Balatonfüred (HUN) – 18 June 2016

Information bulletin
Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome all the participants – swimmers, coaches, officials – from the FINA Member Federations to this leg of the 2016 FINA/HOSA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup edition, to be held in Balatonfüred, HUN.

Seven races in three continents are scheduled for this 2016 series. From the Argentinian, and Canadian waters in the Americas, passing through Balatonfüred (HUN) and Abu Dhabi (UAE) and finishing in Asia (Hong Kong and China), this edition will certainly be highlighted by great races, with close finishes and a lot of suspense concerning the final ranking!

Thanks to the effort and work of the Swimming Federation of Hungary, as well as the Organising Committee of Balatonfüred our best athletes will find the optimal conditions for memorable performances. Moreover, the engagement of the local authorities, sponsors and media representatives is a key factor for the success of this competition in particular and for the promotion of this discipline in general.

Still with vivid memories from our very successful 16th FINA World Championships in Kazan (RUS), the 2016 series are organised in an important year, when Rio de Janeiro (BRA) will host for the third time in history the Olympic 10km marathon swimming races for men and women.

FINA, together with the National Federations and Organisers of the 2016 FINA/HOSA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup, has always one main objective: to promote in the best possible way the performances of our swimmers, thus reinforcing the impact, prestige and popularity of open water swimming in the five continents.

I wish all of you a great competition and the best to win.

DR. JULIO C. MAGLIONE
FINA President
Dear Participants,

Hungary has recently hosted and is about to host a series of high-ranked international sport events and among those aquatics have the lion-share. Well, it would be easy to link that to the state-secretary’s past involvement to swimming but this is not the case. Well before my nomination we’ve already earned the right to host these great events – now it’s my real pleasure to maintain the Government’s firm backing to organise the meets on the expected highest standards.

And why aquatics? Easy to answer: Hungary has a long-standing love towards the disciplines. Don’t forget that swimming’s first Olympic champion was a Hungarian, Alfred Hajos – this year marks the 120th anniversary of his great achievements at the inaugural Olympic Games in Athens – and we have a handful of grandmasters of swimming, at the 2017 FINA World Championships. And of course we have the annual big meets, one of them is the FINA/HOSA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup, combined with the mass swimming festival in the frame of the Hungarian Swimming’s Day. This is a great occasion to channel even more attention towards Aquatics, the sport and its heroes, a perfect mix to convince more and more children and their parents; there is nothing better than having a great swim exercise.

Finally, let me add, that the commitment of the current Government has started to pay off: as of today, more than 15 per cent of the nation is involved to regular sport practicing, a significant jump from the data we had five years ago (5%). Of course, there are plenty to do in this field in order to reach a really healthy percentage – and you, participants of this open water event, give us a great push to move ahead. Thanks for that and hope you enjoy your stay and the competition now and will do next year, at the Worlds as well.

Dr. ISTVÁN BÓKA
State Secretary of Sport

Dear FINA Family Members!

Earlier we’ve organised a series of continental events, then – within 40 days – we managed to have everything ready to stage a memorable FINA World Junior Open Water Swimming Championships in 2014, then last year we welcomed the very best open water swimmers at the FINA/HOSA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup leg for the first time. We’ve been gaining more and more experience and one might even say enough to lay back a bit and say: oh, that’s just another turn, let’s do it as we used to in the past.

This cannot be the case and indeed none of us ever thought to do his or her job based on the routine we had from the previous years. The fever is on, the excitement are growing as we are getting closer and closer to the next competition. This is the only way to maintain the high standards – which is, I think, something the distinguished members of the FINA Family got used to.

For us, to have this event is a tremendous opportunity to show the beauty of our treasured Lake Balaton and its surroundings – year by year. As we’ve learnt more and more on this sport and this event, our engagement has been strengthened with every occasion. Now I can proudly say that open water swimming and the city of Balatonfured has grown together and I do hope that this has created a win-win situation.

Worth mentioning – historical events oblige us to do that – back in 1836 Baron Miklos Wesselenyi, a true Hungarian Great, swam across the Balatonfured-Tihany route twice in succession, then this was eclipsed by Kalman Szekrenyessy in 1880 when he swam the lake across between Siófok and Balatonfured.

From the FINA Family’s side we have received positive feedbacks both after the junior Worlds and after the World Cup. We appreciated that but those remarks also remind us every time: the bar has been set high and we have to keep ourselves in shape to clear it year by year. I’m sure we can do that. Even next year, when the biggest event will visit our city: the 2017 FINA World Championships.

