

## FINA BUREAU 2017-2021

### Biographies

#### PRESIDENT

##### **Julio C. Maglione (URU)**

Dr. Julio C. Maglione of Uruguay is FINA President since 2009. He previously was Member of the Bureau from 1984-1988, Vice-President (1988-1992) and then Honorary Treasurer from 1992-2009.

Maglione was an IOC Member from 1996-2015, and became an Honorary Member in 2015.

He was President of the South American Swimming Confederation (1976-1978) then Honour President (1984), as well as President of the Amateur Swimming Union of the Americas (1979-1983, 1995-1999). He is the Honorary President of PanAm Sports.

He is the President of the Uruguayan Olympic Committee since 1987. He formerly also headed the Uruguayan Swimming Federation (1969-1985).

In Uruguay also, Maglione was President of the National Committee of Physical Education and Sport of Uruguay (Ministry of Sports) (1985-1990; 1995-2000) and Vice-Minister of Public Health (1991-1992).

For his great achievement in the sport throughout his career, Maglione received the following awards and distinctions: FINA Gold Pin; ANOC Order of Merit (1994); IOC Centennial Trophy (1994); NOC gold insignia; Royal Order of Merit in Sport of the Spanish Minister of Education and Science (1996); Legion of Honour of the French Republic (1998); Order of the Chinese Olympic Committee (1999); Order "Bernardo O'Higgins", Chile (2000); distinction of the International Pierre de Coubertin Committee (2001); Honorary Citizen of Montevideo (2007).

Maglione debuted his career as an elite swimmer. He was the national champion and record holder in the 100m and 200m butterfly and breaststroke (1949-1954). He swam for Uruguay at various international events, such as the Latin American Games and the Pan American Games in Mexico (1955).

Dr. Julio Maglione was born on November 14, 1935, in Montevideo, Uruguay. He is married with two children and is an odontologist by profession.

## **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT**

### **Husain Al-Musallam (KUW)**

Captain Husain Al-Musallam of Kuwait is FINA First Vice-President since July 2017, after serving as Vice-President for many years. He initially joined the FINA Bureau in 1996. He received the FINA Gold Pin in recognition to his contribution to swimming at all levels throughout his life.

Al-Musallam joined the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Executive Board in January 2003 and is the OCA General Director (since 2005).

Before becoming an important sports administrator, Al-Musallam debuted his career as a swimmer in the national team of Kuwait. He competed in all Pan-Arab, Asian and World Championships from 1974 to 1976.

Husain Al-Musallam was born on May 19, 1960, in Kuwait. He is married with children as is an airline captain by profession.

## **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT**

### **Sam Ramsamy (RSA)**

Sam Ramsamy of South Africa is FINA Second Vice-President since July 2017, after serving many years as Vice-President (2004-2017) and Bureau member (1996-2004).

Ramsamy was elected a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1995 and served on the IOC Executive Board (2006-2014).

Ramsamy was president of Swimming South Africa (1991-1996) and the National Olympic Committee of South Africa (1991-2004).

Besides his active role as a sports administrator, Ramsamy was a member of the Organising Committee for the inauguration of Nelson Mandela as the first democratically elected President of South Africa. He was awarded the Order of Ikamanga by the South African Government.

Ramsamy has over 60 years of experience in sport and was an athlete in several sports; athletics, football and swimming.

Sam Ramsamy was born on January 27, 1938, in Durban, South Africa. Besides his teaching diplomas, he also holds a diploma of the Carnegie College of Physical Education, Leeds and is an Honorary Doctorates from the Universities of Leeds Metropolitan, Surrey and Toronto.

## **HONORARY TREASURER**

### **Pipat Paniangvait (THA)**

Pipat Paniangvait of Thailand is a long-time Bureau member before becoming FINA Honorary Treasurer since 2009, the same year President Maglione was elected.

