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Kirill Ambrosimov (RUS) and Ana Marcela Cunha (BRA) were the winners of the seventh leg of the 2019 FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series, staged in Ohrid Lake, in North Macedonia, on August 28. The Russian star needed 2h00m21s8 to complete the 10km-race, while the Brazilian ace touched home for gold in 2h11m38s4.

While this was the first victory of the year of Ambrosimov, Cunha has now four wins, after previous successes in Doha (QAT), Balaton (HUN) and Setubal (POR).

In the men's event, the minor medals went to Axel Reymond, from France, who concluded the race in 2h00m21s9 for the silver medal. Matteo Furlan, from Italy, completed the podium in 2h00m23s3. With this outcome, Furlan is provisionally the second best in the overall ranking of the series, behind Hungary's Kristof Rasovszky – only fourth in Ohrid. The Magyar champion won three races so far in 2019, at home in Balaton Lake, and the subsequent two legs in Canada (Lac St-Jean and Lac Mégantic).

In the women's category, the leader of the ranking is Rachele Bruni (ITA), runner-up in North Macedonia, in a time of 2h11m40s9. The Italian ace "only" won one race so far – in Lac St-Jean – but her regular presence and solid results throughout the seven legs give her the first place so far in the overall classification. Cunha is second at this stage, as she did not attend the Canadian races of the competition.

Third in Ohrid, and also number 3 in the ranking is Arianna Bridi, from Italy, stopped the clock in 2h11m41s3. She was the winner of the previous leg of the Series in Lac Mégantic (CAN).

The 2019 FINA/CNSG Marathon Swim World Series comprises two more legs, on September 7 in Nantou (TPE) and on September 29 in Chun'An (CHN).

Medallists in Ohrid (MKD):

MEN

1. Kirill Ambrosimov (RUS), 2h00m21s8; 2. Axel Reymond (FRA), 2h00m21s9; 3. Matteo Furlan (ITA), 2h00m23s3

WOMEN

1. Ana Marcela Cunha (BRA), 2h11m38s4; 2. Rachele Bruni (ITA), 2h11m40s9; 3. Arianna Bridi (ITA), 2h11m41s3
