After the success of the FINA World Championships 2017, where the water polo final between Hungary and Croatia brought together 8000 fans to the cradle of the sport, FINA is back in Budapest, Hungary.

This week, from April 26-28, the International Water Polo Community gathers in the Magyar capital for the FINA World Water Polo Conference.

Over 250 participants, including 163 National Federation delegates, will discuss the future of the oldest Olympic team sport.

The Conference will feature more than 40 speakers who will address 19 different topics. A key component of the conference will be to discuss the sports' rules and competition formats. Thanks to the extensive and comprehensive programme, the Conference will offer a unique platform to exchange ideas and best practice.

Experts will also weigh in on what it takes to succeed in areas such as development, media, broadcasting and events, helping Water Polo strive for more success in the future, on a global scale.

Key statistics for the conference include:

- More than 250 participants, including experts and FINA Family members (27 from Africa; 26 from Americas; 29 from Asia; 141 from Europe; 7 from Oceania)
- 163 national federations’ representatives (27 from Africa, 26 from America, 29 from Asia, 73 from Europe, 7 from Oceania)
- Participants hail from 111 different countries (24 countries from Africa, 24 countries from America, 23 countries from Asia, 34 countries from Europe, 6 countries from Oceania)
A press conference is scheduled on Saturday, April 28, at 12:30 upon the conclusion of the conference.

You can follow the Conference LIVE on FINA Youtube channel as of Thursday April 26.

For more details, please refer to the full programme or follow this link.

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DIVING WORLD SERIES 2018 RESUMES IN MONTREAL

The FINA/CNSG Diving World Series resumes this weekend in Montreal, Canada, where the third of four legs will be held from Friday April 27-29.

China currently leads the provisional ranking with Cao Yuan at the head of the men's 3m springboard and Yang Jian well in front in the men's 10m platform. Olympic and World champion Shi Tingmao and Zhang Jiaqi also respectively top the women's 3m and 10m events.

This weekend's competition is headlined by the participation of all of the above mentioned stars, apart from Zhang Jiaqi, as well as World champion Thomas Daley (GBR), France's young rising star Benjamin Auffret, Russia's Viktor Minibaev and Evgenii Kuznetsov and many others.

In the lady's competition, Melissa Wu will represent Australia, Meaghan Benfeito with new partner Caeli McKay (CAN) will be there, while World champion Kim Kuk Hyang of DPR Korea will be amongst the world's top divers diving for a medal in the Quebec capital.

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The circuit will stop in Kazan, Russia, from May 4-6 for the ultimate meet of the year.

The event will be live streamed on FINAtv and detailed news reports will be available on FINA website.

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152 TO RECEIVE FINA OLYMPIC AQUATICS PROGRAMME SUPPORT

FINA launched at the start of 2018 a new programme directly aimed at supporting its National Federations, through the distribution of up to 70% of the IOC TV revenue share.

Entitled the "FINA Olympic Aquatics Support Programme", the budget distributed under this project - over US$ 21M - comes as an addition to the amount already available through the FINA Development Programmes. It will be distributed on an equal shared basis (up to US$ 25,000 each year for specific projects).

The objective of this initiative is to enable the FINA National Member Federations to develop, strengthen and fine tune their activities in all forms, including all Aquatic Disciplines, in the pursuit of improving the organisation and professionalism of their operations and the sport level of their athletes.

Only National Federation that took part in the last FINA World Championships or FINA Swimming World Championships (25m) are eligible to benefit from the programme.
Period 2018

Projects Covered

The support shall be used to fund specific projects related to Development and Growth of Aquatics as defined below:

- construction, refurbishment or maintenance of facilities;
- purchase or hire of sports material equipment;
- technology resources (website, online ranking, database);
- technical support; preparation and training of athletes, coaches and officials;
- staging and participation at national and continental competitions;
- talent-identification programmes;
- administration fees

The National Federation may decide on carrying out more than one project within the cycle. All projects will have to be submitted according to the deadlines.

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To find out more about the project, please take a look at the interim report.
The Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) (founded in 1908) is the governing body for aquatics worldwide. Its five disciplines - Swimming, Open Water Swimming, Diving, Water Polo and Synchronised Swimming - are all included in the Olympic programme. High Diving is on the World Championships programme since 2013. FINA organises World Championships, World Swimming Championships in 25m-pool and World Masters Championships every two years. FINA counts 208 affiliated National Federations on the five continents and has its headquarters in Lausanne (SUI).