Paniangvait has been the Chief Executive Officer of Thai President Foods Public Company Limited since 2011. Mr. Paniangvait has been an Advisor of the Board of Directors at President Rice Products Public Company Limited since April 2013. He serves as President of Thai President Foods Public Co. Ltd. since 1999.

Paniangvait was a great swimmer in his youth and won gold medals both in local and regional leagues like the Asian Games.

Pipat Paniangvait was born on July 4, 1939, in Bangkok, Thailand. He is married with seven children.

## **VICE-PRESIDENT**

### **Paolo Barelli (ITA)**

Paolo Barelli of Italy is FINA Vice-President since 2017. He initially joined FINA in July 2009, when he was then named Honorary Secretary (2009-2017).

Barelli was re-elected Ligue Européenne de Nation (LEN) President for a second term in May 2016, a role he has been serving since 2012.

An Italian Senator, Paolo Barelli is also President of the Italian Swimming Federation since 2000.

Barelli is a former swimmer who broke 23 times the Italian record in several distances, including the 100m butterfly and relays. He swam for Italy at the 1972 and 1976 Summer Olympics, where he reached the Olympic final with the 4 × 200 m Freestyle Relay (7th) and the 4 × 100 m Medley Relay (8th). In 1975 he won the 100m butterfly at the 1975 Mediterranean Games (58.10).

Paolo Barelli was born on June 7, 1954, in Rome, Italy. He is married with children.

## **VICE-PRESIDENT**

### **Dale Neuburger (USA)**

Dale Neuburger of the U.S. is currently serving his fourth term as FINA Vice-President. In 2015, he was elected as a member of the FINA Executive. He is also Chairman of the FINA Development Commission (since 2009), FINA Bureau Liaison to the Technical Swimming Committee (since 2005), and Chairman of the FINA Technical Swimming Commission, serving as Technical Delegate for Swimming in the 2008, 2012, and 2016 Olympic Games and the 2010, 2014 and 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

Neuburger was the President of the Union Americana De Natacion (UANA) since July 2015 (2015-2019)

Neuburger is currently a Board member of US Aquatic Sports, USA Swimming, and the USA Swimming Foundation and previously served as President of United States Aquatic Sports, President of USA Swimming, and Chairman of the Board of the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

With 30 years of experience, Neuburger was a Board member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and a member of its Executive Committee, serving as chairman of the National Governing Bodies (NGB) Council.

Dale Neuburger was born on November 28, 1949, in New York, USA. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in politics from Princeton University, and holds two Masters degrees from Indiana University in philanthropic studies and in public administration.

## **VICE-PRESIDENT**

### **Matthew Dunn (AUS)**

Matthew Dunn of Australia is a FINA Bureau Member for Oceania since 2012 (and Vice-President since 2019). Prior to this role he was a member of the FINA Athletes Commission, for which he is now the Bureau Liaison.

Dunn is a Board Member of the Oceania Swimming Association (OSA) and Board Member of Swimming Australia.

Achievements as a swimmer include having represented Australia in every major swimming event from 1991 to 2000 including three Olympic Games and two FINA World Championships. Results include four World Records, eight World Short Course Gold, six Pan Pac Gold, six Commonwealth Gold and 33 National Titles.

Dunn was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2009 for his contribution to Swimming.

Matthew Dunn was born on September 2, 1973, in Sydney, Australia. He is married with three children and has extensive experience in commercial property development having worked for the World's largest industrial property company and large private developers before focusing on his own developments. He graduated with a Masters of Commerce (Commercial Law and Accounting).

## **MEMBER**

### **Khaleel Al Jabir (QAT)**

Khaleel Al Jabir of Qatar is a FINA Bureau Member since 2017.

Since 2016, Al Jabir is Vice-President of the Asian Swimming Federation (AASF).

Al Jabir is the Sports Affair Director at the Qatar Olympic Committee since 2007. Greatly involved in the development of Aquatic in his country, he was Sports Director of the Asian Games in 2006 in Doha and was the Chef de Mission of the Qatar Delegation at the Beijing 2008 and London 2012 Olympic Games.

