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The month of May was a busy time for Papua New Guinea Swimming.

Coach Joe Meauri was given an Olympic Solidarity Scholarship provided by Swimming Australia Limited through Oceania Swimming Association to attend the 2009 ASCTAQ Convention on the Gold Coast, Australia.

"I certainly learnt a lot during the convention and was also privileged to have personally met and listened to some of the most high profile swimming coaches from Australia, New Zealand and America," said Joe on his return.

We welcomed home our swim team from the Arafura Games held in Darwin, Australia.

The swimming competition was held over three days from Sunday 10th to Tuesday 12th May.

The swim team returned home in style with nine medals: 1 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze plus two national records and a bag full of personal best times, along with Judith Meauri stepping up into the Gold Kundu Target Squad by swimming a qualifying time in the 100m freestyle.

It was a delight to hear from Matt Cooper (Manager) that the team bonded well and proved they were "the pride of PNG"

He also mentioned that the Swim Team had received lots of commendations for their behavior.

"The team was absolutely fantastic both in and out of the swimming

pool, It was wonderful to hear so many people commenting on how well behaved our athletes were, how they carried themselves and supported and helped each other".

Well done...a credit to you all.

On Saturday May 23rd we relived the sporting moments of 2008 and acknowledged those, sportspersons for their sporting achievements. SP Brewery is the main sponsor of this event.

During the evening we witnessed swimmer Ian Nakmai being awarded the 2009 Junior Male athlete of the Year for his performances in 2008 ahead of Cricketer Raymond Haoda Jnr and Weightlifter Stephen Kari.

Ian Nakmai is a member of the elite group of swimmers in the PNG Excellence programme, the Gold Kundu Squad.

Our Olympian Ryan Pini achieved the runner-up award. PNG Paralympic silver medalist athlete Francis Kompaon was awarded the prestigious award of Sportsman of the Year.

Congratulations to all finalists and award winners.

Enjoy Swimming on.....



PNGSI SINCERELY THANKS BSP for the ongoing SUPPORT IN 2009 with a sponsorship of twenty thousand kina.

ARAFURA GAMES FINAL SWIMS

Part of Media report by

Matthew Cooper

Sunday 10th May, 2009 saw the PNG Swim Team start their competition in steaming Darwin conditions.

The program commenced at 8.00am with the morning heats. PNG swimmer 13-year old Sanford Gore hit the water in the 200m Individual Medley, setting the pace for personal best swims.

The heats saw our swimmers qualify for places in 15 of the evening finals. This brought great excitement to the team. 16 year old Peter Pokawin Jr swam a strong 100m Freestyle final finishing in 8th place.

17-year old Judith Meauri and Carmen Kolta both enjoyed an explosive 50m Freestyle Final finishing 5th and 8th respectively, swimming personal best times in a race which had all competitors finishing within .6 hundredths of a second of one another.

In the male 17 & over 50m Freestyle Ian Nakmai and Nathan Nades both swam a strong race to finish 5th and 6th respectively. Again in a race that had the time keepers splitting hairs.

Breaststroke specialist Ishan Guru competed in the finals of the 13-14 Breaststroke 50 metres, Ishan came in a respectable 8th place with a time of 37.47, breaking the 38.00 second mark for the first time.

Peter Pokawin, once more took to the blocks competing in the 50 metre 15-16 age group Backstroke event. In a nail biting race Peter placed 4th in a photo finish between 1st and 4th place with a time of 31.46, again a new personal best time.

Judith Meauri competed in the 17 & over female backstroke final, where she placed 6th with a time of 36.86.

The long hours and heat had now begun to take its toll on the team as they reached 10 hours on the pool deck.

To lift the spirits of the PNG side Nathan Nades gave the team something to cheer about in Male 50 Backstroke, despite his 6th placing,

Nathan was up there with the leaders till the end, recording a time of 31.74 sec again beating his previous PB by .5 of a second.

Jenixon Lim followed Nades' lead and swam a strong 50m Free in the 13-14 age group to obtain a PB time of 27.20.

This was followed by Peter Pokawin and Nathan Ampa'oi, in the 15-16 100 Butterfly. Both swimmers swam a great first 50 metres however Nathan was able to power away in the last 15 metres to come in 4th in a time of 1:06.10 again in a race separated by one hundredths of a second, Peter finished in 6th place.

In the Female 17 and over 100 Fly event, Carmen Kolta completed a focused race, improving her heat time of 1:15.25.

