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**TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS IN ASIA & OCEANIA**

**FROM: FINA Office, Lausanne**

**DATE: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**RE: FINA OPEN WATER SWIMMING SCHOOL FOR OFFICIALS / 12-13 May 2018, Singapore (SGP)**

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Dear Friends,

I have the pleasure to send you the following information related to the organisation of the **FINA Open Water Swimming School for Officials** scheduled to be held in Singapore (SGP), from 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

The purpose of this course is to achieve the following objectives:

- Enlarge the number of officials and enhance the quality of the existing ones;
- Create a uniform pattern of interpretation and application of Open Water Swimming rules, thus raising the quality of officiating;
- Use the course as an instrument to develop and promote Open Water Swimming worldwide.

Please note the following information related to the designation & courses for open water swimming officials:

- Officials who have passed a FINA OWS School and officiated at a required level, will receive a certification, which is valid for a 4-year period.
- FINA OWS Officials List N° 12 (valid from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2020): all new applications, not including renewals, must have attended and passed a FINA OWS School within four years of application.
- FINA OWS Officials List N° 13 and all subsequent FINA OWS Officials Lists: all new applicants and renewals must have attended and passed a FINA OWS School within four years of application.

- The schools primary language is English, although local translation may be provided.
- Minors aged 13 and above may participate in the school. Candidates must be aged 18 years or older to undertake the examination.
- Participants who have completed and passed the test in English would be eligible for the FINA Lists, subject to meeting the List criteria.

Please find below the details related to the organisation of this course:

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Arrival:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
	<b>Course:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
	<b>Departure:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> May in the evening or 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 in the morning

**PARTICIPANTS:** Each National Member Federation may nominate Open Water Swimming officials for this course.

**REGISTRATION:** All participants must be registered **by the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018** in the FINA General Management System (GMS) using your federation login details. The link to the FINA GMS is <https://data.fina.org>.

Please kindly note that the specific discipline of the school must be added to the attendee's GMS profile as well as his/her personal email address in order to submit the registration.

If you require any assistance with the registration, please contact [aquaticsdb@fina.org](mailto:aquaticsdb@fina.org)

**NATIONALITY:** Please take into consideration that when a competition official represents his/her country in a competition, he/she shall be a citizen, whether by birth or naturalisation, of the nation he/she represents, provided that

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a naturalised citizen shall have lived in that country for at least one year prior to that competition (FINA Handbook 2015-2017, General Rules 2.5).

**PLACE:**

Singapore (SGP)

**ARRIVAL AIRPORT:**

Singapore Changi Airport

**TRAVEL:**

Each National Federation is responsible for the travel expenses of the nominated officials.

**VISA SUPPORT:**

Please contact the Singapore Swimming Association if you require visa assistance.

**ACCOMMODATION:**

Each National Federation will cover the accommodation expenses of the nominated officials.

**Village Hotel Bugis**

390 Victoria Street,  
188061

**Single room:** USD 180 per night\*

**Double room:** USD 240 per night\*

\*Breakfast and accommodation.

**RESERVATIONS:**

To make a reservation, please contact the Singapore Swimming Association.

**LOCAL TRANSPORT:**

Transfers from and to the airport will be provided by the OC for those participants accommodated at the official hotel.

In order to organise the local transportation, please provide the participants' flight arrival and departure details to the Singapore Swimming Association.

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**MEETING VENUE:**

SIRC Seminar Room, Singapore Sports Hub (6 Stadium Walk, Singapore 397698)

**PROGRAMME:**

Please find attached the school programme.

**OC CONTACT:**

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We strongly believe that the FINA Open Water Swimming Schools for Officials will powerfully contribute to the improvement of our sport.

For any further details please contact the FINA Office in Lausanne:

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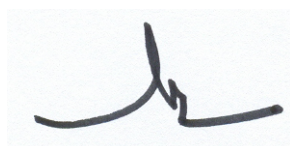
**1005 Lausanne, Switzerland**

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**Email: [schools@fina.org](mailto:schools@fina.org)**

We look forward to receiving your nominations through the FINA GMS **by no later than the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

Yours sincerely,



**Cornel Marculescu**  
**Executive Director**

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