Khaleel Al Jabir was born on December 14, 1962, in Qatar. He is married and has a Bachelor in Physical Education from Qatar University (1990).



## **MEMBER**

### **Algernon Cargill (BAH)**

Algernon Cargill of the Bahamas is a FINA Bureau Member since 2017, and acted as a FINA official in open water.

Cargill is an Executive Member of the Union American de Natacion (UANA).

Cargill is the current President of the Bahamas Swimming Federation.

Algernon Cargill was born on June 19, 1961, in Nassau, Bahamas. He is married and graduated with a MBA in International Business.

## **MEMBER**

### **Dimitris Diathesopoulos (GRE)**

Dimitris Diathesopoulos of Greece is a FINA Bureau Member since 2009, as well as the FINA Bureau Liaison for water polo (2009-2017). He was a Water Polo referee for various FINA events throughout the years (as well as LEN).

Diathesopoulos is Vice-President of the Ligue Européene de Natation (LEN) and the President of the Confederation Mediterraneene de Natation (COMEN).

Diathesopoulos is the President of the Hellenic Swimming Federation. He is also Member of the National Olympic Committee of Greece.

Diathesopoulos was a volleyball player in his youth.

Dimitris Diathesopoulos was born on June 7, 1947, Peiraias, Greece. He is divorced with three children and is a lawyer graduated from Faculty of Law, University of Athens.

## **MEMBER**

### **Mario Fernandes (ANG)**

Mario Fernandes of Angola is a FINA Bureau Member since 2017.

Fernandes is Bureau Member of the Confederation Africaine de Natation (CANA), as well as Vice-President to zone IV.

After being re-elected for a second term, Fernandes is President of the Angolan Swimming Federation (FAN), after serving as Vice-President for many years. He also sits on the Angolan Olympic Committee as a Member.

Fernandes debuted his career as a member of the Angolan Swimming National Team.

Mario Fernandes was born on January 2, 1971, in Luanda, Angola. He is married and is a cardiologist, graduated from the Medical School at Agostinho Neto (University of Luanda) and the Pulido Valente Hospital in Lisbon.

## **MEMBER**

### **Penny Heyns (RSA)**

Penny Heyns of South Africa is a FINA Bureau Member since 2017, after being nominated FINA Athletes Committee Chairperson. She previously fulfilled the role of Honorary Secretary of the FINA Athletes Committee for many years.

Heyns won South's African first gold medal in 44 years at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. As an international swimmer, she established herself as one of the world's greatest female breaststroker of the 20th Century by becoming the only woman in Olympic history to win both the 100 and 200 metre breaststroke events in Atlanta 1996, bronze in Sydney 2000 and by breaking a total of 14 individual world records during her career.

Penny Heyns was born on November 8, 1974, in Springs, South Africa.

## **MEMBER**

### **Dr Margo Mountjoy (CAN)**

Margo Mountjoy of Canada is a member of the FINA Bureau since 2009 and holds the portfolio of Liaison to the FINA Sports Medicine Committee since 2009, a Committee she initially chaired from 2001-2009.

Mountjoy was Union Americana de Natacion (UANA) Vice-President and Liaison to Artistic Swimming.

Mountjoy is also the Chair of the ASOIF Medical Consultative Group and a member of the IOC Medical Commission Games Group.

Mountjoy is a member of the WADA Health Medicine + Research Committee as well as the Canadian, USADA and World Rugby Anti-doping Review Boards. Her areas of research focus on elite aquatic athlete health and safety.

In Canada, Mountjoy is the national team physician for Athletics, Triathlon and Wrestling, and formerly for Synchro Canada.

Mountjoy was herself an elite artistic swimmer and competed internationally for Canada from 1975-1980.

Margo Mountjoy was born on July 27, 1961, in Oshawa, Canada. She is married and is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Family Medicine at McMaster University where she teaches sports medicine.

