

FINA BUREAU MEETINGS
12 – 14 March 2009
Dubai, UAE

Day 1
12 March 2009
09:00 hours

A. CALL TO ORDER
B. OPENING
C. WELCOME BY FINA PRESIDENT

FINA President Mustapha Larfaoui welcomed all of the members of the FINA Bureau to Dubai. The floor was given to the President of the UAE Swimming Association Mr. Ahmed Al-Falasi, who expressed his satisfaction for welcoming once again the FINA Bureau members to Dubai and highlighted the excellent co-operation with FINA over recent years.

President Larfaoui expressed his gratitude and thanked for the opportunity to hold the Bureau Meeting in Dubai. Also he thanked the Dubai Sports Council for their hospitality and excellent organisation.

Then, the FINA President underlined the importance of this meeting, therefore preparing the General Congress, Technical Congresses and Extraordinary Congress to be held in Rome (ITA) in July 2009.

D. ROLL CALL

The floor was given to the Honorary Secretary Bartolo Consolo to perform the roll call. All members were present, with the exception of Hussain Musallam, and Abd el Rahman Amin, excused.

6. FINA CONGRESSES IN ROME

President Larfaoui presented the agenda and suggested that the following groups meet in order to discuss and to report back to the Bureau for its approval the proposals to the FINA Technical Rules' changes. The working groups were formed as follows:

Technical SWIMMING Rules

- Dale Neuburger
- Chief Olatokunbo Thomas
- Orban Mendoza
- Francis Luyce
- Hironoshin Furuhashi

Technical DIVING Rules

- Eldon Godfrey
- Sven Egil Folvik
- Qiuping Zhang

Technical WATER POLO Rules

- Guillermo Martinez
- Pipat Paniangvait
- Coaracy Nunes Filho

Technical SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING Rules

- Gennady Aleshin
- Rafael Blanco
- Julio Maglione

Technical OPEN WATER SWIMMING Rules

- Nory Kruchten
- Lynne Bates

MASTERS Rules

- Bill Matson
- Sam Ramsamy
- Bartolo Consolo

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BUREAU MEETINGS IN BEIJING (CHN)

The Minutes of the FINA Bureau Meeting held in Beijing (CHN) were unanimously approved.

2. REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

2.1 President / Honorary Secretary

The Report of the President and Honorary Secretary were presented to the Bureau and unanimously approved (**annex**)

2.2 Honorary Treasurer:

- *2008 Financial Statement, audited by Price Waterhouse Coopers.*

The Honorary Treasurer considered that the financial situation of FINA is healthy and that the current global financial and economic situation of recent months has been closely followed keeping the FINA funds safe. He also pointed out that the auditors have already confirmed that the FINA accounts comply with Swiss Law and the requirements of the Constitution. The Olympic Games revenue from the TV rights share contributed largely to this excess of income.

Eldon Godfrey also highlighted and complimented the Honorary Treasurer and the Executive Director for this result, combining the excellent outcome of the 2007 FINA World Championships and the two major 2008 competitions: the 9th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) in Manchester (GBR) and the Olympic Games in Beijing (CHN).

The Bureau unanimously approved the 2008 Financial Statement audited by Price Waterhouse Coopers (**annex**)

- The Bureau allowed the Executive to review the *per diem* policy for the FINA Bureau, FINA Technical Committees, FINA Commissions and FINA Officials.

- *Affiliation Fees – update (annex)*

The Honorary Treasurer presented the status of the FINA Affiliation Fees. The President confirmed that those National Federations that have not paid their affiliation fee will be requested to do so with the occasion of the 13th FINA World Championships in Rome (ITA).

3. MARKETING

The Executive Director informed on the day by day activity conducted by the FINA Marketing Department and FINA Marketing Agent, DENTSU, as well as in the working procedure and services to be provided for the FINA TV and Commercial Partners.

He underlined that the present negotiations reflect the global financial and economic situation and the companies are restrained to committing to long-term agreements. He informed also on the agreements already signed with Colorado Time Systems, Dentsu, Mikasa, MyrthaPool, Nikon, Speedo, TV Asahi, Yakult, i-Cablew Hong Kong, IEC in Sports (PCTV Mexico), KBS, the majority of which are long-term agreements, which represent a significant guarantee for future FINA activities.

The Executive Director also explained that the TV agreement with EBU continues until the 13th FINA World Championships 2009 in Rome (ITA). Currently FINA is considering further negotiations for the European TV rights.

It was also explained that the agreement with Colorado Time Systems is only valid for the two upcoming editions of the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2011 in Lima (PER) and in 2013 (organiser to be appointed).

4. FEDERATIONS MATTERS

The FINA Bureau approved the following relating to the Constitutions of the National Federations as well as the new FINA Members:

4.1 Constitutions / Names

- Iraq – Amendment to NF Constitution –Approved
- Philippines – Amendment to NF Constitution - Approved.
- Maldives – Change of Name - Approved.
“The Maldives Swimming and Water Sports Association” will be renamed as
“The Swimming Association of Maldives”

4.2 New Members

- Fédération Djiboutienne de Natation – New Member - Approved
- Fédération Tchadienne de Natation Amateur – Approved as new FINA Member pending payment of Affiliation Fee
- Fédération Centrafricaine de Natation – Approved as new FINA Member pending payment of Affiliation Fee
- Cape-Vert : Swimming Association of Cape-Vert – Approved as new FINA Member subject to Constitution
- Eritrean Swimming Federation - Approved as new FINA Member subject to Constitution
- Gambia Swimming Federation - Approved as new FINA Member subject to Constitution

- St. Kitts & Nevis Swimming Federation - Approved as new FINA Member subject to Constitution
- Amateur Swimming Association of Vanuatu - Approved as new FINA Member subject to Constitution

4.3 FINA Member Federations

- A list of the current FINA Member Federations was presented to the Bureau. (*annex*) The total number of FINA Federations will now be 201.

