

## **14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) – Hangzhou 2018**

The 14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) were staged in the City of Hangzhou, in Zhejiang Province, in the south of China. Hangzhou is the provincial capital and the centre for economic, cultural, scientific, and educational activity in the region.

The Championships were staged over 6 days, from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December inclusive, in a pool installed for the event in the newly opened Hangzhou International Tennis Centre, part of the Hangzhou Olympic and International Expo Center. The venue offered excellent facilities for approximately 8'000 spectators, and a total of over 80'000 spectators attended the 12 competition sessions.

A total of 951 swimmers from 178 national federations competed in the Championships, vying for the 46 World Championship titles and total prize money of US\$2'070'000. Athletes from 23 nations won medals for their countries. 9 new World Records were achieved, as well as 22 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.

CCTV5, China's State broadcaster which shows only sports, acted as the host broadcaster providing coverage of the Championships to FINA's international broadcast partners.