On the other hand, the World Cup and the World Champs make our city a real winner as well: besides enjoying the benefits of all connecting opportunities (like promotion), Balatonfured has already witnessed the opening of a brand new indoor swimming pool and by next July a huge underground garage (next to the venue) will serve a perfect parking facility for the guests arriving to the 2017 FINA World Championships, plus a brand new four-star hotel will be ready to accommodate most of the teams competing at the Worlds. FINA Events have helped us a lot to develop our city, we are grateful for all stakeholders for supporting us: above all FINA, the Hungarian Government and the Hungarian Swimming Association.

Naturally, we are looking ahead on the long term and hope to see you returning to Balatonfured beyond 2017 – please come, the lake is yours!

Dr. TÜNDE SZABÓ
Mayor of Balatonfured

Racing in mild waters: the open water family quickly embraced Lake Balaton

Photo: WOLFGANG RATTAY / REUTERS
Dear Friends,

Are you ready? I hope yes. For sure, we are ready – to stage this leg of the FINA/Hosa 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup. And also ready with all the plans for the ‘big one’, for next year’s FINA World Championships. The core parts of those will already be implemented this June as we really want to test everything, starting with the transport, accommodation services, course-setting, victory ceremonies, just to name a few.

I hope you won’t see it as a test – instead, you’ll find even better conditions compared to last year, while staying in Balatonfured and racing in Lake Balaton. We have declared to near the standards we wish to reach next July, when the whole world will eye us. Or, rather, the world will watch you while competing in the mild waters of our beautiful lake, a really fine environment for open water swimming events, in the heart of the tourist Paradise. We are committed to do our utmost so all you have to take care of is to give your very best.

Those who were already part of the show in 2015 – or beforehand, when we hosted continental meets – might have enjoyed their stay and shall return for this June. We also hope that the date of the event (the only big open water race in mid-summer) will attract even more participants. Come and discover the course as most of you will swim here in July 2017 when the world titles are going to be at stake. And most of us will also be on site to provide perfect settings for the greatest sport event Hungary has ever hosted.

This is something the whole country awaits and wants to see, so we enjoy the firm backing of our Government, the city of Balatonfured and the fantastic partners of our federation – and of course we constantly get the invaluable support of FINA. Though it’s not an easy job to create a perfect environment and to cater all demands, it’s much easier when you have such a great background. Thanks for everyone and thanks for everything.

TAMÁS GYÁRFÁS
President of the Hungarian Swimming Association
Co-Chairman of the Budapest 2017 LOC

Balaton: a sight to see

The first big open water event at Balatonfured: the Europeans in 2010 – safety measures are always at the highest level during the races held in Hungary

Photo: WOLFGANG RATTAY / REUTERS
Balatonfured is a small town with 13,500 inhabitants, on the north shore of Lake Balaton, surrounded by gently sloping hillocks. Foreign travellers – may they come here by rail, by road or by boat – start to feel the harmonious blend of past and present at the moment of their arrival. First and foremost the location of the town captures everyone: tender mountains on the north, the beautiful lake on the south embrace the town, which radiates that special Transdanubian serenity for ages. The town was inhabited already when the Romans conquered parts of Hungary. Walking in the town the visitor every now and then faces relics of old times. Ancient living quarters, old buildings, churches, homely vineyards, parks, mighty old trees preserve and whisper their messages to the people living here today.

Balatonfured is mainly known by its climate which is very similar to the Mediterranean and its spring waters containing carbonic acid. Even the sun shines somehow more gently here. Balatonfured and its surrounding settlements lie in the so-called „Balaton Riviera”. This expression refers to the special micro-climate prevailing here. This climate is created by the foot-hills of the „Balaton felvidék” (=Balaton Highlands): the so-called „Tamás hegy” (=Thomas Hill), Sándor-, Péter- and Száka-hegy (=Alexander-, Peter- and „Száka” Hill) give protection against the icy winds coming from the direction of „Bakony” mountains. Continuous air movement between the land and Lake Balaton, constant winds provide clean air free of dust for people living here and the air heals diseases of the heart and blood-vessels, too. The water from the springs is used for healing in the National Heart Hospital. But anyone can taste and heal from the famous Fured acidulous spring waters at Koszó spring, Berzsenyi well, Szekér Ernő spring and Schneider well. Thousands of people suffering from heart disease recovered in this hospital. Rabindranath Tagore, the famous Nobel-prize winning Hindu poet was healed here in 1926 and denominated a beautiful alley close to the shore of the lake.
The Competition Site


