cameroon, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Ghana, Kenya, Russia and Turkey), 320 deaf athletes and was broadcast to 69 countries. The event was carried out exclusively in the city of Caxias do Sul at University of Caxias do Sul - UCS.



On several occasions, UCS lent its structure to the Brazilian team of deaf futsal athletes to perform the training sessions, as well as to the Brazilian volleyball and handball teams. It should be noted that the University supports in various ways the deaf, also having training courses available, the Course of Brazilian Sign Language and the Graduation in Brazilian Sign Language and Training Course of Interpreter in Brazilian Sign Language. Among other events for the deaf community.

The ICSD, according to a letter of April 28, 2020 authorized Caxias do Sul to continue with the organization of the 2021 Deaflympics and, for this reason, recognizes the Plural Committee of the University of Caxias do Sul and its partners. The Brazilian Confederation of Deaf Sports (CBDS) was invited to join the Plural Committee and agreed to participate as a member of the Honor Council. The Plural Committee continues to comply with ICSD regulations and to report to it as the highest authority.

With regard to Deaflympics, UCS, within its attributions, committed and dedicated, carefully made its sports equipment available and structured the work room for the Plural Committee (Figure 6).



**Figure 6** - Plural Committee Room

The Plural Committee, in its turn, is performing the following actions:

- 1) Planning of the running event;
- 2) Working, according to commitments made, in order to receive the ICSD as soon as the pandemic allows it;
- 3) Site developed and approved by ICSD;

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- 4) Logo of the event ready and approved by ICSD;
- 5) Video of the launch of the event finalized and approved by ICSD;
- 6) Among other actions being articulated together with partners and members of the Plural Committee.

We would like to briefly present some questions for clarification:

**Table 1** - Clarifications

Geographic location	As in all other regions of Brazil, Caxias do Sul will have an excellent climate in December 2021, with the southern region having milder and more favorable temperatures for the practice of sports. The climate of Caxias do Sul is oceanic, with relatively hot summers. The average compensated temperature of the municipality in December is 20 °C. Based on the tourism index, the best time of the year to visit Caxias do Sul and perform warm weather activities is from early November to mid-April.
Accommodation:	<p>As this is a tourist region, our accommodations are state and national reference; we count on 1 to 5-star hotels, as well as other housing options, so that all people and needs are met and thus it is also possible to serve least economically favored countries.</p> <p>The Plural Committee will make available to the participants of the 2021 Deaf Olympics options of accommodation packages which will include, in addition to accommodation, food and transportation from Porto Alegre airport to Caxias do Sul as well as within the municipality. The packages will be available from January 2021, through the official website of the event and reservations will be made directly with the Plural Committee as well as the payment of the packages, to facilitate the management of the blocking of rates at partner hotels.</p>
Health services	<p>The University of Caxias do Sul (UCS) itself has a hospital in its facilities, Geral Hospital, which provides free care. It is national reference in health services and certified by the National Accreditation Organization (ONA) for Excellence in Management, based on evaluation of performance regarding administrative processes and service to patients. It guarantees quality and safety in care. Geral Hospital is also certified by COREN / RS as a reference in nursing service in Serra Gaúcha. UCS also has a medical clinic with more than 15 medical specialties. The city of Caxias do Sul has 5 more hospitals also referenced for the quality of the services provided, which are: Hospital Pompéia, Hospital Saúde, Hospital do Círculo, Hospital Virvi Ramos and Hospital Complex Unimed. In the municipality there are 49 basic health units and 2 health emergency rooms with totally free services. In Farroupilha, a neighboring municipality, we count on Hospital Beneficente São Carlos, and in Flores da Cunha, on Hospital Beneficente Nossa Senhora de Fátima. Bento Gonçalves has three hospitals: Tacchini, Galassi and Sinha Junqueira. Thus, 11 hospitals around Caxias do Sul will be available during the event for any needs.</p>

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Coronavirus	With regard to the pandemic, the state of Rio Grande do Sul, as well as the city of Caxias do Sul, are in a controlled situation and with few cases registered in our city because several actions have been taken by the government in relation to prevention, which allowed not to have health chaos. On the economy, as it is a region where the population is very close, measures have also been taken. The city of Caxias do Sul has approximately 14 large companies that have already expressed interest in supporting the event. In addition, there are national, state, and municipal laws that encourage sports and regional and state entrepreneurs. We also have the support of the Chamber of Industry, Commerce and Services of Caxias do Sul (CIC), member of the UCS university council, which brings together more than 1,100 companies from Caxias do Sul which can support the event.
Airports	In Brazil, the arrival airport for most of the international flights is located in São Paulo (Guarulhos); from there, connections to both Porto Alegre and Caxias do Sul are available. If you choose to arrive in Porto Alegre, you can easily travel by road to Caxias do Sul, which is located 120 km far from there. It is also known that from Portugal there are direct flights to Porto Alegre.

We are happy to communicate the realization of the Games in our city, and we also inform that we will have as the godmother of the event the First Lady of the Country, MICHELLE BOLSONARO, who accepted our invitation on 04/22/2020. Our Godmother also sent an email to the ICSD informing her support to the XXIV Summer Deaflympics event that will take place in Caxias do Sul.

We take the opportunity to express our joy in receiving all countries, athletes and teams, their relatives and friends. We are working for this with great dedication to make everyone feel at home in our country and want to come back to Brazil whenever possible.

We inform that on July 3, 2020 at 16:00, BRT: UTC-3, we will make a *live* Inauguration of the Plural Committee which will be broadcast by the Official YouTube Channel Deaflympics 2021 ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCegFYSwSII9m7Tc8zkI\\_dAQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCegFYSwSII9m7Tc8zkI_dAQ)) and invite everyone to follow this so important solemn moment when authorities, partners, entities, members of the Plural Committee will be introduced, and the official video of the event will be broadcast.

We will always be in communication with ICSD Members and will send newsletters on a regular basis so that you can take ownership of what awaits you. To follow the preparations, we ask that you regularly access the official website of the event, [www.deaflympics2021.com](http://www.deaflympics2021.com) . The Communication Advisor Alexandre Couto will be at

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We invite everyone to the 24th Summer Deaf Olympiads, to be held from December 5th to December 21st, 2021 in Brazil, in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, in the city of Caxias do Sul. Our wish is that you feel welcomed from now, certain that we are working with great dedication.

With esteem,

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