## **MEMBER**

### **Donald Rukare (UGA)**

Donald Rukare of Uganda is a FINA Bureau Member since 2015. He is a former Member of the FINA Masters Committee (2013-2015).

Rukare was elected Vice-President of the Confederation Africaine De Natation Amateur (CANA) in 2013, a position he still holds until 2020.

Rukare is the current President of the Uganda Swimming Federation, as well as the General Secretary of the Uganda Olympic Committee (since 2013).

An arbitrator at the International Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS), Rukare is a former national swimmer who represented Uganda at national, regional and international championships, including the FINA World Masters Championships in Montreal in 2014.

Donald Rukare was born on November 4, 1968, in Mulago, Uganda. He is married and is a High Court of Uganda lawyer by profession. He has a Masters of Law (LLM) from Lund University in Sweden, as well as post-graduate diplomas in international law. He also holds an Executive Masters in Sports Management from the University of Louvain, Belgium.

## **MEMBER**

### **David Sparkes (GBR)**

David Sparkes of Great-Britain is a FINA Bureau Member since 2017 and previously was a Member of the FINA Disciplinary Panel.

In May 2016, Sparkes was elected General Secretary of the Ligue Européenne de Natation (LEN), a role he currently still honours.

Sparkes was British Swimming CEO for 23 years (from 1994-2017) and is a Board Member of the British Olympic Committee (BOA). He was also heavily involved in the Amateur Swimming Association (Swim England), first as a full Council Member and then as Chief Executive.

Sparkes debuted his career as a swimmer and became a qualified national coach and technical official in swimming.

David Sparkes is married and studied Engineering in Fluid Mechanics and Thermodynamics with Management to post degree level at Aston University.

## **MEMBER**

### **Erik Van Heijningen (NED)**

Erik Van Heijningen of the Netherlands is a FINA Bureau Member since 2013 and is also the Liaison of the FINA Doping Control Review Board (DCRB).

Van Heijningen used to serve as Vice-President of the Ligue Européenne de Natation (LEN) from 2008-2017, and prior to this he was a Member.

An ambassador of the Royal Dutch Swimming Federation, Van Heijningen was the President's organisation from 2001-2017.

Van Heijningen's athletic background includes water polo and football.

Erik Van Heijningen was born on August 28, 1961, in Vootschoten, in the Netherlands. He is married and studied Dutch Law in Leiden (1979-1984).



## **MEMBER**

### **Taha Sulaiman Dawood Al-Kishry (OMA)**

Taha Al-Kishry of Oman is a FINA Bureau Member since 2017.

With more than 30 years of experience in sports management and administration, Al-Kishry endorses many key roles in Arab and Asian sport. He currently is a member of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Sports Committee since 2008 and the Director General of the Asian Swimming Federation (AASF) since 2009.

Al-Kishry also holds the position of Chairman of the Arab Swimming Federation.

Since February 2009, Al-Kishry is the Oman Swimming Association Chairman as well as the Oman Olympic Committee Secretary General since April 2013.

Taha Sulaiman Dawood Al-Kishry was born on October 9, 1960, in Kuwait. He is married and has a Diploma in Public Administration from the Institute of Accountants and Business Academics.

## **MEMBER**

### **Errol Clarke (BAR)**

Errol Clarke of Barbados is a FINA Bureau Member since 2013. He was previously a member of the FINA TSC (2009-2013). In 2009, he was awarded the Certificate of Recognition by FINA for his outstanding work done for the development of Aquatic Sports in the Caribbean region. He operated as a judge at many competitions, including the 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in 2010.

Clarke was elected Secretary Treasurer of Union Americana de Natacion (UANA) in 2015 (until 2019), after being its Vice-President from 2007-2015. He is also the former President of the Central America and Caribbean Amateur Swimming Confederation (CCCAN), the first ever English speaking Caribbean representative to be elected President of CCCAN in its history.

