

Past editions (2014, 2015 and 2016)

The "Soirée des Etoiles" was first held in **Doha, Qatar**, in December 2014, in between the annual FINA World Aquatics Convention and the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m). The second edition was then organised in **Budapest (HUN)** in January 2016, as a stand-alone event, in the capital which later hosted wonderful FINA World Championships (in July 2017).

The third edition which rewarded the Aquatics best athletes of 2016 was held in **Windsor (CAN)**, again in conjunction with the FINA World Aquatics Convention and the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m).

For this fourth edition, the event moves to **Sanya (CHN)** as FINA unveiled on December 4, 2016, a long-term partnership with Alisports for the organisation of the FINA/alisports World Aquatics Gala - "Soirée des Etoiles", from 2016 through 2025. In addition to this partnership, Alisports has become the exclusive e-commerce, ticketing, and sports tourism partner of FINA for the Chinese territory.

Take a look at the past winners of the prestigious award [here](#) [1].