4.4 Kosovo request for FINA Membership

- The application for membership can only be confirmed if Kosovo is recognized by the International Community e.g. the United Nations and the IOC.

5. FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.1 9th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) – Manchester 2008

The Bureau received a full report from the organisers of the OC Manchester 2008. The Bureau was informed that the organisers of Manchester 2008 received the “Event Look Award” of the year 2008 in Great Britain. A letter of congratulations from the Bureau will be sent to the organisers.

5.2 13th FINA World Championships – Rome 2009

Technical Officials: The lists for the 13th FINA World Championships - Rome 2009 Technical Officials for each FINA discipline were presented to the Bureau.

SWIMMING: Vice President and TSC Liaison, Dale Neuburger, informed that the FINA TSC nominated 33 officials for 25 places in order for the Bureau to be able to select the most appropriate candidates taking into account their previous experience. The President suggested that the working group in charge of analysing the swimming rules to propose the definitive 25 Technical Officials list.

OPEN WATER SWIMMING: Vice President and TOWSC Liaison, Nory Kruchten, explained that for Open Water Swimming there are 12 nominations of international technical officials, the required number for the 13th FINA World Championships, Rome 2009.

DIVING: Bureau Member and TDC Liaison, Eldon Godfrey, explained that out of the 23 nominations, 10 are new at the level of a FINA World Championship, highlighting the desire of the TDC to implement a policy of new officials at top FINA competitions. Nine more officials were nominated in case a vacancy occurs in the preferred 23 names. The rationale behind the fact that all the reserve judges are from Europe, it was explained, is that for some judges from other continents there are replacement names if the preferred names are not supported by their respective National Federations.

WATER POLO: Bureau Member and TWPC Liaison, Guillermo Martinez, indicated that the Water Polo selection of 26 Referees was based on the results of the FINA Water Polo Referees Schools held around the world and the evaluation done in previous major events.

SYNCHRO: Bureau Member and TSSC Liaison, Gennady Aleshin, explained that the TSSC from about thirty (30) officials selected the eighteen (18) names (plus four (4) reserves) from three continents to officiate at the FINA World Championships – Rome 2009.

The President explained that the procedure to be applied for the FINA Rule BL 8.1 is that the Technical Committees present an increased number of officials in order for the FINA Bureau to have some margin to select the definitive referees or judges. The Bureau agreed with this principle.

8. BIDS FOR FINA EVENTS: 15th FINA World Championships 2013

The Executive Director informed that from the original seven NFs/Cities attending the information meeting in Lausanne (SUI) in December 2008, three officially presented a candidature before the deadline of 2nd March 2009: Dubai (UAE), Hamburg (GER) and Moscow (RUS). Working visits will now take place by a FINA Evaluation Commission before the final vote by the Bureau on 18 July 2009 in Rome (ITA).

The Executive Director recalled that despite the difficult world financial economic situation, these three candidates present a very solid bid and their candidature represents an important recognition for the value of the FINA World Championships.

The President suggested an Evaluation Commission be formed by the following Bureau Members: Lynne Bates, Chief Olatokunbo Thomas, Guillermo Martinez; as well as the Executive Director and representatives from the FINA Marketing Agent, Dentsu, the FINA Marketing Department and TV advisor.

9. TECHNICAL SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Bureau Liaison, Dale Neuburger, presented the Minutes and Recommendations from the TSC Meetings held in Beijing (CHN) 2008 and Miami (USA) 2009.

9.1 Minutes – FINA TSC Meeting in Beijing (CHN) 2008 (*annex*)

- The recommendation on the age groups for the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships in Lima 2011 to be: Boys 16, 17 and 18 years of age; and Girls 15, 16 and 17 years of age ***has been approved.***

9.2 Minutes – FINA TSC Meeting in Miami (USA) 2009 (*annex*)

- The Recommendation on the Technical Officials for Rome 2009 was discussed under point 5.2. The principle of distribution per continent (Asia 4 – Africa 4 – Americas 6 – Europe 9 and Oceania 2) ***has been approved.***
- After a lengthy discussion, the TSC recommendation for not using the new Starting Blocks in Rome 2009 ***was approved. (annex)*** The rationale is that these new Starting Blocks are not presently available to all FINA Member Federations.
- The recommendation to change to FINA Rule GR 9.6.1.2 relating to the number of lanes to be used ***has been approved as follows: for Rome 2009 to use 10 lanes for the heats, and 8 lanes for the semi-finals and finals.***

- The Bureau considered the FINA TSC recommendation on the Rules' changes (see under Point 6)
- The recommendation that the FINA Swimming Officials DVD be updated as soon as possible following the rule changes from the Congresses in Rome (ITA) **has been approved.**
- The recommendation that the Underwater Video programme should be provided for at the 13th FINA World Championships 2009 in Rome (ITA) and at future FINA Championships (World Championships, World Swimming Championships (25m) as well as at the Olympic Games (subject to approval by the IOC) **has been approved.**

The Executive Director underlined that further discussions must be undertaken with RAI, host broadcaster of the 13th FINA World Championships – Rome 2009, in terms of conjugating TV production with the 24 cameras needed for this system.