### COMPETITIONS

17 June – Friday
19.00 Technical meeting

18 June – Saturday
9.00 Opening ceremony
9.30 Men 10km
9.40 Women 10km
12.30 Victory ceremony
19.00 Gala dinner

19 June – Sunday
All day – Departures

### TRAININGS

14-17 June

On the course: 16.00-18.00
(except 17.06. 13.30-15.30)

Pool (Balatonfüred): 9.00-12.00
and 16.00-19.00
21 km from Balatonfüred,
20min by bus

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

17 June – Friday
16.00 National Championships – boys 7.5km and 5km
16.10 National Championships – girls 7.5km and 5km
18.00 Victory Ceremony – 7.5km, 5km

18 June – Saturday
12.00 FINA World Mass OWS Series (including Senior National Championship)
FINA Family

**FINA&Team Hotel**

**HOTEL ANNA GRAND**

The four-star Anna Grand Hotel**** Wine & Vital building complex is located on the northern shore of Lake Balaton, a 100 meters away from the famous Tagore Promenade, in the middle of the historical district of Balatonfüred.

We are awaiting our guests with 100 rooms, 14 premium suites, 140 parking places, 1200 square meter wellness area with spa and massage treatments, 4 lane bowling alley, Winebiter pub, Varvamus Winestore, Dental Clinic, Biomed Cure Center, 7 conference rooms for 20-300 people, and with a lot of exciting programs and services.

Our 1200-square-meter wellness department awaits our dear guests with a flat surface swimming pool, a 5 x 22-meter freeform pool, jacuzzi, Finnish sauna, infra-sauna and vapour bath.

_Distance from competition site: 4-5 min walking_

**PRICES**

- A minimum of 2 nights must be booked
- Double room, full board €260 per room per night
- Single room, full board €170 per room per night

_Price includes:_

- Full board with free selection of the available meals
- Free wifi
- Room safe
- Free use of internet corner
- Free use of the wellness facilities (indoor pool, jacuzzi, sauna, infra sauna, steam room)
- VAT

**INVITATIONS**

Accommodation will be provided by the LOC for those who are entitled under the rules of the series.

_Official arrival date: 14 June_

_Official departure date: 20 June_

_Payments_

- Deadline: 3 June
- Cancellation: 50% from 30 May, 100% from 8 June

_Distance from competition site: 4-5 min walking_

**TRANSPORT**

Transport is provided from and to the Budapest Liszt Ferenc Airport for all those staying in the official hotel.

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TRANSPORT will also be provided for trainings – shuttle bus schedules will be available at the Team Hotels.

**HOTEL ANNABELLA superior**


Parking places for cars and coaches, souvenir shop, central safe deposit box, laundry. Free WiFi in common areas of the hotel. Hairdresser, manicure, pedicure, cosmetics. Outdoor swimming pool, indoor swimming pool, sauna, solarium, massage. Outdoor fitness equipment in the garden: air walker, elliptical cross trainer, waist and hip shaper. Windsurfing, private beach with sports facilities, kids’ activities (between mid-June and the end of August), bike rental. Facilities for water skiing, riding and tennis nearby.

_Distance from competition site: 7-8 min walking_

**FORMS TO BE FILLED!**

Please fill in the forms enclosed with this Bulletin!
At the technical meeting, information will be provided with regards to:

Welcome and Introduction
- Roll Call of Athletes
- Requirement to nominate a coach for each swimmer on the form available
- The coaches to present themselves at the Athlete Check-in before the race
- A coach can be responsible for up to two swimmers
- A swimmer without a coach will not be allowed to start the race
- Nomination of a coach to check the water temperature
- Swimwear
- Only swimsuits from the FINA approved list can be worn

Course Overview
- Outline of the course by the HMF/OC
- Explanation of any hazards on the course
- Where the course boundaries are marked by ropes & buoys, swimmers must stay within the course for the duration of the race, including the finish channel
- Feeding pontoons
- Coaches must follow the instructions of the official responsible for management of the platform and when not feeding a swimmer under their responsibility they are asked to move back from the course. Refer to OWS 6.3.2.
- Access to Feeding Pontoons will be restricted to the approved coaches as listed.

