

## World Aquatics

Swimming was already part of the competitions at the first Olympic Games in 1896, but it should still take 12 years until the founding of an international federation.

During the 1908 Olympic Games in London an international conference took place under the direction of the Organizing Committee on 19.07. at the Manchester Hotel. The most important result was the agreement to find a worldwide swimming organization.

The agreed tasks of this international organization should be:

1. Creation of uniform rules for swimming, diving and water polo to be used in the Olympic Games and other international competitions.
2. Approval of world records and keep a world record list.
3. Organization of the swimming competitions at the Olympic Games.

The eight founding members of the **Fédération Internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA)** were: BEL, DEN, FIN, FRA, GER, GBR, HUN and SWE. The national associations of these countries bindingly declared the rules at a second conference on 01.08.1909 in Paris.

In the 1920s, a FINA office was established. The International Water Polo Board and the International Diving Committee were created in 1928. Further Technical Committees succeed after the World War 2: Swim Committee in 1954, for Synchronized swimming in 1956, for Open water swimming in 1992 and some others.

At the congress on 14.09.2000 the word "amateur" was deleted from the name. The official notation is now **Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA)**.

At the extraordinary congress on 12.12.2022 FINA adopted the new name **World Aquatics**.



### Member federations

1908	8 member federations
1910	15 member federations
1930	44 member federations
1958	75 member federations
1978	106 member federations
2008	197 member federations
2020	209 member federations

### Presidents

19.07.1908 - 21.07.1924	no president
21.07.1924 - 02.08.1928	Erik Bergvall SWE
02.08.1928 - 14.08.1932	Émile-Georges Drigny FRA
14.08.1932 - 16.08.1936	Walther Binner GER
16.08.1936 - 1940	Harold E. Fern GBR
1940 - 28.07.1948	Harold E. Fern GBR, acting <sup>1</sup>
28.07.1948 - 03.08.1952	René de Raeve BEL
03.08.1952 - 08.12.1956	Mario Luis Negri ARG
08.12.1956 - 05.09.1960	Jan de Vries NED
05.09.1960 - 19.10.1964	Richard Max Ritter USA
19.10.1964 - 27.10.1968	William Berge Phillips AUS
27.10.1968 - 07.09.1972	Javier Ostos Mora MEX
07.09.1972 - 30.07.1976	Dr. Harold W. Henning USA
30.07.1976 - 31.07.1980	Javier Ostos Mora MEX
31.07.1980 - 25.07.1984	Ante Lambaša YUG
25.07.1984 - 16.09.1988	Robert H. Helmick USA
16.09.1988 - 24.07.2009	Mustapha Larfaoui ALG
24.07.2009 - 05.06.2021	Julio César Maglione URU
05.06.2021 -	Husain Al Musallam KUW

<sup>1</sup> Since no congress could be held in 1940, Fern remained acting president.

**Honorary Secretary**

19.07.1908 - 02.08.1928	George W. Hearn GBR
02.08.1928 - 01.02.1941 †	Dr. Leó Donáth HUN
01.02.1941 - 14.06.1946	Harold E. Fern GBR, acting
14.06.1946 - 28.07.1948	Richard Max Ritter USA, acting
28.07.1948 - 03.08.1952	Richard Max Ritter USA
03.08.1952 - 05.09.1960	Bertil Sällfors SWE
05.09.1960 - 19.10.1964	Kihou Abe JPN
19.10.1964 - 27.10.1968	Masaji Kiyokawa JPN
27.10.1968 - 07.09.1972	Dr. Harold W. Henning USA
07.09.1972 - 30.07.1976	Dr. Paul P. Hauch CAN
30.07.1976 - 25.07.1984	Robert H. Helmick USA
25.07.1984 - 16.09.1988	E. Allen Harvey CAN
16.09.1988 - 22.07.1992	Ross E. Wales USA
22.07.1992 - 14.09.2000	Gunnar Werner SWE
14.09.2000 - 24.07.2009	Bartolo Consolo ITA
24.07.2009 - 22.07.2017	Paolo Barelli ITA

Thereafter, the honorary secretary was replaced by an unelected Executive Director.

**World Aquatics Athletes of the Year**

	<b>Artistic swimmer - men</b>	<b>Artistic swimmer - women</b>
2010		Natalya ISHCENKO RUS
2011		Natalya ISHCENKO/ Svetlana ROMASHINA RUS
2012		Natalya ISHCENKO RUS
2013		Svetlana ROMASHINA RUS
2014		HUANG Xuechen CHN
2015	Bill MAY USA Aleksandr MALTSEV RUS	Svetlana ROMASHINA RUS
2016	<i>not awarded</i>	Natalya ISHCENKO/ Svetlana ROMASHINA RUS
2017	Giorgio MINISINI ITA	Svetlana KOLESNICHENKO RUS
2018	Giorgio MINISINI ITA	Yelyzaveta YAKHNO UKR
2019	Aleksandr MALTSEV RUS	Svetlana ROMASHINA/ Svetlana KOLESNICHENKO RUS
2020	<i>not awarded</i>	<i>not awarded</i>
2021	Aleksandr MALTSEV RUS	Svetlana ROMASHINA/ Svetlana KOLESNICHENKO RUS
2022	Giorgio MINISINI ITA	Yukiko INUI JPN
2023	Dennis GONZÁLEZ ESP	Anna-Maria ALEXANDRI/ Eirini-Marina ALEXANDRI/ Vasiliki ALEXANDRI
	<b>Diving - men</b>	<b>Diving - women</b>
2010	Patrick HAUSDING GER	CHEN Ruolin CHN
2011	QUI Bo CHN	WU Minxia CHN
2012	Ilya ZAKHAROV RUS	WU Minxia CHN
2013	HE Chong CHN	HE Zi CHN
2014	CAO Yuan CHN	LIU Huixia CHN
2015	HE Chao CHN	SHI Tingmao CHN
2016	CHEN Aisen CHN	SHI Tingmao CHN
2017	Thomas DALEY GBR	SHI Tingmao CHN
2018	CAO Yuan CHN	SHI Tingmao CHN
2019	XIE Siyi CHN	SHI Tingmao CHN
2020	<i>not awarded</i>	<i>not awarded</i>
2021	XIE Siyi CHN	SHI Tingmao CHN
2022	WANG Zongyuan CHN	CHEN Yuxi CHN
2023	Cassiel ROUSSEAU AUS	CHEN Yiwen CHN

