



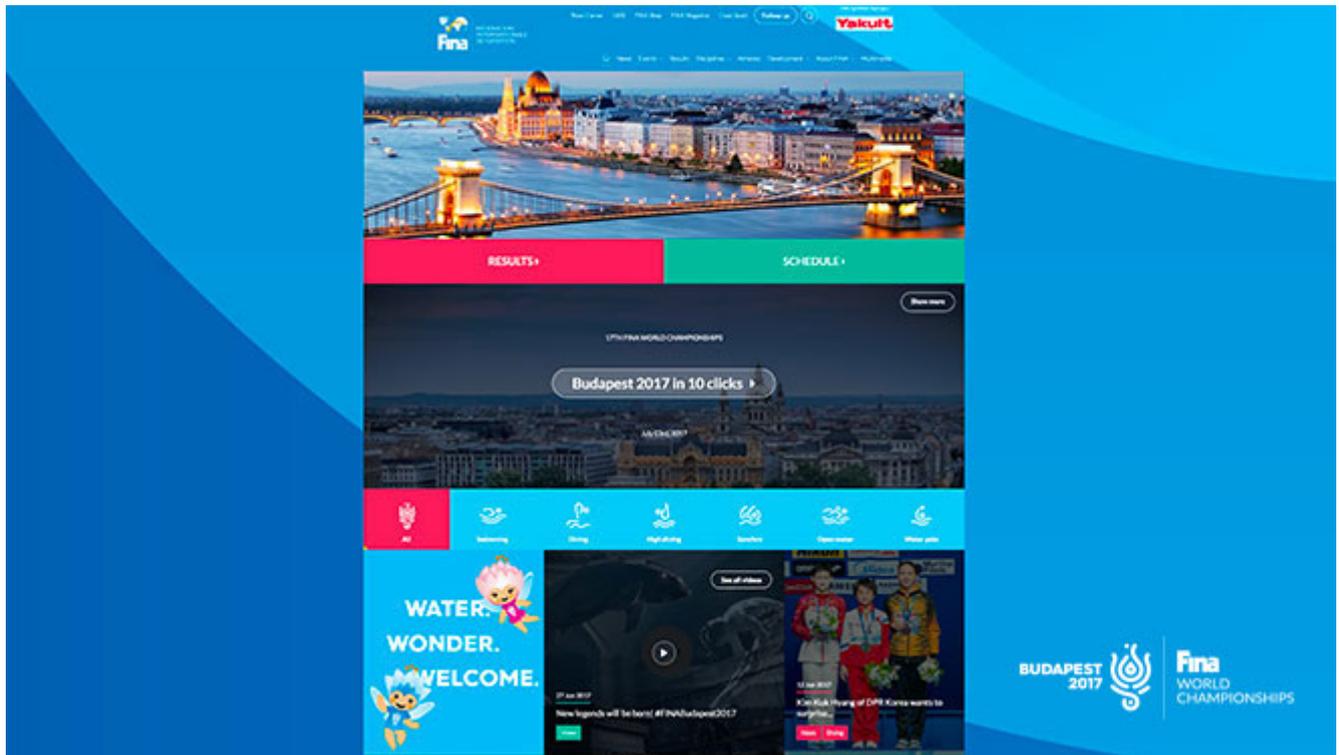
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LESS THAN 10 DAYS TO GO TO BUDAPEST 2017!



With just 9 days to go today to the FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, FINA is pleased to announce that about 2 300 athletes from over 180 NF (*registration deadline is today*) will be taking part in this 17th edition of FINA's showcase event.

On Friday July 14 at 9pm, spectators will be able to enjoy one of the most spectacular shows in the history of the FINA World Championships and Hungary by attending the Opening Ceremony, of what will be a true celebration of FINA's six disciplines over a two-week period.

A 3000m large stage, 2000 costumes, 40 drones and 510 artists are only a few of the elements that will animate the show to be staged at the heart of Hungary's capital city, by the historical Chain Bridge.

Nearly 220 volunteers and young sportsmen and women are also taking part in this big show, which will host national artists such as Peter Eotvos, Agnes Herczku, or Gergely Bogany.

Internationally renowned songwriter and superstar Emeli Sande is also expected to come on stage for the occasion.