- The recommendation to change the order of events in the London 2012 Swimming Olympic Programme on Day 2 (Semi-finals & Finals) **has been approved.**

10. TECHNICAL OPEN WATER SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Bureau Liaison, Nory Kruchten, presented to the Bureau the FINA TOWSC Minutes and Recommendations from both Committee Meetings organised in Beijing (CHN) in 2008 and in Kuwait (KUW) in 2009.

10.1 Minutes – FINA TOWSC Meeting in Beijing (CHN) 2008 (*annex*)

- The recommendation to organise the FINA MSWC & OWS GP OC in conjunction with a FINA OWS Referee and Officials Clinics organised by the NF **has been approved.** However, the length (number of days) is to be adapted to each event according to time availability. This initiative is essential to educate and improve the quality of the open water swimming officials.

10.2 Minutes – FINA TOWSC Meeting in Kuwait (KUW) 2009 (*annex*)

- The recommendation to review the Olympic qualification criteria for the London Olympic Games 2012 **has been in principle approved and will be considered further in Rome 2009.** FINA has already forwarded this proposal to the IOC.
- The recommendations that the next appointed FINA TOWSC 2009 – 2013 updates the OWS Guidelines for all the FINA competitions and the Olympic Games Team Leaders Handbook **has been approved.**
- The TOWSC recommendation to include in the new edition of the FINA Handbook at the end of the OWS rules 2009 – 2013 a section on the Signals and Whistles procedure for the OWS Referees and Officials **has been in principle approved.** However, it will be put forward to be considered by the new TOWSC Members to be appointed in July 2009 in Rome (ITA).

- It was underlined by the FINA Bureau that the duty of a FINA Delegate is to fully implement the FINA guidelines for the organisation of the MSWC event.
- The recommendation to accept the China Swimming Association's proposal for the additional event in the FINA MWSC 2009 series on 20th September in Chun An, Zhe Jiang Province, CHN **has been approved**
- The recommendation on the outline for all FINA OWS Referees & Officials Clinics for the FINA Development Programme **has been in principle approved**. However, it will be put forward to be considered by the new TOWSC to be appointed in July 2009 in Rome (ITA).
- The recommendation that the next appointed TOWSC creates a power point presentation to be included with the clinic outline and distributed to all National Federations **has been approved**.
- The recommendation for a FINA World OWS Referees and Officials Seminar to be held in conjunction with the FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships in Roberval, Canada, 2010 **will be considered further by the FINA Executives**.
- The recommendation for having a model for the 2010 calendar and beyond structuring the events in continental clusters with a maximum number of 9 or 10 competitions in the FINA MSWC series **will be considered further**.

The Executive Director informed that FINA will now start a bidding process for the next period 2010-2013 not only for Open Water Swimming events but also for the other FINA competitions in Swimming, Diving, Water Polo and Synchronised Swimming (except for the World Championships). Therefore, further negotiations are being implemented in order to guarantee the presence of the same organisers in this period. A proposal will be presented to the FINA Bureau in Rome 2009.

- The recommendation for the OWS Head Referees for the FINA World Swimming Championships Rome 2009 **has been approved**.

Head Referees:

5km Women	Paulo FRISCHKNECHT
5km Men	Ronnie WONG
10km Women	Valerijus BELOVAS
10km Men	Tomas HACES
25km Women	Dennis MILLER
25km Men	Jorge DELGADO

- The recommendation for FINA Awards will be considered further by the FINA Awards Commission.

10.3 FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup & FINA OWS Grand Prix 2009

A report on these competitions was presented to the Bureau. (*annex*)

11. TECHNICAL DIVING COMMITTEE

Bureau Liaison, Eldon Godfrey, presented the Minutes and Recommendations from both Committee Meetings held in Beijing (CHN) in 2008 and Cancun (MEX) in 2009.

11.1 Minutes – FINA TDC Meeting in Beijing (CHN) 2008 (*annex*)

- The recommendation on the Delegates' nominations for the FINA Diving Grand Prix 2009 **has been approved**.

Germany:	Lina Woodard
Russia:	Julian Llinas
China:	Bashar Al-Saffar
Canada	Steve McFarland
USA:	Georgia Fyrigou-Consolo
Spain:	Anke Piper

- The recommendation that the TDC Commission attend the FINA Diving World Series 2009 as the FINA delegates **has been approved**
- Due to unforeseen difficulties Aquatics New Zealand will be unable to organise the FINA World Diving Cup in 2010. The Bureau **approved** the new organiser of this event: the China Swimming Association (dates and place to be confirmed)
- The recommendation that the qualifying competition for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games be a dedicated event to be held in April 2010 **has been approved**. FINA has opened a bidding process and already interest has been expressed by some National Federations to organise this competition.
- The recommendation that the diving judges scoring pads display all the judges scores **has been approved** subject to Omega availability.
- That recommendation that only the 3 judges awards count in the calculation of the dive score be displayed on the video score board at the FINA World Championships and Olympic Games **has been rejected**.
- The recommendation that FINA contacts the organising committee for the FINA World Junior Championships in 2010 (USA) to determine if they would be interested in hosting the 2nd FINA World Diving Conference for Coaches and Judges following the event, **has been in principle approved**. However, the Executive Director mentioned that also other locations are to be considered.
- The recommendation for certifying the following judges until 31st December 2010 **has been approved**.

