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PR5 - First race in Santos (BRA) with victories for Larissa Ilchenko (RUS) and Valerio Cleri (ITA)

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Medallists in Santos (BRA, 10km)

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WOMEN1. Larissa Ilchenko (RUS) 2h04m03s57; 2. Kirsten Groome (USA) 2h04m05s23; 3. Angela Maurer (GER) 2h04m13s26
Participants: A record of 84 swimmers (47 men and 37 women) from fifteen countries took the departure (in brackets the number of women): ARG 3 (1), BRA 26 (8), CAN 3 (2), CHI 1 (1), ESP 3 (2), FRA 3 (1), GER 3 (2), ISR 3 (1), ITA 8 (4), MEX 6 (4), NED 1 (1), POL 1 (1), POR 3 (1), RUS 11 (4), USA 9 (4). The next race of the 2nd FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup will take place on March 15, 2008 in Dubai (UAE). Before that, the next stage of the other FINA international series of Long Distance Swimming, the 2nd FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix will be held on February 3, 2008 in Santa Fe (ARG) with the 57km "Maraton Acuatica Rio Coronda".

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