This newsletter provides you with background information and news on FINA’s activities and upcoming events.

MEN'S WPWL 2016: EUROPEAN POWERHOUSES WIN IN ROUND 1

The FINA Water Polo World League 2016 kicked-off on Tuesday October 21, with the men's European preliminaries home-and-away games.

The season started well for Balkan powerhouses Serbia and Croatia, gold and silver medallists at both FINA World Championships 2015 in Kazan and at the 2015 edition of the FINA Men's Water Polo World League.

The Serbian team has collected all titles at stake since 2014, namely: the FINA World Cup 2014, the FINA World Leagues 2014/2015 and the FINA Worlds, while neighbour Croatia triumphed at the last Olympic Games in London 2012.

In first round of the 2016 Water Polo World League yesterday night, Group A's Serbia defeated France in Belgrade (12-9) as Andrija Pralainovic scored four goals alone becoming the best scorer of the match. Captain Filip Filipovic sent three successful shots.

Group C's Croatia crushed Turkey in Sibenik (CRO) 19-6, totalising three points. Players scoring the most goals were Antonio Petkovic, Marino Cagalj and Ante Vukicevic (three goals each).
To complete the Balkan success Montenegro defeated Spain 11-6 and traditional powerhouses Hungary, Greece and Italy also confirmed their favourite status. Hungary played Georgia (17-10), Greece crushed Romania (17-3) and Italy won in Moscow against the Russian team (16-11).

**Provisional rankings:**

**GROUP A:** HUN 3 pts (1W); GRE 3 (1W); GEO 0 (1L); ROU 0 (1L)
**GROUP B:** SRB 3 pts (1W); MNE 3 (1W); FRA 0 (1L); ESP 0 (1L)
**GROUP C:** CRO 3 pts (1W); ITA 3 (1W); TUR 0 (1L); RUS 0 (1L)

The Intercontinental tournament will take place from February 16-21, 2016 (city TBC) and the Super Final will be held in June, from 21-26, 2016

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**Open Water: The best of the season crowned in Hong Kong**

With the ultimate leg of the FINA/HOSA 10km Open Water Swimming World Cup which took place in Hong Kong on October 17, the Open Water season is now over.

After ten legs stopping in four continents, the FINA/HOSA 10km SWC overall winner is Rachele Bruni from Italy in the women's competition. Bruni tops the rankings with 112 points and wins the higher prize money at stake (US$30'000). Bruni, who participated in eight legs this season as well as the FINA World Championships in Kazan (RUS), claimed gold in four events; Viedma (ARG), Abu Dhabi (UAE), Setubal (POR) and Lac Megantic (CAN). She is followed by Anna Olasz (HUN) who totals 77 points and pockets US$20'000.

While Germany's Isabelle Harle is third (57 points) and gets a US$15'000., the condition to the FINA prize money in this circuit is to take part to at least in six races over the season.

In the men's field, Christian Reichert of Germany places first with 103 points, and will be the recipient of the top prize money of US$30'000. Reichert only won the Hong Kong leg but achieved great results in seven other legs. He was second in Setubal (POR), third in Abu Dhabi (UAE) and fourth in Lac Megantic for example.

Alan do Carmo (BRA) and Rhys Mainstone (AUS) rank second and third with respectively 94 and 68 points.

**More detailed rankings available here:** Women - Men

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**FINA/NVC Diving World Series 2016 calendar unveiled**

FINA recently unveiled the 2016 calendar of the FINA/NVC Diving World Series, a prestigious yearly circuit which gathers the world's diving elite in a high-profile competition. The 2016 edition of the rendezvous will consist of four stops; Beijing (CHN) on 11-13 March, Dubai (UAE) on March 17-19, Windsor (CAN) on April 15-17 and Russia (city to be confirmed) on April 22-24.

This prestigious and exclusive event invites internationally-recognised divers, mostly medallists from previous Olympics, World Championships and World Cups. It is held in prestigious venues and cities and 2016 will be no exception. In Beijing, the competition will be staged in the iconic Water Cube where the 2008 Summer Olympic Games took place, the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) 2010 venue will be reused in Dubai, Windsor's venue will welcome the best athletes for the upcoming FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) in December 2016.

2016 will be a busy year for all divers: beside the FINA/NVC Diving World Series, the Diving World Cup will be held in Rio de Janeiro (BRA) on February 19-24. The World Cup will be both a qualifying event and a test event for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

**FINA/NVC Diving world series 2016 calendar:**

- **DWS Beijing (CHN)** - 11-13 March
- **DWS Dubai (UAE)** - 17-19 March
- **DWS Windsor (CAN)** - 15-17 April
- **DWS TBC (RUS)** - 22-24 April

Meanwhile the FINA Diving Grand Prix is about to conclude with a penultimate leg to be held in Kuala Lumpur (MAS) on October 23-25, in the National Sports...
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. FINA organises World Championships, World Swimming Championships in 25m-pool and World Masters Championships every two years. FINA counts 207 affiliated National Federations on the five continents and has its headquarters in Lausanne (SUI).