Carmen's determination showed that she was ready to take on the field, with a great start, Carmen swam a very strong first 50 metres backed up with a strong finish to place 5th, again knocking a further full one second off her previous PB time set in the morning session.

Inspired by Carmen's swim Nathan Nades powered home in the Male 17 & over 100m butterfly with a time of 1:08.37, finishing also in 5th place in his division and knocking just under 2 seconds from his previous PB of 1:10.13.

The final swim of the evening was Ishan Guru in the Male 100m Breaststroke, swimming a time of 1:23.85 to finish in 6th place and recording a personal best time.

Satisfied with the outcome of the evening events the team departed for their accommodation where a hearty pasta buffet and rice had been prepared by team assistant Margaret Gore.

Monday 11th May at Casuarina Pool the PNG Swim Team received their first medals during the competition finals

The evening finals got underway with the team fired up and ready to hear their national anthem play.

Gold came to young Danny Pryke and Bronze to Peter Pokawin in the male 15-16yr 50m Freestyle.

Danny swam a magnificent race to clock a time of 25.99, Peter finished a very close third behind Australian Swimmer Ryan Roelants with securing another PB time of 26.30.

Ian Nakmai picked up two medals in the finals; silver in a hotly contested 17&over 100m Male Breaststroke event, in a time of 1:10.48, a PB by over 2 sec. and a bronze in the male 17&over 50m Fly stopping the clock at 28.29.

Jenixon Lim picked up PNG's 5th medal in the Boys 13-14 100m Backstroke with a 3rd place, swimming a time of 1:09.52. He also swam a creditable 5th in the 13-14 100m Freestyle and 6th in the 50m Fly with a time of 30:07.

Other results from the pool during the evening were Ian Nakmai (4th) in the Male Open 200 Breaststroke in a time of 2:42.36, a PB by over 4 seconds and Adam Ampa'oi (5th) in a time of 2:45.70.

Young Riley Albrecht swam a strong 50m Fly in the Boys 12/U finishing in 4th place and recording a personal best time of 33.35, knocking a whole second of his previous best – set in the morning session.

Nathan Ampa'oi finished in 7th place in the Boys 15-16 50 Breast with a time of 36.15 seconds, a PB by over ½ a second. While Nathan Nades placed 8th in the male 17 & over 50m Fly with a time of 29.84.

PNG Boys Swim Team Captain Adam Ampa'oi swam a very strong 100m Breast to place 5th overall in the 17& over age category with a time of 1:14.57.

Both 17&over PNG female swimmers Carmen Kolta (PNG Swim Team Female Captain) and Judith Meauri competed in the 100m Freestyle and the 50m Fly.

In their first 'final' swim of the evening, Judith placed 5th (1:04.07)

in the 100m Freestyle while Carmen placed 8th in a time of 1:10.60. Both girls went on to compete in the 50m Fly, this time with Carmen placing 5th in a time of 32.34 and Judith placing 8th in a personal best time of 32.78.

Tuesday 12 May saw another great day of heat swims, placing our swimmers into the finals.

As the sun set on the Casuarina Pool the PNG Swim Team finished their Arafura Games in style collecting a further four medals, lifting their overall medal tally to nine, one gold, three silver and five bronze medals.

Jenixon Lim in the 13-14 years 50m Backstroke finished 3rd in a time of 31.10 seconds.

Peter Pokawin flew home to hold out two other PNG swimmers in the 50m Butterfly. Peter swam a 28.15 to take 2nd place over Danny Pryke (4rd) in a time of 28.90 (0.05 seconds of 3rd place) while Nathan Ampa'oi finished in 5th on 29.01 seconds.

Ian Nakmai then secured his third medal of the meet in the male 17 & over 50m Breaststroke. Lining up against fellow PNG swimmer Adam Ampa'oi, Ian swam a superb race to finish 2nd, picking up his second silver medal for the meet swimming a 32.12. Adam finished a creditable 5th with a time of 33.51.

The highlight of the evening was the Men's open 400m Individual Medal, PNG qualified in the number one position in the morning but were well aware that the teams of France, Northern Territory and New Zealand were saving their best for last.

In a great swim by our boys, they picked up the bronze medal in a time of 4:22.63 against a strong field with the NT Representative team taking the gold place and France the silver.

The PNG Female 400 Medley Open relay swam into 8th sport in the final in a time of 5:31.16

Other finalist for the last session included Jenixon Lim swimming in the male 13-14 years 100 Fly coming in 4th in a time of 1:07.20.