Adrienne Wilson	RSA
Beverly Boys	CAN
Rolando Ruiz	CUB
Sergio Rocha	MEX

Freddy Guevara	VEN
Lang Rao	CHN
Hana Novotna	CZE
Ildiko Kelemen	HUN
Renato Manzoni	ITA
Frans van de Konijnenburg	NED
Carmen Stritt Burk	SUI
Mathz Lindberg	SWE
Raelene Lyon	AUS
Ann Sissons	NZL
Walter Alt	GER
Hana Novotna	CZE
Yoshino Yuasa	JPN
Roberto Goncalves	BRA

- The recommendation for FINA to contact the National Federations that expressed interest in organising a Judges Educational Clinic **has been approved.**
- The recommendation that FINA contacts the company ISS for the Judges' data base collection has been in process already. Their participation at the 13th FINA World Championships in Rome 2009 will be considered further with the occasion of the FINA TDC Commission visit to Rome in April 2009.
- The recommendation to have five (5) TDC Members and the Bureau Liaison present at the next FINA 2010 Junior World Championship **has been approved.** FINA will provide the necessary assistance for the fifth FINA TDC Member not included originally in the event contract.
- Relating to the recommendation that each Continental Champion secures a 2012 Olympic qualification place for their Federation in the individual events through Continental Championships, it **has been postponed for further consideration.**

11.2 Minutes – FINA TDC Meeting in Cancun (MEX) 2009 (*annex*)

- The recommendation for the approval of the following instructors for the FINA Diving Judges Schools in 2009 **has been approved.**

MEX	Mexico City	23/04/09-25/04/09	J. Llinas/B.Boys
USA	Fort Lauderdale	06/05/09- 08/05/09	RobinHood/Tom Gompf
JPN	Tokyo	08/08/08-10/-8/09	S.McFarland/M.Lindberg
CAN	Calgary	09/09/09 -11/09/09	S. McFarland/T.Gompf
MAS	Seremban	01/10/09- 03/ 10/09	T.Ohman/H.P.-Burk

AUS Federation to be contacted to reschedule new date (overlap with Rome 2009 Championships)

- The recommendation that the FINA Judges' test be available to the National Federations on the FINA website will be considered further. The FINA TDC must

provide more information on logistics so that the NFs understand how to use the test.

- The recommendation that the Judges for the 13th FINA World Championships 2009 be selected as ranked in appendix C **will be considered later on by the Bureau.**
- The recommendation for the FINA Awards will be considered later on by the FINA Awards Commission.

11.3 17th FINA World Junior Diving Championships – Aachen 2008

The Report from Aachen 2008 was unanimously approved by the Bureau. **(annex)**

11.4 FINA Diving World Series 2009: update

A list of divers participating at the FINA Diving World Series 2009 as well as the amount of money to be given in Prize Money has been presented to the Bureau **(annex)**

11.6 FINA Diving Judges List 2009

The FINA Diving Judges List for 2009 has been unanimously approved **(annex)**

12. TECHNICAL WATER POLO COMMITTEE

Bureau Member and TWPC Liaison, Guillermo Martinez, presented the Minutes and Recommendations from both Committee Meetings held in Beijing (CHN) in 2008 and in St. Petersburg (RUS) in 2008.

12.1 Minutes – TWPC Meeting in Beijing (CHN) 2008 (annex)

The Minutes of the FINA TWPC Meeting were unanimously approved.

12.2 Minutes – FINA TWPC Meeting in St. Petersburg (RUS) 2008 (annex)

- The recommendation on BL Rules has been postponed for further consideration by the new FINA TWPC to be appointed in July 2009 in Rome (ITA).
- The recommendation to start using a Point Score for establishing a FINA Water Polo World Ranking of Teams **has been in principle approved.** However, it should be studied further.
- The proposal for creating three new events (15 & under, 18 & under, 21 & under) was discussed at length by the FINA Bureau who decided to **reject the proposal.**

The TWPC argument in favour is that these proposals aim to create more balance in the development of water polo worldwide.

The Bureau **in principle accepted** the organisation of the World Championships B starting in 2012. The Bureau asked the TWPC to define the participation rules, promotion, and connection with other events and to present a final proposal in Rome (ITA) in July 2009.

- The recommendation to amend the eight (8) Team Competition Schedule **has been approved.**
- The recommendation on the new schedules for the FINA Men' World Leagues 2010 and 2011 **has been approved.**
- The recommendation for the Draw & Seeding of Teams for the Rome 2009 Championships and the site **has been approved.**
- Relating to the recommendation for a site inspection for the FINA Junior Women's World Championships Khanty-Mansyisk 2009 and the FINA Junior Men's World Championships Sibenik 2009, Mr. Martinez highlighted that due to the proximity between the end of the 2009 FINA World Championships with the beginning of the Junior Championships, it will be difficult to appoint a Technical Delegate. The Bureau considers sufficient this lapse of time to nominate the TWPC delegates to these Championships.

12.3 2nd FINA Water Polo World Development Trophy 2009

Mr. Martinez presented a report concerning the development of the beach water polo at the OCA Beach Games in Bali (INA) and the preparation of the 2nd edition of the FINA Development Trophy Tournament 2009 in Kuwait City (April 5-11). **(annex)**

12.4 FINA World Junior Men's & Women's Championships 2009

Information and update on the participating teams at the FINA World Junior Men's and Women's Championships 2009 has been presented to the Bureau **(annex)**

12.5 Rome 2009: qualified teams

Information and update on the participating teams at the 2009 FINA World Championships has been presented to the Bureau **(annex)**

13. FINA WATER POLO WORLD LEAGUE (UP DATE)

An update on the FINA Men's and Women's Water Polo World League for 2009 has been presented to the Bureau. **(annex)**

14. TECHNICAL SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Bureau Member and TSSC Liaison, Gennady Aleshin, presented the Minutes and Recommendations of the Committee Meetings in Beijing (CHN) in 2008 and Madrid (ESP) in 2008.