Clarke used to head Barbados Amateur Swimming where he now sits as a Council Member.

A civil engineer by profession, Clarke started his career as a club coach and administrator and was the first Official from the English speaking Caribbean to Referee in swimming at an Olympic competition.

Errol Clarke was born on May 1, 1947, in Barbados. He is married and has a BA in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science in Geotechnical Engineering.

## **MEMBER**

### **Dr Mohamed Diop (SEN)**

Dr. Mohamed Diop of Senegal is a FINA Bureau member since 2013, after serving the FINA Masters Committee as a Member.

Diop was elected in 2016 General Secretary and Treasurer of the Confédération Africaine de Natation (CANAN), after serving as President for Zone 2 from 2004-2012 and Vice-President from 2012-2016.

Diop is the Senegalese Swimming Federation (FSNS) President (2016-2020) and was also involved as a member of the Director Board in the Comité National Olympique Sportif Senegalais (CNOSS) from 2004-2012 as well as President of the Medical Commission of the latter. He was Vice-President of the World Olympians Association (2010-2017) and Vice-President of the Senegal Anti-Doping Agency (ONADS).

Diop debuted his career as an elite swimmer being part of the Senegalese National Team from 1979-1990 (captain from 1987-1990). He took part in the following Olympic Games and FINA World Championships: Seoul 1988, Barcelona 1992, Rome 1994.

Dr. Mohamed Diop was born on June 21, 1964, in Dakar, Senegal. He is married and he studied medicine at the University Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar.

## **MEMBER**

### **Zouheir El Moufti (MAR)**

Zouheir El Moufti of Morocco is a FINA Bureau Member since 2017 but initially joined the Federation in 2009 as FINA TOWSC member (until 2013). He was chief referee and referee at several FINA Open Water Swimming World Championships and Olympic Games from 2009 and 2015. He has also acted as technical and safety delegate in several stages of the FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup. As well as lecturing at many FINA Schools, he was judge at the following events: Beijing 2008, Shanghai 2006, Rio de Janeiro 2006, Montreal 2005.

A professor by profession, El Moufti is Confederation Africaine de Natation (CAN) TOWSC Chairman since 2009 and was re-elected in 2016 until 2020.

In Morocco, El Moufti was General Secretary of the Federation Royale Marocaine de Natation (1987-2009), where he is now the General Director. He currently is the General Secretary of the Union Arabe de Natation (ASC) since 2006.

Zouheir El Moufti was born on January 1, 1958, in Maarif, Morocco. He is married with two children.

## **MEMBER**

### **Tamas Gyarfás (HUN)**

Tamas Gyarfás of Hungary was elected to the FINA Bureau in 2009 and is currently member of the Executive. He was successively FINA Vice-President and Executive Member.

Gyarfás is currently the Ligue Européenne de Natation (LEN) Treasurer.

Soon after becoming one of the most successful entrepreneurs and TV producers in Hungary, Gyarfás was elected President of the Hungarian Swimming Association in (1993-2016) and is, as of today, Vice-President of the Hungarian Olympic Committee (second term). More recently, Gyarfás played a crucial role in the organisation of the highly successful 17<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships in Budapest, as co-Chairman of the Organising Committee.

Considered as one of the most promising water polo players of his time Gyarfás joined the Hungarian Junior National Team in his teenage years.

Tamas Gyarfás was born on March 22, 1949, in Budapest, Hungary. He is married with two children and has a BA degree in History and Literature.

## **MEMBER**

### **Andrey Kryukov (KAZ)**

Andrey Kryukov of Kazakhstan is a FINA Bureau Member since 2013.

Kryukov is Vice-President of the Asia Swimming Federation (AASF).

Kryukov is the Secretary General of the Swimming Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as the Kazakhstan Olympic Committee Vice-President. He sits on the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Rules Committee and on the Association National Olympic Committee (ANOC) Medical Commission.