Judith Meauri swam 1:18.68 in the 100m Backstroke (17 & over) placing her 5th. In the 50m Breast Judith placed 4th in a time of 40.87.

Nathan Nades placed 5th in the 17 years & over 100m Backstroke in 1:08.90.

At the end of the day both the team coach Ben Wells and Manager Matt Cooper were thoroughly satisfied with the performance of all 15 swimmers who bonded well as a team and proved that they were *"the pride of PNG"*.

Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc thanks the

Management team of Matt Cooper (Manager), Margaret Gore (Assistant Manager) and Ben Wells (Coach) for an excellent job at the Arafura Games in Darwin.

A hearty congratulations to all our swimmers on fantastic performances in the pool



MEDALS WON



Gold one

Danny Pryke

Male 15-16 50 Free 25.99



Silver three

Ian Nakmai

Male 17&over 100 Breast 1:10.48

Male 17&over 50 Breast 32.12

Peter Pokawin

Male 15-16 50 Fly 28.15



Bronze five

Jenixon Lim

Male 13-14 50 Back 31.10

Male 13-14 100 Back 1:09.52

Peter Pokawin

Male 15-16 50 Free 26.30

Ian Nakmai

Male 17&over 50 Fly 28.29

Male open 400 Medley relay 4:22.63

Nathan Nades, Ian Nakmai,
Nathan Ampa'oi, Danny Pryke
and heat swimmer Adam Ampa'oi

National Records taken

Ian Nakmai 100m Breaststroke
(previously held by Ashley Seeto
2005 1:12.41) – new time 1:10.48

Carmen Kolta 50 Butterfly
(previously held by Beryl
Madouna 1990 32.80) – new time
32.34

***Congratulations to Judith Meauri
achieving a place on the Elite
Gold Kundu Target Squad
swimming a time in her 100 free***

BEST TIMES by OUR SWIMMERS either in their Heat or Final events swum

Riley Albrecht	Male 12 & under Age Group			
50 Back	36.57	PB	Gold Junior Excellence Time	Heat time
100 Free	1:10.54	PB	Gold Junior Excellence Time	Heat Time
50 Fly	33.35	PB	Gold Junior Excellence Time	Finalist 4 th Place
50 free	31.61	PB	Gold Junior Excellence Time	Heat Time
50 Breast	46.10	PB	Silver Junior Excellence Time	Heat Time
100 Back	1:22.82	PB	Silver Junior Excellence Time	Heat Time

Adam Ampa'oi	Male 17 & over Age Group			
50 Free	29.80			Heat Time
200 Bre	2:45.70	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 5 th Place
100 Breast	1:14.57		Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 5 th Place
200 IM	2:51.02			Heat Time
50 Breast	33:51		Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 5 th Place

Nathan Ampa'oi	Male 15-16 Age Group			
100 Free	1:02.33	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	
100 Fly	1:06.10	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 4 th Place
200 IM	2:38.64			Heat Time
50 Breast	36.15	PB		Finalist 7 th Place
50 Free	28.11		Silver Kundu Target Time	Heat Time
50 Fly	29.01	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 5 th Place

Stanford Gore	Male 13-14 Age Group			
200 IM	2:46.81	PB		
50 Free	29.81	PB	Silver Inter. Excellence Time	Heat Time
100 Free	1:06.22	PB	Silver Inter. Excellence Time	Heat Time
50 Fly	32.49	PB	Silver Inter. Excellence Time	Heat Time
100 Back	1:28.13			Heat Time
100 Fly	1:15.58		Silver Inter. Excellence Time	Heat Time
50 Back	40.20			Heat Time

Ishan Guru	Male 13-14 Age Group			
50 Breast	37.47	PB	Gold Inter. Excellence Time	Finalist 8 th Place
50 Free	31.12		Silver Inter. Excellence Time	Heat Time
100 Brea	1:23.85	PB	Silver Inter. Excellence Time	Finalist 6 th Place
200 Breast	3:10.83	PB		Heat Time
100 Free	1:10.32	PB	Silver Inter. Excellence Time	Heat Time

Carmen Kolta	Female 17 & Over Age Group			
50 Free	30.59			Heat Time
100 Fly	1:14.89	PB		Finalist 5 th Place
200 Free	2:29.93			Heat Time
100 Free	1:08.60			Heat Time
50 Fly	32.34			Finalist 5 th Place