14.1 Minutes – FINA TSSC Meeting in Beijing (CHN) 2008 (annex)

- The TSSC recommendation for the increase of the Team Event at the Olympic Games has already been forwarded to the IOC.
- The recommendation on the Evaluators' nominations **has been approved.**
- The recommendation for the promotions and demotions to the FINA Synchronised Swimming Judges List **has been approved.**
- The recommendation on the addition of a new session – Thematic Duet – for the Trophy Cup 2008 was already carried out.

14.2 Minutes – FINA TSSC Meeting in Madrid (ESP) 2008 (*annex*)

- The recommendation on the Evaluators for the 2009 competition ***has been approved.***
- The recommendation to promote some FINA Judges ***has been approved.***
- The recommendation for the Officials nominations for the Rome 2009 has been considered already by the FINA Bureau.
- The recommendation for the FINA Awards will be considered further by the FINA Awards Commission.

14.3 3rd FINA World Synchro Trophy 2008 – Report

The report on the 3rd FINA World Synchro Trophy held in Madrid (ESP) in December 2008 has been presented to the Bureau (**annex**). Mr. Aleshin highlighted the excellent organisation by the Royal Spanish Swimming Federation.

14.4 4th FINA World Synchro Trophy 2009

Bureau Liaison, Aleshin presented the TSSC proposal for this competition (**annex**).

The proposal has been accepted with the exception of the Panel 2 of Judges.

5. FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.2 13th FINA World Championships – Rome 2009 (annex)

The FINA President gave the floor to Paolo Barelli, President of the Italian Swimming Federation, who briefly informed the Bureau about the last stage of the preparations for the 13th FINA World Championships Rome 2009. He expressed his confidence in achieving a record of attendance for this competition with over 2500 athletes from 193 countries. Until now, 155 nations have confirmed their presence.

He also updated the Bureau about the facilities – the Foro Italico complex -, in which two temporary pools will be installed for synchronised swimming and water polo.

He then introduced Gianni Minervini, COO of the Organising Committee, who gave detailed information on the preparations in the last three months before the Championships. His presentation included items such as the:

- Organisation structure (presently with 65 persons, but that will double when the championships approaches) and the competition managers for each of the five aquatic disciplines. The championships will be the biggest sport competition in Europe before the 2012 Olympic Games.
- Budget: 86% of the planned budget is covered, but there is some shortage in sponsorship opportunities.
- Official Partners, Sponsors, Suppliers and Institutional partners
- Competition schedule (July 17 - August 2)
- Venues – six pools in Foro Italico, from which four are permanent; details were also given about all the other facilities such as the Market District, Hospitality Village, TV compound and Media centre. For open water swimming, the site of Ostia was selected and a loop of 2.5 km will be defined for the 5km, 10km and 25km events. The OC estimates that more than 400,000 people will visit the area of the championships. Seating plans for the five venues were also presented: SW (13,600), DV (4,800), SY (6,100), WP (5,100).
- Ticketing – €3 million with 40% sell out. Single tickets will be available from €5 to €90. Up to now, €600,000 were assured in terms of tickets.
- Volunteers – the OC is targeting for a final number of 2,200 volunteers
- Ceremonies – for the opening ceremony, two possibilities are being studied and will be decided on the next weeks.
- Promotional campaign and image of the championships
- Accommodation plan – times ranging from 15 to 40 minutes for all hotels to the venue. Media reservation is low at the moment, but an increase should occur in the coming months.
- Transportation system
- Accreditation deadlines
- Visa procedures

Relating to the visa procedures, the OC informed that each embassy or consulate from a country needing a visa to enter Italy will be duly informed on the free of charge visa delivery for the Championships.

5.3 10th FINA World Swimming Championships – Dubai 2010 (annex)

Matar Al Tayer, Vice President of the Dubai Sports Council, welcomed all the Bureau members to Dubai and highlighted the enthusiasm of the Dubai authorities in hosting the 10th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) in December 2010. He underlined Dubai's vocation for hosting major international sporting events and informed that this successful policy will be followed in the years to come in this dynamic city of the Middle East.

The FINA President thanked the Dubai Sports Council for its welcome to the Bureau Members and for the preparation of the 10th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) Dubai 2010.

Ahmed A. Falasi, President of the UAE Swimming Association, also expressed his satisfaction to welcome the highest FINA authorities to Dubai and assured the Bureau of the full commitment of the UAE Swimming Association in the organisation of the championships in 2010.

A short video on Dubai's major sporting events was then shown to the Bureau members.

The new Dubai Sports Complex, a structure comprising of four swimming pools under the same roof was presented. This complex also works as a polyvalent infrastructure, capable of hosting major competitions in different sports. The construction of the complex is quite advanced and ahead of the planned schedule.

5.4 13th FINA World Masters Championships - Göteborg & Borås 2010 (annex)

Vice President and Masters Committee Bureau Liaison, Bill Matson, informed the Bureau about the organisation of the biggest FINA event on the calendar. After a visit to the sites in Göteborg and Borås he highlighted the enthusiasm of the Swedish organisers.

The proposed dates are 27 July – 7 August 2010. For the first time in the history of the Championships, dedicated pools will be allocated for each of the FINA disciplines. He explained the venue plan and the transportation details implemented for the Championships. The site of Valhalla will be the core facility of the competition, while Gothenburg will host most of the events. Boras is the selected site for Water Polo.

