



MESSAGE FROM THE FINA PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

On FINA's behalf, it is my great pleasure to welcome all the swimmers, coaches, managers, judges and delegates from the FINA Member Federations to this race of the 2010 FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix edition, taking place in Santa Fe (ARG).

Ten races in three continents are scheduled for this 2010 circuit. As in the past years – in 2009, 106 competitors from 25 nations were classified -, I strongly believe that the level of participation will again be high and the fight emotive.

Thanks to the effort and work of the Swimming Federation of Argentina, as well as the Organising Committee, our best athletes will find the optimal conditions for memorable performances. Moreover, the engagement of the local authorities, sponsors and media representatives is a key factor for the success of this competition in particular and for the promotion of this discipline in general. In this occasion, I would like to express my gratitude to all those involved in the organisation of this event.

From July 15-23, 2010 another major rendezvous is scheduled: the 6th FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships to take place in Lac St-Jean, Roberval (CAN). Canada has a solid reputation in open water swimming, so the hosting of this competition in Roberval is a reward for this commitment.

FINA, together with the National Federations and Organisers of the 2010 FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix, has always one main objective: to provide the best possible conditions and promotion for the performances of our marathon swimmers.

I wish all the luck to the participants and the best to win.

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