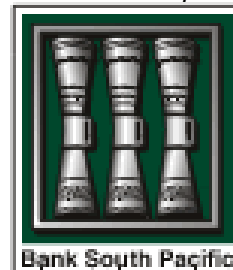
Jenixon Lim	Male 13-14 Age Group			
50 Free	27.20		Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 5 th Place
200 Free	2:20.94		Silver Kundu Target Time	Heat Time
100 Free	59.87		Silver Kundu Target Time	Heat Time
50 Fly	30.07		Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 6 th Place
100 Back	1:09.52	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 3 rd Place
100 Fly	1:07.20	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 4 th Place
50 Back	31.10		Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 3 rd Place

Judith Meauri	Female 17 & Over Age Group			
50 Free	29.40		Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 5 th Place
50 Back	36.86			Finalist 6 th Place
200 Free	2:23.09	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Heat Time
100 Free	1:03.77		Gold Kundu Target Time	Heat Time
50 Fly	32.72	PB		Finalist 8 th Place
100 Back	1:18.68			Finalist 5 th Place
50 Breast	40.87	PB		Finalist 4 th Place

Anthea Murray	Female 12 & under Age Group			
50m Back	38.59	PB	Silver Junior Excellence Time	Heat Time
100 Free	1:14.40	PB	Silver Junior Excellence Time	Heat Time
50m Fly	37.71	PB		Heat Time
50 Free	32.18	PB	Silver Junior Excellence Time	Heat Time
50 Breast	45.85		Silver Junior Excellence Time	Heat Time

PNG GOLD & SILVER AQUATIC EXCELLENCE SQUADS

Updated Squad list after the Arafura Championships



BSP GOLD KUNDU TARGET SQUAD

Ryan Pini
Adam Ampa'oi
Ian Nakmai
Danny Pryke
Peter Pokawin
Anna-Liza Mopio Jane
Judith Meauri

BSP SILVER KUNDU TARGET SQUADS

Nathan Ampa'oi
Nathan Nades
Jenixon Lim



INTERMEDIATE GOLD SQUAD 12-14 ages

Stanford Gore Ishan Guru
Barbara Leana-Vali

INTERMEDIATE SILVER SQUAD 12-14 ages

Edna Aisi Collin Akara
Victoria Allen Marcus Blake
Mara Burslem Zack Caradus
DeArne Davey Roseann John
Anthea Murray Calvin Pokawin
Sarah Raftery Howard Rogea
Nathan Tukana

Nathan Nades	Male 17 & Over Age Group			
50 Free	27.60	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Heat Time
50 Back	31.74	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 6 th Place
100 Fly	1:08.37	PB		Finalist 5 th Place
100 Free	1:01.75		Silver Kundu Target Time	Heat Time
50 Fly	29.84	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 8 th Place
100 Back	1:08.90	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 5 th Place

Ian Nakmai	Male 17 & over Age Group			
50 Free	26.81	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 5 th Place
200 Breast	2:42.36	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 4 th Place
50 Fly	28.29	PB	Gold Kundu Target Time	Finalist 3 rd Place
100 Breast	1:10.48	PB	Gold Kundu Target Time	Finalist 2 nd Place
50m Breast	32.12	PB	Gold Kundu Target Time	Finalist 2 nd Place

Nicola Pini	Female 12 & under Age Group			
50m Back	39.05	PB	Silver Junior Excellence Time	Heat Time
100 Free	1:20.49		Silver Junior Excellence Time	Heat Time
50 Fly	39.96		Silver Junior Excellence Time	Heat Time
50 Free	35.34	PB	Silver Junior Excellence Time	Heat Time
100 Back	1:27.41			Heat Time

Peter Pokawin	Male 15-16 Age Group			
100 Free	59.35	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Heat Time
50 Back	31.46		Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 4 th Place
100 Fly	1:13.61			Finalist 6 th Place
200 Free	2:19.22			Heat Time
50 Free	26.30	PB	Gold Kundu Target Time	Finalist 3 rd Place
50 Fly	28.15	PB	Gold Kundu Target Time	Finalist 2 nd Place
100 Back	1:07.37	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 4 th Place

Danny Pryke	Male 15-16 Age Group			
100 Free	1:00.23		Silver Kundu Target Time	Heat Time
50 Back	35.02			Heat Time
200 Free	2:19.94			Heat Time
50 Breast	37.36			Heat Time
50 Free	25.99	PB	Gold Kundu Target Time	Finalist 1 st Place
50 Fly	28.90	PB	Silver Kundu Target Time	Finalist 4 th Place

