Dear Friends,

I have the pleasure to send you the following information related to the organisation of the FINA Open Water Swimming Development School for Officials scheduled to be held in Apia, Samoa (SAM), from 6th to 8th July 2019.

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 Development Schools cater for those participants with limited basic knowledge or no prior experience in open water swimming officiating.
- They are designed to meet the needs of those National Federations that have requested officials’ instruction and do not have any open water swimming training programmes for officials in place.
- Candidates must be at least 14 years old on December 31 in the calendar year of attendance.
Please find below the details related to the organisation of this course:

**DATE:**
- **Arrival:** 5th July 2019
- **Course:** 6th – 8th July 2019
- **Departure:** 8th July after the course completion

**PARTICIPANTS:** Each National Member Federation may nominate Open Water Swimming officials for this course.

**REGISTRATION:** All participants must be registered *by the 7th June 2019* in the FINA General Management System (GMS) using your federation login details. The link to the FINA GMS is [https://data.fina.org](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](mailto: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).

**PLACE:** Apia, Samoa
ARRIVAL AIRPORT: Faleolo International Airport

TRAVEL: Each National Federation is responsible for the travel expenses of the nominated officials.

We kindly ask you not to book any flight tickets until your participants have been approved.

VISA SUPPORT: Please contact the Samoa Swimming Federation if you require visa assistance.

ACCOMMODATION: Each National Federation will cover the accommodation expenses of the nominated officials.

Amanaki Hotel
Beach Road
Sogi, Apia

Website: Click here

Standard Room (KS bed): 230 WST/night*
Deluxe Room (2 DB beds): 280 WST/night*

*Breakfast included.

RESERVATIONS: To make a reservation, please contact the Samoa Swimming Federation.

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 Samoa Swimming Federation.
MEETING VENUE: Faleata Aquatic Centre

PROGRAMME: Please note that the school programme will be provided shortly.

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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 7th June 2019.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
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