Kryukov is also a WADA Foundation Board Member.

Kryukov started his career as a water polo player in 1982 and joined the National Team of the USSR in 1986. He then pursued his career as a water polo coach (1995-1996). He is the President of the Almaty National Aquatic Sports Centre since 2003, after being Executive Manager, Executive Director and Director General successively between 1997-2003.

Andrey Kryukov was born on May 14, 1972, in Kazakhstan. He is married and has obtained a BA in Physical culture and sport from the Kazakh State Institute of Physical Culture and Sport (1990-1994). He also has a Master of Business Administration, specialised in Euro-management from the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration Graduate School in Moscow (2009-2011) and another Masters in Economy from the National Kazakh Economy University (2009-2011) in Almaty.

## **MEMBER**

### **Juan Carlos Orihuela Garcete (PAR)**

Juan Carlos Orihuela Garcete of Paraguay is a FINA Bureau Member since 2017.

Orihuela is the President of the South American Confederation of Swimming (CONSANT).

Orihuela is the President of the Paraguayan Swimming Federation and is an Executive Committee Member of the Paraguayan Olympic Committee (COP), while he also fulfils the roles of Secretary General and Sports Director for the same organisation.

In addition, he is the Autonomous University of Asuncion Sports Director and exercise the same role for the Paraguayan Olympic Academy.

Juan Carlos Orihuela was born on May 16, 1967, in Asuncion, Paraguay. He is married and obtained a BA in Business Administration.

## **MEMBER**

### **Vladimir Salnikov (RUS)**

Vladimir Salnikov of Russia is a FINA Bureau Member since 2013.

Considered as one of the greatest swimmers of his generation, Salnikov is currently the Russian Swimming Federation President (since 2009).

Nicknamed the “Monster of the Waves” Salnikov is a four-time Olympic champion. He claimed three gold medals at the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow and a further one at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul. He also became the first person to swim the 1500m freestyle in under 15 minutes. His titles also include four World Championship gold medals, four European Championship gold medals and one European Championship silver medal.

Vladimir Salnikov was born on May 21, 1960, in Leningrad, Soviet Union. He is married and studied at the Leningrad University for Sports and Physical Education (1982) and completed a Post Graduated course at the Central Institute of Physical Education in Moscow (1985).



## **MEMBER**

### **Daichi Suzuki (JPN)**

Daichi Suzuki of Japan is a FINA Bureau Member since 2017.

On a Continental level, Suzuki is Vice-President of the Asia Swimming Federation (AASF).

Suzuki used to be the President of the Japan Swimming Federation (2013 - 2014) where he today fulfils the role of Honorary Advisor. He is also the President of the Olympians Association of Japan.

Suzuki debuted his career as an elite swimmer and was the 100m backstroke gold medallist at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

Daichi Suzuki was born on March 10, 1967, in Narashino, Japan. He is married and went to Juntendo University in Tokyo.

## **MEMBER**

### **Zhou Jihong (CHN)**

Zhou Jihong of China is a FINA Bureau Member since 2015 but initially joined FINA as an Athletes Committee member (1998-2001), a Committee she chairs since 2014. She was a member of the FINA TDC (2001-2009), which she later chaired (2001-2016).

In parallel, Zhou chaired for six years the TDC of the Asian Swimming Federation (AASF) and is currently Vice-President and Diving Liaison of the AASF.

Zhou was Coach of the national Diving Team of China from 1990-1997 and has been the Team Leader since 1998 up to today. She is currently the Chair of the Chinese Swimming Association (CSA).

Zhou debuted her career as an elite diver: She finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the women's 10m platform event at the 4<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships in 1982, 1<sup>st</sup> in the women's 10 platform event at the 2<sup>nd</sup> FINA World Cup in 1983 and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 10m platform at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Zhou Jihong was born on January 11, 1965, in Hubei, China. She is married and has a BA in English and a Masters of Sport Training, both from Beijing Sports University.