Nathan Tukana	Male 13-14 Age Group			
50m Breast	39.18	PB	Silver Inter. Excellence Time	Heat Time
50 Free	30.40		Silver Inter. Excellence Time	Heat Time
100 Breast	1:33.90			Heat Time
200 Breast	3:29.77			Heat Time
100 Free	1:12.95		Silver Inter. Excellence Time	Heat Time
50 Fly	37.17			Heat Time
50 Back	36.63		Silver Inter. Excellence Time	Heat Time



JUNIOR GOLD SQUAD 9-11 ages

Bobby Akunai
Riley Albrecht
Tegan McCarthy
Britney Murray
Shanice Paraka

JUNIOR SILVER SQUAD 9-11 ages

Ayla Beagrie
Tyson Cooper
Ben Cross
Desley Cross
Alexandra Gordon
Michelle Gore
Jessika Green
Jean Gubon
Miriam Jameney
Milly Knight
Ashton Kunda
Peter Kunda
Ryan Maskelyne
Jasmine Mileng
Rae Paje
Nicola Pini
Connor Pollock
Darcy Pomeroy
Mitchell Terz
Renee Terz
Bethany Tukana
Jake Tkatchenko
Savannah Tkatchenko
Elizabeth Witham



From Left Medal winners: Danny Pryke, Jenixon Lim, Nathan Nades, Nathan Ampa'oi, Ian Nakmai, Peter Pokawin

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Websites

PNGSI Website can be found at:

www.oceaniaspport.com

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FINA WEBSITE www.fina.org

OCEANIA SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Website can be found by either looking it up on google or yahoo search engines by typing in "oceania swimming association" or you can find it on the sportingpulse website which is www.sportingpulse.com

ARAFURA GAMES web site can be found at www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au

FINA and Yakult extend their partnership until 2012

Lausanne (SUI) April 15, 2009 – FINA and Yakult Honsha have signed a new Official Partner agreement to extend their existing relationship. The Japanese company is active in more and more markets around the world and is particularly renowned for its probiotic Yakult drink.

Yakult first partnered with FINA in 2005 and has been the FINA swim cap and women's bib sponsor since then. Moreover, Yakult also provides all beverage products at the FINA World Championships. The extension of the FINA-Yakult partnership covers the FINA World Championships in 2009 and 2011 and the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) in 2010 and 2012.

"We are delighted to extend our partnership agreement with Yakult, a flourishing brand that is growing worldwide. FINA is happy to be associated with this success and I am sure that our athletes and officials will be once more very satisfied to find Yakult's products at our World Championships", stated FINA President Mustapha Larfaoui on this partnership renewal.



13th FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PNG TEAM NAMED

At the completion of the Arafura Games, held in Darwin, Australia, six members of the Elite Gold Kundu Target Squad were named on the team to travel to Rome, Italy to compete in the 13th FINA World Swimming Championships

They are Ryan Pini, Anna-Liza Mopio-Jane, Ian Nakmai, Peter Pokawin, Danny Pryke, and Judith Meauri.

From July 17th to August 2nd 2009 the Foro Italico in Rome will be the heart of the 13th FINA World Championships for swimming, diving, synchronised swimming and water polo. The swimming events will begin on Sunday 26th July and run through to Sunday 2nd August.

These championships will see PNG field a male relay team for the first time at this level of competition. They will compete in the 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay and the 4 x 100m Medley Relay.

The team's training progress will be monitored by PNGSI to ensure that the best prepared team leaves our shores.

Training for the "MEET MANAGER AND TEAM MANAGER" program

A THEORY AND PRACTICAL SESSION WILL BE HELD ON THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM over the weekend of Dolphin Sprints 19-21 June for all interested persons.

This program is a necessary part of the effective running of swimming in the country and worldwide. PNGSI ASKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN MAKING YOURSELF AVAILABLE

Barbara Skelton will be conducting the training session. Further information will be provided to those who register their interest.



SP Sports Awards

Our Winner

CONGRATULATIONS



Left: Clement Nakmai (father), Ian Nakmai , Lois Nakmai (mother)

Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc executive congratulates 17-year-old Ian Nakmai of Boroko Swimming Club for being awarded the 2009 Junior Male Athlete of the Year for his performance in 2008.

The SP Awards dinner took place in the Ball Room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Port Moresby during the evening of Saturday 23rd May, 2009.