However, concern has been expressed about the diving venue, with only one 3m board.

The organisational structure was already formed and the programme for each discipline has been defined in accordance to what was done in previous editions. In Swimming, around 6,500 athletes are expected to attend.

The President thanked Bill Matson for this presentation.

5.5 6th FINA Open Water Swimming Championships – Roberval 2010 (annex)

The President gave the floor to the delegation of Roberval 2010 OC, formed by Roger Gervais, President of the Lac St. Jean race, Eric Juneau, General Manager and Benoit Amyot, OC Coordinator.

A short video was shown related to the history of the race in Lac St-Jean in Roberval (CAN).

The Championships will be hosted by Swimming Canada and the OC of the Lac St-Jean.

The Lac St-Jean was part of the FINA annual circuit since 1992 and since 2007 has been a leg of the 10km FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup.

For the Championships, a team of 19 persons is already in place. In the context of this competition, environmental actions will be undertaken, as this discipline is connected with these projects.

15 – 23 July 2010 are the proposed dates for the Championships.

The race will comprise of a 2.5 km loop, close to the shore, for the 5km and 10km events. For the 25km, a loop of 5km was established, also near the shore, not only for safety reasons but also for a better exposure for spectators and media.

Additional details were given on the security measures for the competition; guidelines for doping and timing control, accommodation programme, transportation plan, facilities in the venue (such a video board for spectators), promotion and sponsorship activities, leisure possibilities around the Roberval region, and the legacy created by the championships. For the media coverage, an agreement has already been established with CBC for broadcasting in both English and French.

Nory Kruchten congratulated the Roberval OC for their efforts in setting-up what will be a very successful competition. He then expressed his concern about the accommodation plans and transport to Roberval, which is served by small planes to and from Montreal and Quebec City to the airport of Bagotville. A second airport close to the region could also be used.

The President thanked the OC for its presentation and underlined FINA's assurance that given the experience in this discipline, the Championships will be well organised.

5.6 3rd FINA World Junior Swimming Championships – Lima 2011 (annex)

A report prepared by the Peruvian Swimming Federation was presented to the Bureau by the FINA Executive Director. It included a description of the facilities, the involvement of the local authorities, accommodation plan, the promotion and marketing programme. The FINA Executive Director expressed his confidence in an excellent organisation of these championships and mentioned that further clarification is needed in terms of budget. The tentative date for the competition is the second half of August. FINA will be in contact with the National Federation and the OC Lima 2011 in order to clarify issues on the budget, dates, and others.

5.7 14th FINA World Championships – Shanghai 2011 (annex)

The President gave the floor to the Shanghai 2011 OC delegation formed by:

- Chen Yiping, Deputy Director of Shanghai Administration of Sports & Vice President of Shanghai Sports Federation
- Cui Yining, Chief of the Competition Department & Deputy Secretary General of Shanghai Sports Federation
- Hong Mingqi, Interpreter of Shanghai Sports Federation

Yiping Chen thanked the Bureau members and FINA for their support in the organisation of the 14th FINA World Championships Shanghai 2011.

Hong Mingqi then gave details about the actual status of the preparation of the Championships, highlighting the interest of the local authorities. The structure of the Organising Committee was created and the new sports centre (Shanghai Oriental Sports Centre) to host the competition is under construction (begun on December 30, 2008). The Indoor Centre (Swimming and Synchro) design features a wave and includes a 15,000 seat capacity. The Natatorium will host the Water Polo competition (5,000 seats), while the outdoor Diving Pool will welcome also 5,000 spectators. The Media Centre will welcome the journalists attending the event, as well as the VIP and the Hospitality Village. The complex will be ready in December 2010.

Dian Shan Lake will be the venue of the open water swimming competition.

Mr. Mingqi then gave details about the promotional activities carried out so far and further activities to be carried out from present until the beginning of the championships. The Marketing programme was also presented.

In March 2009, the event mascot and logo will be unveiled, after the FINA Bureau approval. The Bureau approved both the mascot and the logo.

The President thanked the Shanghai 2011 representatives for their presentations and expressed his optimism about the set-up of these championships.

5.8 11th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) – Istanbul 2012

Mr. Ahmet Mazhar Bozdogan, newly elected President of the Turkish Swimming Federation, expressed his satisfaction for the organisation of the Championships. He was accompanied by Mr. Hasim Onat Yildirim, Executive Director of the Organising Committee.

Details were given about the venue for the Championships, the Atakoy Avni Akyol Indoor Swimming Pool. The proposed date from the OC is April 2012, subject to FINA approval.

The Bureau has been informed that the OC is looking into the installation of a temporary pool solution in a permanent hall and underlined that the period of the championships (December) was established in January at the 1st FINA World Swimming Coaches Conference.

The FINA President congratulated the new President of the Turkish Swimming Federation and considered that Istanbul 2012 has all the conditions to become one of the best championships in FINA's history.

15. MASTERS COMMITTEE

Vice President and Masters Committee Liaison, Bill Matson, reported on the work being done for the promotion of Masters worldwide.

A recent survey on the Masters activities is being carried out and will be presented in Rome.

The programme for the 13th FINA World Masters Championships in 2010 was presented and approved by the Bureau. **(annex)**

Furthermore, swimming qualifying standard times were established and approved by the Bureau. **(annex)**

The Entry Book for the 2010 Championships is being prepared and the Bureau agreed that the draft be presented to the FINA Executives prior to Rome 2009 for consideration and approval before its official distribution in July.