Safety Procedures
- Please refer to Annex 1, Point 4.1: Technical Meeting; FINA OPEN WATER SAFETY REGULATIONS

Doping Control
- Doping control station location
- Arrangements will be made for any athlete that needs time to fulfill doping obligations

Race Day Timelines
- HMF/OC

Protest Procedure
- As per FINA Rule GR9.2
- The Protest must be initially submitted to the Referee for consideration
- The Protest fee is Swiss Francs 100
- The Jury of Appeal is - FINA Technical Delegate (Chair) and FINA Safety Delegate - President or representative of the organising Swimming Federation

USEFUL CONTACTS

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Police: 107
Firemen: 105
General ER: 112
International inquiries: 199
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FINA, the Fédération Internationale de Natation, is the world governing body for the six Aquatic Disciplines of SWIMMING, DIVING, HIGH DIVING, WATER POLO, SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING and OPEN WATER SWIMMING.

FINA has five main objectives:

- to promote and encourage the development of swimming in all possible manifestations throughout the world
- to promote and encourage the development of international relations
- to adopt necessary uniform rules and regulations to hold competitions in swimming, open water swimming, diving, high diving, water polo, synchronised swimming and masters
- to organise World Championships and FINA events
- to increase the number of facilities for swimming throughout the world

To fulfill these goals and organise its 207 National Federations membership, FINA has put in place a structure comprising of six main entities: the General Congress, the Technical Congress, the Bureau, the Executive, the Technical and Specialised Committees.

Since 2009 Dr. Julio C. Maglione is the acting FINA President, under his leadership aquatics has enjoyed a massive growth in all fields including finance, popularity and media exposure.

The Bureau is responsible for discussing and making decisions on all matters assigned by them by the General and Technical Congresses. Moreover and among other things, Bureau members interpret and enforce the Rule of FINA, they submit proposals to the Congress, they attribute FINA awards, they determine the dates and locations of World Championships and other FINA competitions, they instruct FINA Committees and manage their activities, etc.

FINA’s headquarters are based in Lausanne, Switzerland, where a multinational staff runs all core operations with regards to each FINA discipline, marketing and communication plans, anti-doping programmes and development policies under the management of Executive Director Cornel Marculescu.
The Organising Committee

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The Organising Committee

The youngsters got all kind of support – including the outfits with the official colours of the 2017 FINA World Championships
Introducing the World Cup

This annually staged elite-level competition is organised around ten meets and takes place in some of the world’s most amazing natural water bodies, either freshwater (lake, rowing course, river) or salt-water (sea).

In the beginning (between 1997 and 2006), the World Cup included a whole range of long distances. Since 2007, FINA decided to focus the World Cup on the 10km distance only, as a direct consequence of the introduction of the 10km Marathon Swim on the Olympic programme in 2005. The former Marathon Swimming World Cup circuit was therefore ‘split’ in order to create a separate 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup, while races above 10km would then be part of the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix.

POINTS SYSTEM

In each Event, points will be awarded to the swimmers depending upon their race finishing position. Swimmers may accumulate points at each Event in which they participate and finish, with their total points counting towards the overall final rankings for each year.

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All other race finishers: 2

Any swimmers who do not finish the race or who are disqualified will receive zero (0) points. Any swimmers who the Technical Officials have reason to believe have colluded and/or agreed to finish with a tie, will be subject to disqualification.

PRIZE MONEY

AT THE EVENTS

US$20'000 are on offer in prize money at the Event, equally distributed between men and women, as follows:

- 1st: US$2’500
- 2nd: US$2’000
- 3rd: US$1’500
- 4th: US$1’000
- 5th: US$800
- 6th: US$600
- 7th: US$400

OVERALL PRIZE MONEY

A minimum amount of US$180'000 shall be paid to the overall prize winners. The overall annual winners will be decided by the male and female swimmers respectively, who have accumulated the most points at Events in that year, provided that they have participated in a minimum of 70% of Events in that year, including the final Event of the season. The annual prize money to be awarded for both the Men’s and Women’s Series overall winners is as follows:

- 1st: US$30’000
- 2nd: US$20’000
- 3rd: US$15’000
- 4th: US$12’000
- 5th: US$8’000
- 6th: US$5’000

OVERALL RANKINGS 2015

Men

1. Christian REICHERT (GER) 103
2. Alan DO CARMO (BRA) 94
3. Rhys MAINSTONE (AUS) 68
4. Diogo VILLARINHO (BRA) 59
5. Charles PETERSON (USA) 48
6. Evgenij POP ACEV (MKD) 20

Women

1. Rachele BRUNI (ITA) 112
2. Anna OLASZ (HUN) 77
3. Isabelle HÄRLE (GER) 57
4. Angela MAURER (GER) 54
5. Christine JENNINGS (USA) 38
6. Charlotte WEBBY (NZL) 12

The overall winners in the last season, Germany’s Christian Reichert (top) and Italy’s Rachele Bruni