In 1992 when the SP Sports Awards first became a fixture on the sporting calendar as a prestigious annual Awards presentation evening PNG Swimming saw 11 year old Alan Manning from Rabaul Swimming Club receive the first Junior Male Athlete of the Year SP Sports Award now a Rugby Union star.

It was in 2003 the award was once again awarded to a swimmer, then 21-year-old Ryan Pini, and now Ian Nakmai joins the 'SP Sports Awards Honour Roll' in 2009 to be named, both from Boroko Swim Club.

Ian became the first onshore member affiliated to Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc to gain a place on the Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc elite excellence program KUNDU GOLD Target Squad in 2008, breaking 6 national records in his favourite stroke 50 and 100m Breaststroke and 100 Individual Medley.

The PNGSI executive also congratulates our Olympian Ryan Pini on being a FINALIST in his category of the prestigious SP Sports Awards. Ryan was this year runner-up to Silver medalist Paralympian Francis Kompaon in the SP Male Athlete of the Year category.

Shaun Crow to visit Port Moresby

PNGSI Registrar Barbara Skelton has extended an invitation to Australian Swim Coach and Teacher Shaun Crow to visit Port Moresby during the BASC Westpac Dolphin Sprints. During his visit he will be conducting 3 clinics from 3:00pm to 5:30pm - Monday: Technique Drills and Games; Tuesday: starts turns and finishes and Wednesday: Parents/coaches - talking on Nutrition, importance of a training program, after the Dolphin Sprints. Shaun is known to PNG Swimmers and coaches through his excellent Swim Camp Program he organizes and conducts during the September holidays in Brisbane. We look forward to welcoming Shaun to PNG.



Water is Our World

NEWS FROM THE FINA

PRESS RELEASE N° 37/2009

FINA COMMISSION FOR SWIMWEAR APPROVAL

Meeting in Lausanne (SUI) on May 18, 2009

Lausanne (SUI), May 19, 2009 – The FINA Commission in charge of the swimwear approval, formed by representatives of the FINA Executive, FINA Technical Swimming Committee, FINA Coaches Commission, FINA Athletes Commission, and FINA Legal Councillor had a meeting on May 18, 2009 in Lausanne (SUI) and after reviewing **348 swimsuits** from **21 manufacturers** forwarded its proposal to the FINA Executive, who decided the following:

- **202** swimsuits approved;
- **10** swimsuits rejected for not passing the tests of buoyancy and/or thickness;
- **136** swimsuits to be modified in accordance with “Dubai Charter” rule 3.1 c), as they don’t fulfil the requirement stating that “swimsuit material shall not be constructed to or include elements/systems which create air/water trapping effects during use”. The manufacturers have now a deadline of maximum 30 days (until June 19, 2009) to resubmit the same swimsuit for FINA approval, with the corresponding corrections (“Dubai Charter” rule 4.3 d).

The complete list of approved swimsuits (valid until December 31, 2009) can be found on the FINA official website at www.fina.org

Meeting FINA/Swimming Coaches

On May 19, 2009 FINA and a group of swimming coaches coming from 18 countries met at the EPFL (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology) in Lausanne (SUI), where Prof Jan-Anders Manson, Director of the Laboratory of Polymer and Composite Technology, presented the procedures of the testing process defined on the FINA swimwear approval regulations.

The exchange of opinions was very constructive and the direction to be taken on the swimwear approval process is certainly better understood.

PRESS RELEASE N° 32/2009

Myrtha Pools, new Official Partner of FINA for 2009 and 2010

Lausanne (SUI) April 30, 2009 – Myrtha Pools, a world leader in the supply and installation of swimming pools and related products, has been appointed as the FINA Official Pool Partner for the period 2009-2010.

As part of the agreement, Myrtha Pools will supply and install one temporary pool free of charge for the organisers of the FINA World Championships Roma 2009 and the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) Dubai 2010. Moreover, it will provide all the remaining pools for an optimal organisation of these championships.

Founded in 1961 in Italy, Myrtha Pools has built swimming pools in over 60 countries and Myrtha Pool’s exclusive technologies have previously been chosen for major international competitions such as the Olympic Games, FINA World Championships and the Commonwealth Games.

“After an evaluation in which we analysed the product quality, the experience in supplying temporary swimming pools for international events, and the capacity to install and service worldwide, FINA has chosen Myrtha Pools for its overall company excellence. We are sure that our stars will enjoy the choice of Myrtha Pool Technology and that Organisers will appreciate Myrtha Pool products”, considered FINA President Mustapha Larfaoui.

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