Finally, he underlined the excellent report received from San Francisco 2006 and requested the Bureau to urge Perth 2008 for such a report.

16. FINA SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE

16.1 Bureau Member & SMC Liaison, Pipat Paniangvait, presented the Minutes & Recommendations of the Committee meeting held in Beijing (CHN) in 2008 **(annex)**

- The recommendation on the implementation of the Injury Prevention Study during the FINA World Championships in Rome, 2009 ***has been in principle approved subject to further confirmation by the FINA Executives.***
- The recommendation on the FINA Educational Nutrition project ***has been in principle approved subject to further confirmation by the FINA Executives.***
- The recommendation on the FINA SMC's collaboration with the authors of the DVD for the development of aquatic specific emergency medical procedures ***has been in principle approved subject to further confirmation by the FINA Executives.***

16.2 The Bureau received also the Medical & Doping Control Report from Beijing 2008 Olympic Games **(annex)**

17. FINA DCRB / DOPING TESTS

An updated report was presented to the Bureau. **(annex)** The Executive Director reported that WADA recently requested FINA to reduce its testing list for Swimming, but he recalled that those are the figures being processed by FINA over several years.

The use of the “ADAMS whereabouts system” has been incorporated in the FINA procedures and will be implemented for all FINA Member Federations starting on 1st April 2009.

18. DOPING PANEL

The Bureau received the final report of doping cases in 2008 **(annex)**

19. FINA LEGAL COMMISSION

Bureau Member and Chairman of the FINA Legal Commission, Chief Olatokunbo Thomas presented to the Bureau the updated CANA Constitution, which was unanimously approved.

With regard to the LEN Constitution, one clause related to the LEN Rule C1.6 is still pending formal approval by LEN Congress to be held in September 2009. The Bureau requested LEN to take the necessary steps to implement the FINA requirements.

20. COACHES COMMISSION

Bureau Member & Coaches Commission Liaison, Sven Folvik, thanked the FINA Executives and FINA Executive Director for the excellent organisation of the 1st FINA World Swimming Coaches Conference in Singapore 2009. He underlined on the importance of this Conference and the need to organise in the future another one.

The President also underlined the importance of this rendezvous, as it provided a unique opportunity to discuss the Swimming World Calendar up to 2013.

21. ATHLETES COMMISSION

Bureau Member and Athletes Commission Liaison, Qiuping Zhang, informed that no activity was reported since the last FINA Athletes Commission Meeting.

The President recalled the presence of Janet Evans, Athletes Commission Chair and Alex Popov, Athletes Committee Vice-Chair in the recent meeting in Lausanne between FINA and Swimwear Manufacturers.

Eldon Godfrey praised the co-operation of Fernando Platas, Member of the FINA Athletes Commission, at the TDC meetings.

22. PRESS COMMISSION

The Bureau **approved** the recommendation made by the Vice-President and Press Commission Liaison, Sam Ramsamy, on the Press Delegates, namely:

- WATER POLO Women’s World League Super Final
 - Kirishi (Rus) – June 9-14 – Elena Vaytsekhovskaya

- WATER POLO Men's World League Super Final
 - Podgorica (MNE) – June 16-21 – Camillo Cametti

23. FINA DISCIPLINARY PANEL

No activity report.

24. DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Executive Director presented an update on the FINA Development Programme for 2009 **(annex)**

FINA is still waiting for the definitive 2009 IOC/Olympic Solidarity Programme.

Sven E. Folvik recalled that for Europe, the model of five days applied by FINA is not the most appropriate and will present a concrete proposal for the future.

25 FINA WORLD SWIMMING CALENDAR 2009 - 2013

The Executive Director presented the World Calendar. **(annex)**

He underlined that due to TV availability, the FINA World Championships will always be held in July.

Considering that the Youth Olympic Games will be organised in August in the even years, the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships will also be held in August but in odd years.

As for the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m), after consultation with the Coaches present at the FINA World Coaches Conference in Singapore in January 2009, it was decided that December would be the best month for the swimmers' participation at these Championships.

FINA will consult with organisers of other Continental and Regional events in the same period for avoiding the overlap.

26. AWARDS COMMISSION

Bureau Member and Awards Commission Chairman, Bill Matson, presented the FINA Awards Commission's recommendation for the Awards taking into account also the proposals made by the FINA Standing Committees. **(annex)**

A clarification was requested on whether or not the Masters Committee is a Technical Committee or a Standing Committee. The President suggested amending the Awards Rules in order to change the terminology "technical committee" into "standing committee". The Bureau approved the recommendation.

A question was raised if Toivo Ohman, TDC Member, is eligible to receive the Gold Pin after his disciplinary suspension. The Bureau decided that he should not receive a FINA award.

Flavio Bomio, FINA TOWSC Member, is not entitled to a FINA Gold Pin as proposed by the Committee, as he has not completed the four terms.

Dimitris Diathessopoulos, FINA TWPC Member, proposed by the Committee for a Gold Pin has been approved by the Bureau for a Silver Pin in accordance with existing rules.

Relating to the FINA TSSC proposals, the Committee needs to provide further information and clarification on the nominees and their CVs.

The Bureau **approved** the recommendation list presented by the FINA Awards Commission.

27. FINA DELEGATES

27.1 Reports

- 1st Asian Beach Games – Bali 2008

The report of the competition, also attended by the Executive, was presented to the Bureau. **(annex)** The general feeling is that it is positive that FINA has events represented in this kind of competitions.

