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Dear UANA Friends:

As the year begins to unfold at its ever fast pace, we embrace the challenges and look forward with great anticipation to an outstanding 2012 for our Continental Aquatic Federation. We welcome 2012 with open arms and look forward to improving our strong relationship with FINA and our National Federations as we approach the London Olympic Games.

We continue to work closely with FINA President Don Julio Maglione, a man who has enhanced the level of proactive work, international development and communication between FINA and the world of aquatics. Our UANA President, Mr. Coaracy Nunez Filho, along with the UANA Executive Committee has skillfully selected the technical personnel and liaisons that will guide our Continental Federation through the Toronto Pan American Games of 2015.

Attached to this UANA NEWSLETTER you have a document listing the leadership of each of the National Federations affiliated to UANA. This provides the necessary contact information from all our members in order to improve the vital communication that is essential to our overall success. In addition you will receive the UANA Family eMail Directory which serves as a handy reference to contacting others within the UANA Family. If you notice any corrections that need to be made to any of the attachments, please reply to our UANA Media Officer Gregory Eggert at: greggert@aol.com

I encourage you to visit the UANA website and to maintain open communication with all UANA members, so that you may also contribute to the positive development of our Continental Federation. One additional attachment to this newsletter concerns the 1st FINA World Junior Open Water Swimming Championships which will be held on August 16-19, 2012 in the Niagara Region of Southern Ontario, Canada. www.niagaraopenwater2012.com





We closed 2011 with a fantastic event in Rio de Janeiro. The Pan American Masters Championships were a rotund success for all involved. The event provided a fantastic competitive setting, filled with excellence, broken records and exceeded participation levels while augmenting the revenues for UANA. Our bank account has been transferred to the USA and we will continue to work harmoniously with all our UANA partners.

The Pan American Games were a true festival of sport; and our athletes excelled at all levels. Congratulations to Guadalajara and to Mexico for providing us with such a veritable feast. In addition we thank President Eldon Godffrey and Secretary/Treasurer Guno VanDerJagt for their leadership guiding us through the previous quadrennial. Once again, UANA competitors finished the year ranked among the best in the world in every category. FINA recognizes the strength of our Continental Federation and its valuable contributions to the world of aquatics.

Receive my best wishes of good fortune in all of your personal and professional endeavors in 2012. A special thank you goes to Kathy Parker, Brenda Adams, Giovana Moreira and Greg Eggert for their excellent work promoting UANA. Please continue to make the world a better place; enjoy life with loved ones and have a glorious year. Continue to reach out with questions and concerns; it is a pleasure for me to work with you and I am honored to be your Secretary/ Treasurer.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Fernando J. Canales
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New York, USA
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