<b>High diving - men</b>		<b>High diving - women</b>	
2013	Orlando DUQUE COL	Cesilie CARLTON USA	
2014	Orlando DUQUE COL	Rachelle SIMPSON USA	
2015	Gary HUNT GBR	Rachelle SIMPSON USA	
2016	Gary HUNT GBR	Lysanne RICHARD CAN	
2017	Steven LoBUE USA	Rhiannan IFFLAND AUS	
2018	Gary HUNT GBR	Rhiannan IFFLAND AUS	
2019	Gary HUNT GBR	Rhiannan IFFLAND AUS	
2020	<i>not awarded</i>	<i>not awarded</i>	
2021	Owen WEYMOUTH GBR	Ellie SMART USA	
2022	Aidan HESLOP GBR	Rhiannan IFFLAND AUS	
2023	Constantin POPOVICI ROU	Rhiannan IFFLAND AUS	
<b>Open water swimmer - men</b>		<b>Open water swimmer - women</b>	
2010	Valerio CLERI ITA	Ana Marcela CUNHA BRA	
2011	Thomas LURZ GER	Keri-Anne PAYNE GBR	
2012	Oussama MELLOULI TUN	Éva RISZTOV HUN	
2013	Thomas LURZ GER	Poliana OKIMOTO BRA	
2014	Allan DO CARMO BRA	Ana Marcela CUNHA BRA	
2015	Jordan WILLIMOVSKY USA	Ana Marcela CUNHA BRA	
2016	Ferry WEERTMAN NED	Sharon VAN ROUWENDAAL NED	
2017	Marc-Antoine OLIVIER FRA	Ana Marcela CUNHA BRA	
2018	Ferry WEERTMAN NED	Ana Marcela CUNHA BRA	
2019	Kristóf RASOVSKY HUN	Ana Marcela CUNHA BRA	
2020	<i>not awarded</i>	<i>not awarded</i>	
2021	Florian WELLBROCK GER	Ana Marcela CUNHA BRA	
2022	Gregorio PALTRINIERI ITA	Ana Marcela CUNHA BRA	
2023	Florian WELLBROCK GER	Leonie BECK GER	
<b>Swimmer - men</b>		<b>Swimmer - women</b>	
2010	Ryan LOCHTE USA	Therese ALSHAMMAR SWE	
2011	Ryan LOCHTE USA	Melissa FRANKLIN USA	
2012	Michael PHELPS USA	Melissa FRANKLIN USA	
2013	Ryan LOCHTE USA	Katie LEDECKY USA	
2014	Chad LE CLOS RSA	Katinka HOSSZÚ HUN	
2015	Mitchell LARKIN AUS	Katinka HOSSZÚ HUN	
2016	Michael PHELPS USA	Katinka HOSSZÚ HUN	
2017	Caeleb DRESSEL USA	Sarah SJÖSTRÖM SWE	
2018	Chad LE CLOS RSA	Katinka HOSSZÚ HUN	
2019	Caeleb DRESSEL USA	Sarah SJÖSTRÖM SWE	
2020	<i>not awarded</i>	<i>not awarded</i>	
2021	Caeleb DRESSEL USA	Emma McKEON AUS	
2022	David POPOVICI ROU	Katie LEDECKY USA	
2023	QIN Haiyang CHN	Kaylee McKEOWN AUS	
<b>Water polo - men</b>		<b>Water polo - women</b>	
2010	Vanja UDOVIČIĆ SRB	Elizabeth ARMSTRONG USA	
2011	Filip FILIPOVIĆ SRB	Alexandra ASIMAKI GRE	
2012	Josip PAVIĆ CRO	Maggie STEFFENS USA	
2013	Dénes VARGA HUN	Jennifer PAREJA ESP	
2014	Filip FILIPOVIĆ SRB	Maggie STEFFENS USA	
2015	Živko GOCIĆ SRB	Maggie STEFFENS USA	
2016	Dejan SAVIĆ SRB	USA Team	
2017	CRO Team	USA Team	
2018	HUN Team	USA Team	
2019	ITA Team	USA Team	
2020	<i>not awarded</i>	<i>not awarded</i>	
2021	Filip FILIPOVIĆ SRB	Maggie STEFFENS USA	
2022	Felipe PERRONE ESP	Madeline MUSSELMAN USA	
2023	Francesco DI FULVIO ITA	Madeline MUSSELMAN USA	