27.2 Delegates' appointment

- 43rd World Military Swimming Championships: 6 – 14 August 2009 in Montreal (CAN)
The nomination will be made after the General Congress in Rome by the new FINA Bureau.

- 21st Summer Deaflympics: 5 – 15 September 2009 in Chinese Taipei (for WP & SW)
The Bureau decided that for the Swimming and Water Polo, the Delegates will be the Bureau Liaison and Chairman of the respective Committee.

- IX Central-American Sports Games – December 2009 in Honduras
The nomination will be made after the General Congress in Rome by the new FINA Bureau .

28. 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES PROGRAMME REVIEW

The Executive Director presented the document provided to the IOC Olympic Programme Revision Commission. **(annex)**

29. SWIMSUITS

The Executive Director recalled the latest developments on this issue and reminded that the present rules were valid until the end of the 13th FINA World Championships in Rome (ITA). Despite that, FINA worked very hard to find an earlier solution for amendments to these rules. Up to now, no scientific evidence existed to support the discussion and the only argument used by the people participating in this debate was the number of World Records established in 2008.

FINA has since developed a very positive co-operation with the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL), in order to get the much-needed scientific and independent tests to be implemented in these rules.

New deadlines for submission of samples and tests will be available on thickness (1mm) and buoyancy (maximum of 1 Newton/100 gr).

These two tests can be immediately implemented, along with the design of the suit, customisation of the swimsuit and clarification of the rule concerning the use of only one swimsuit.

The implementation of these rules will lead to the creation of two call rooms at the FINA competitions: the first one will be for checking the material and advertising rules and the last call room as it exists today.

For Rome 2009, the athletes must present their swimsuits three (3) days in advance to be checked by a special commission who will label the suits. The tests of thickness and buoyancy will be available in Rome and any swimsuits may be tested, if needed.

FINA also banned all forms of support provided by the swimsuits (bio feedback, pain reduction...).

After Rome 2009, new rules will be in place from 1st January 2010 and, then, other criteria will be implemented: the use of non - permeable material. From that date, only a maximum of 50% of non-permeable material will be allowed, with the provision that a maximum of 25% of this material will be in the upper and 25% in the inferior part of the material.

Thickness will also be reduced from 1mm to 0.8mm.

Another important point is the date of submission. After the experience of Beijing, manufacturers will from now on present their samples at least 12 months in advance of Olympic Games or World Championships and make them available on the market at least six months before those major competitions. Available on the market means available for purchase by the National Federations.

The approved swimsuits will be labelled with the inscription "Approved by FINA" and only World Records swum with approved suits will be ratified by FINA.

Furthermore, FINA will establish a monitoring programme with EPFL in order to control and supervise the appearance of new materials and new developments on this issue.

The Executive Director underlined the importance of these amendments in giving confidence back to our sport. The President completed the information by saying that this agreement was made in total accordance with the position of manufacturers, coaches, athletes and legal commissions, as well as some National Federations.

Julio Maglione asked about the cost of this operation and the Executive Director explained that the cost will be covered by the fee paid by the manufacturers to approve their swimsuits.

These rules are valid for swimming and open water swimming.

Sven Egil Folvik, Eldon Godfrey, Gennady Aleshin, Nory Kruchten and Bill Matson congratulated FINA for these proposals and Bill Matson asked if it is possible to emphasize the fact of getting this agreement with the full support of the athletes and coaches in the Charter.

The Charter and the new amendments were approved by the Bureau. **(annex)**

6. FINA CONGRESSES IN ROME

The Bureau considered the motions, applications and proposals for alteration of or addition to the FINA Rules – Constitution; General Rules; Facilities Rules; Technical Rules of Swimming, Open Water Swimming, Diving, Synchronised Swimming, Water Polo; Masters Rules and Doping Control Rules.

According to FINA Rules C15.4 and C16.2, the above will be published in the Circular 75.2 (2009.2) and forwarded to all FINA Member Federations three months before the Congresses to be held in July in Rome.

7. FINA BY - LAW RULES

The Bureau Considered the By-Laws which will be published in a circular and forwarded to all FINA Member Federations. **(annex)**

5. FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.2 13th FINA World Championships – Rome 2009

Technical Officials: After deliberation of the working groups, the FINA Bureau confirmed the Technical Officials to be appointed for the 13th FINA World Championships – Rome 2009 **(annex)**

30. MISCELLANEOUS

- IOC CORRESPONDENCE ON ALB, EGY, IRQ, KUW

Information on alleged political influence on the sports organisations was presented to the Bureau and the IOC position on defending the autonomy of sport in general.

- ISHOF

Concerning the ISHOF request and report the Bureau approved a donation of USD 25,000 from FINA for 2009. Further annual donations to be decided by the Bureau.

- YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES 2010

The latest information on this matter was presented to the Bureau and the qualification procedure in Swimming and Diving was now established.

Bill Matson asked the reason behind the presence of two non-FINA events on the programme and the Executive Director informed that the concept of these Games is different than a high standard Games, and is more aimed to educational purposes for youth around the world.

- OLYMPIC GAMES – DENMARK / FAROE ISLANDS

This was presented as information as this question is more relevant to the IOC.

31. NEXT BUREAU MEETING

The next Bureau Meeting will be held in Rome (ITA) with the occasion of the 13th FINA World Championships on 13th July.

The Bureau members thanked the President for the excellent conduct of the meeting and achieving important conclusions for the FINA Congresses to be held in July 2009 and in general the positive way in which the FINA Business was conducted.

Respectfully submitted,



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