The Opening Ceremony will showcase Hungary's unique cultural and sports heritage, as well as Budapest's iconic buildings, bringing breath-taking scenes for all the spectators on-site and watching on TV from the comfort of their home or following the spectacle from the Budapest 2017 Aquatics Fan Parks, located on Margarethe Island, at the Duna Arena and on the Danube banks.

"The FINA World Championships is one of the four biggest and most prestigious sports events in the world. Hungary is very proud and honoured to organise this event, which prove the country's success in terms of sports diplomacy on the international stage."

"However it could not have come true without our remarkable athletes whose international reputation contributed to this huge opportunity for Budapest and Balatonfured."

"The upcoming Opening Ceremony is a celebration of their success"- said Eva Szanto, Managing Director of Bp2017.

She added: "We want to sincerely thank all artists, organisers, technicians and volunteers who dedicated themselves to the organisation of this monumental performance. Their high working standards and the exceptional cooperation were key in the whole preparation process."

For the occasion FINA has launched a dedicated home page on the FINA website where key information such as day by day schedule, results, medals table, photo galleries, videos and daily news reports about the World Championships will be available and updated in real time. Check it out [here!](#)

Just days after the conclusion of the biggest Aquatic event on the 2017 calendar, the FINA World Masters Championships will kick-off on August 7 until August 20. Almost 9 500 amateur athletes have registered to take part in the event.

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FINA/AIRWEAVE SWC 2017: AN ENHANCED EXPERIENCE!



Tens of millions of aquatics fans worldwide are set for a two week feast of world class sport starting with the 17th FINA World Championships in Budapest (HUN, July 14-30) followed by the first leg of the pioneering FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup held in Moscow (RUS, August 2-3).

Composed of 9 legs in 9 iconic cities in three clusters, the competition's entries started earlier this month with some of swimming's top stars already committed to this year's World Cup.

In a drive to consolidate the status of this competition as the top swimming event of the year (outside Olympic Games and FINA World Championships / FINA World Swimming Championships - 25m), the 2017 FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup will be ground-breaking in a number of areas.

The 2017 edition will see additional prize money per race together with a prize increase for the overall series winners where both men and women will now receive US\$ 150,000.

Sport presentation will also be improved, enhancing the fans' experience on site and providing a better environment for TV production.

Finally, additional recognition of Olympic and world medallists who will directly qualify for the finals.

For Cluster 1, this will include all Rio 2016 and Windsor 2016 medallists.

For Clusters 2 & 3, this rule applies to 2016 Olympic champions, gold and silver medallists from Windsor 2016 and all medallists from Budapest 2017.

Commenting on these innovative additions to the 2017 FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup, FINA President Dr. Julio C. Maglione said:

"At FINA we are always looking to innovate; we can never afford to stand still. That is why I welcome these ground-breaking changes to our World Cup which will help establish it as our premier event outside the Olympics and our swimming World Championships. There is a big focus on recognition for our stars; they have a huge role to play in the long term sustainable growth of our sport and we thank them for their participation and engagement."

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10KM ACTION TO RESUME IN CANADA'S LAC ST JEAN

The 2017 circuit of the FINA/HOSA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup will soon

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resume in Lac St Jean, Canada, with the fourth race since the beginning of the competition to be held on July 27.

After three first legs in Videma (ARG), Abu Dhabi (UAE) and Setubal (POR), Italy is leading the both the men and the women's rankings with [Federico Vanelli](#) in the first place and [Simone Ruffini](#) in the second one in the men's competition and [Arianna Bridi](#) / [Rachele Bruni](#) securing the first and second spots respectively in the women's competition.

France's [David Aubry](#) occupies the third rank of the men's event, despite not taking part in the Portuguese meet in June, while Olympic champion [Ferry Weertman](#) of the Netherlands is fifth in the general ranking.

Brazil's [Ana Marcela Cunha](#) comes third, while Olympic champion [Sharon Van Rouwendaal](#) is seventh due to her participation in one race only (Abu Dhabi).

Check out the provisional rankings [here](#)

The FINA/HOSA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup will next stop to:

- Lac St. Jean (CAN), July 27
- Lac Megantic (CAN), August 12
- Chun'an (CHN), October 15
- Hong Kong (HKG), October 21

The open water elite will be racing in the open water events in Budapest at the 17th FINA World Championships from July 15-21, in the men's 5/10km, women's 5/10km as well as a 25km team event.

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