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## MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS IN EUROPE

FROM: FINA Office, Lausanne

DATE: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019

RE: FINA OPEN WATER SWIMMING CERTIFICATION

**SCHOOL FOR OFFICIALS** 

18 - 19 April 2020 / Pula, Croatia (CRO)

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Dear Friends,

I have the pleasure to send you the following information related to the organisation of the *FINA Open Water Swimming Certification School for Officials* scheduled to be held in Pula, Croatia (CRO), from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

The purpose of this course is to achieve the following objectives:

- Enlarge the number of officials and improve officiating at Open Water Swimming competitions;
- Unify the Open Water Swimming officiating procedure;
- Use the course as an instrument to develop and promote Open Water Swimming worldwide.

Please note the following information related to the designation & courses for Open Water Swimming officials:

- The FINA Open Water Swimming Certification Schools cater to experienced Open Water Swimming officials who require more in depth training of skills at an advanced level.
- They are designed to prepare and certify highly qualified officials wishing to be on the FINA OWS Lists.
- Candidates must be at least 16 years old on December 31 in the calendar year of attendance. Nevertheless, they must be aged 18 years or older in the year of attendance to receive certification.
- Only participants who have successfully completed the test in English or French will become certified. Certification is valid for a four-year period.



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Executive Director CORNEL MARCULESCU ➤ In addition, each certified official must take the FINA Open Water Swimming Online Course which will be available in English on the FINA Learning Platform.

Officials who have passed the FINA Open Water Swimming Certification School Exam, the FINA Open Water Swimming Online Exam and who have officiated at a required level will be eligible for the FINA OWS Lists.

Please find below the details related to the organisation of this course:

**DATE:** Arrival: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**Course:** 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**Departure:** 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020 after the course

completion or 20th in the

morning

PARTICIPANTS: Each National Member Federation may

nominate Open Water Swimming officials for

this course.

**REGISTRATION:** All participants must be registered by the

<u>15<sup>th</sup> March 2020</u> in the FINA General Management System (GMS) using your federation login details. The link to the FINA

GMS is https://data.fina.org.

Please kindly note that the specific discipline of the school must be added to the attendee's GMS profile as well as his/her personal email address in order to submit the

registration.

If you require any assistance with the registration, please contact

aquaticsdb@fina.org

**NATIONALITY:** Please take into consideration that when a

competition official represents his/her country in a competition, he/she shall be a citizen, whether by birth or naturalisation, of the nation he/she represents, provided that a naturalised citizen shall have lived in that country for at least one year prior to that competition (FINA Handbook - Edition 2017,

General Rules 2.5).

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Executive Director CORNEL MARCULESCU PLACE: Pula, Croatia

ARRIVAL AIRPORT: Pula Airport (PUY)

**TRAVEL:** Each National Federation is responsible for

the travel expenses of the nominated

officials.

We kindly ask you to not book any flight

tickets until your participants have been

approved.

VISA SUPPORT: Please contact the Croatia Swimming

Association if you require visa assistance.

**ACCOMMODATION**: Each National Federation will cover the

accommodation expenses of the nominated

officials.

**Hotel Pula** 

Sisplac 31 52100 Pula

Website: Click here

Single room: 70/80 EUR/night\*

**Double room:** 60/70 EUR/night/person\*

\*Half/full board rates

**RESERVATIONS:** To make a reservation, please contact the

Croatia Swimming Association.

**LOCAL TRANSPORT:** Transfers from and to the airport will be

provided by the OC for those participants

accommodated at the official hotel.

In order to organise the local transportation, please provide the participants' flight arrival and departure details to the Croatia

Swimming Association.

MEETING VENUE: Hotel Pula

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We strongly believe that the FINA Open Water Swimming Schools for Officials will powerfully contribute to the improvement of our sport.

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We look forward to receiving your nominations through the FINA GMS by no later than the <u>15<sup>th</sup> March 2020</u>.

Yours sincerely,



Cornel Marculescu Executive Director

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