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CORNEL MARCULESCU

TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS IN AMERICAS

FROM: FINA Office, Lausanne

DATE: 22nd March 2019

**RE: FINA OPEN WATER SWIMMING DEVELOPMENT
SCHOOL FOR OFFICIALS
20-22 June 2019 / Barranquilla, Colombia (COL)**

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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 Development School for Officials*** scheduled to be held in Barranquilla, Colombia (COL), from 20th to 22nd June 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.

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

DATE: **Arrival:** 19th June 2019
Course: 20th – 22nd June 2019
Departure: 22nd June 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 17th May 2019** 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).

PLACE: Barranquilla, Colombia

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ARRIVAL AIRPORT:

Ernesto Cortissoz International Airport (BAQ)

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 Federación Colombiana de Natación if you require visa assistance.

ACCOMMODATION:

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

Hotel Estelar en Alto Prado

Calle 76 No. 56-29
Barranquilla, Colombia

Website: [Click here](#)

Single Room: USD 120/night (breakfast incl.)

Double Room: USD 150/ night (breakfast incl.)

RESERVATIONS:

To make a reservation, please contact the Federación Colombiana de Natación.

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 Federación Colombiana de Natación.

MEETING VENUE:

Complejo Acuático Eduardo Movilla
Cra. 55 No 52-48, Barranquilla

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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.

For any further details please contact the FINA Office in Lausanne:

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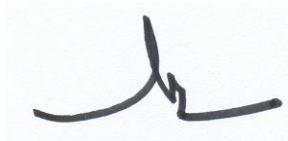
Tel: (41-21) 310 4710

Fax: (41-21) 312 6610

Email: schools@fina.org

We look forward to receiving your nominations through the FINA GMS **by no later than the 17th May 2019.**

Yours sincerely,



**Cornel Marculescu
Executive Director**

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