

FINA Representative

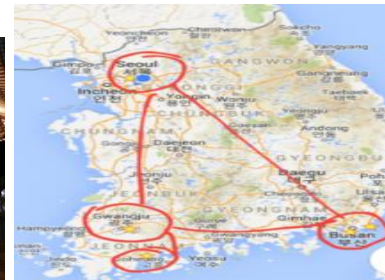
Mel Goldstein

Budapest, Hungary was the host for the 2017 FINA Masters World Championships.



The championships attracted 10,000+ Masters athletes in 5 disciplines (*Diving, Synchronized Swimming, Water Polo, Open Water and Swimming*). This was an outstanding championship, those in attendance experienced a lifetime experience in Budapest. The host organization utilized 4 pools for the swimming competition thus providing the competitors with reasonable days of competition and the opportunity to experience the beautiful city of Budapest. The Open Water competition was held at Lake Balaton a beautiful venue for Open Water. There were over 1000 Open Water swimmers and as with Swimming the competition was over three days thus providing opportunity to site see in Hungary. As the FINA Liaison I have never experienced a safety plan so well organized and prepared.

The 2019 FINA World Championships will be held in Gwangju, Korea and the organizing committee is already making plans to provide the Masters athletes with an unforgettable experience in their Championships.



The FINA Bureau approved the recommendation of the FINA Masters Technical Committee to develop a marketing plan to promote Masters Swimming throughout the world. This marketing plan includes a video promoting Masters aquatics in all disciplines, and presence of Masters at all major FINA activities like FINA World Aquatics Convention. This is the first step for FINA going beyond competition to promote Masters aquatics throughout the world.

International Swimming Hall of Fame Liaison

Walt Reid

IMSHOF (International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame)

The 2016 International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held during the USAS Convention in Atlanta. Joann Leilich, Nicolas Graner and Thomas Maine were inducted as “Honor Swimmers”. Tom Boak was inducted as “Honor Contributor”.

Of the six 2017 male Honor Swimmer nominees, three are from USMS. They are Yoshi Oyakawa, Jurgen Schmidt, and Hugh Wilder. Of the six female Honor Swimmer nominees for 2017, four are from USMS. They are Anne Adams, Ann Hirsch, Maurine Kornfeld and Danielle Ogier. The USMS nominee for “Honor Contributor” is Walt Reid. The winners will be announced shortly, and the 2017 IMSHOF Induction Ceremony will be held during the 2017 USAS Convention in Dallas.

ISHOF (International Swimming Hall of Fame)

Based on a point system, each year the top 6 male and the top 6 female swimmers are submitted as nominees for the ISHOF “Honor Masters Swimmer” category. The male nominees from USMS for 2017 were Aldo da Rosa, Burwell Jones, Frank Piemme, Robert Strand, and Jim McConica. The USMS women were Betsy Jordan, Rita Simonton, and Lois Kivi Nochman . No Masters were selected for the 2017 induction.

The 2016 International Swimming Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held Oct 28-30 in Santa Clara California. The 2017 International Swimming Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is scheduled for Aug 25-27 in Fort Lauderdale.

Since the city of Ft. Lauderdale has decided to repair the existing facility instead of tearing it down, it appears that ISHOF will continue to occupy their existing facility in Ft. Lauderdale and still be part of the new swimming complex in Santa Clara.

In the June/July ISHOF Newsletter Bruce Wigo announced his decision to resign as the CEO of ISHOF.

National Senior Games

Bill Tingley

The National Senior Games are held in odd years, with the qualifying meets being held in even years at each state's local Senior Games. In 2017 swimming was one of 18 sports contested in the National Senior Games in Birmingham, Alabama. The swimming events took place at Birmingham CrossPlex, which is a new sports facility.

To be eligible to enter the National Senior Games, a swimmer must have placed in the top three in a state games meet. If a swimmer finishes above third place in a state Senior Games competition, he or she may enter that event, if the time was better than the published time standard.

The National Senior Games has been recognized by the host LMSC for the last nine games. The Southeastern LMSC was our host LMSC this year and all of the times achieved have been reported.

In the past nine years, both national records and Top 10 swims have been achieved and reported to USMS. Some state Senior Games have applied for and received USMS recognition during the past year.

A total of 245 USMS registered swimmers, over 50 years old, participated in this year's Games. The highlight of the meet was Doug Springer of Arizona Masters setting a USMS record in the 400 IM. His time of 5:28.47 surpassed Burwell Jones's time of 5:34.37 set in 2003. There are numerous swims that will be in consideration for the 2018 SCY Top 10.

The 200 fly and 400 IM are new to the National Senior Games this year, and in 2019 NSGA is planning to add mixed medley and free relays to the event schedule.

Qualifying for the 2019 National Senior Games will start at the state Senior Games around the country in January of 2018. For more information about the 2018 state Senior Games, contact the local game coordinators at <http://nsga.com/state-games>.

The 2019 National Senior Games will be held June 14–25 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the West Mesa Aquatic Center. The exact dates for swimming will be finalized and announced later this year.

UANA Representative

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UANA stands for Union Americana de Natacion. It is the regional organization under FINA that encompasses North America, South America and the Caribbean nations (43 Federations). United States Aquatic Sports represents one of the Zones under the UANA banner. UANA was established in 1948. The logos involved here, just so you're familiar with them, are:



The 2018 UANA Pan American Masters Championship will be held in Orlando, Florida, July 22-August 9, 2018.



This event is expecting entries of over 3,000 athletes from the America's and the Caribbean (*Swimming, Diving, Water Polo, Synchronized Swimming and Open Water*). This event should be the largest Masters event held in North America other than the FINA World Championships at Stanford and Montreal. The Orlando LOC has submitted their entry booklet to the UANA Technical Committee for review and will have an online entry system in place for entries. Entries are expected to open sometime later this year.

The 2020 UANA Pan American Masters Championships LOC which will be hosted by Medellin, Colombia are also working on plans for their championships. They will have a presence at the 2018 championships in Orlando.

UANA Pan American Open Water Championships – Cayman Islands.

This was the first UANA Pan American Open Water Championships in over 5 years. It was also the first time Elite and Masters were participating in the same event. The Championship was conducted in conjunction with the "Flowers Sea Swim" a 1 mile race held each year. This year was the 25th year for this event... The Championship was a four-day event, with 4 events. Very well organized and very well attended. The UANA Open Water Technical Committee met and voted to return to the Cayman Islands for 2018 for their championships and will again include a

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Masters Category. Since 2018 is UANA Masters Pan American Championship year, the Masters championships will be called “UANA Masters America’s Cup OW Championships”. A task force was formed to work out scheduling by the UANA Open Water Technical Committee and Masters, the committee will include a Masters representative.

The committee is still seeking federations to host clinics in the remainder of 2017 and or 2018 for coaches, swimmers and definitive leaders to further educate them on the benefits from Masters aquatics.