

## **13<sup>th</sup> FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) – Windsor 2016**

The 13<sup>th</sup> FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) were staged in the City of Windsor, in Ontario, Canada. Canada's southernmost city, Windsor, is just across the Detroit river from the US state of Michigan. World-class gaming and entertainment venues rub shoulders with fascinating historical and cultural landmarks, while top quality restaurants compete with sports teams in basketball, ice hockey and rugby.

The Championships were staged over 6 days, from 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December inclusive, in a pool installed for the event in the home of the Ontario Hockey League's Windsor Spitfires, WFCU Centre. The WFCU Centre was temporarily transformed with the addition of a 25-metre long x 26-metre wide x 2-metre deep competition pool on top of the main arena floor. There were also 2 additional 25-metre pools, which athletes used to warm up and warm down. The venue offered excellent facilities for approximately 4'500 spectators.

A total of 864 swimmers from 153 national federations competed in the Championships, vying for the 46 World Championship titles and total prize money of US\$1'174'500. Athletes from 22 nations won medals for their countries. 2 new World Records were achieved, as well as 5 Championships records. The same number of swimming events were staged for Men and Women, who also receive the same prize money.

The best swimmers of the event according to the FINA points system were Katinka Hosszú of Hungary, and Chad Le Clos of South Africa, and the best swimming team was the USA.

TV coverage of the Championships in Windsor (Canada) was broadcast across 185 markets with FINA TV carrying the signal to an additional 26 markets, bringing the overall broadcast coverage to 211.