

**FINA/ARENA SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2009****18 new World Records after Stockholm (SWE)**

China's **Jing Zhao** established three World Records during the third leg of the 2009 FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup, organised in Stockholm (SWE) on November 10-11. Zhao first improved the women's 50m backstroke global mark on two occasions (26.08, and then 25.82), and then also set a new WR in the 100m individual medley (58.40). But Zhao was followed by six other swimmers who collected one WR each, bringing the total to nine global marks in the Swedish capital: among men, Kaio Almeida (BRA) in the 200m butterfly (1:49.11), and **Peter Marshall** (USA) in the 50m backstroke (22.73); in the women's field, **Felicity Galvez** (AUS) in the 100m butterfly (55.46), Jessica Hardy (USA) in the 50m breaststroke (28.96), Zige Liu (CHN) in the 200m butterfly (2:02.50), and **Therese Alshammar** (SWE) in the 50m butterfly (24.46). Alshammar's performance was the most "valuable" mark of the meet (1114 points according to the FINA Points Table).

Overall, and before the fourth leg of the series, in Berlin (GER, November 14-15), 18 WR and 31 World Cup records were established so far in the 2009 edition of this competition.

Peter Marshall (USA) and **Jessica Hardy** (USA) continue leading the overall ranking of the 2009 FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup, with respectively 80 and 125 points. Among men, Cameron van der Burgh (RSA) is second with 66, while Roland Schoeman (RSA) is third with 61. In the women's ranking, Therese Alshammar (SWE) is behind Hardy with 123 points and is followed by Jing Zhao (who made a direct entry into this classification) with 76 points.

WINNERS in STOCKHOLM

	WOMEN (W)	MEN (M)
50m free	Therese Alshammar (SWE) 23.75	Fred Bousquet (FRA) 20.64**
100m free	Francesca Halsall (GBR) 51.61**	Stefan Nystrand (SWE) 45.54**
200m free	Coralie Balmy (FRA) 1:53.71	Brent Hayden (CAN) 1:41.65
400m free	Coralie Balmy (FRA) 3:57.75	Mads Glaesner (DEN) 3:38.78
800m free (W)	Lotte Friis (DEN) 8:07.94**	-
1500m free (M)	-	Federico Colbertaldo (ITA) 14:28.35**
50m backstr.	Jing Zhao (CHN) 25.82*	Peter Marshall (USA) 22.73*
100m backstr.	Shiho Sakai (JPN) 56.42**	Peter Marshall (USA) 49.29**
200m backstr.	Elizabeth Simmonds (GBR) 2:02.01**	Markus Rogan (AUT) 1:47.64
50m breaststr.	Jessica Hardy (USA) 29.29	Cameron vd Burgh (RSA) 25.68
100m breaststr.	Leisel Jones (AUS) 1:03.74**	Cameron vd Burgh (RSA) 56.17**
200m breaststr.	Nadja Higl (SRB) 2:18.54	Neil Versfeld (RSA) 2:02.67**
50m butterfly	Therese Alshammar (SWE) 24.46*	Roland Schoeman (RSA) 22.08**
100m butterfly	Felicity Galvez (AUS) 55.46*	Kaio Almeida (BRA) 49.44
200m butterfly	Zige Liu (CHN) 2:02.50*	Kaio Almeida (BRA) 1:49.11*
100m medley	Jing Zhao (CHN) 58.40*	Gerhard Zandberg (RSA) 51.77
200m medley	Mireia Belmonte (ESP) 2:06.44	Darian Townsend (RSA) 1:51.79**
400m medley	Mireia Belmonte (ESP) 4:26.40**	Joseph Roebuck (GBR) 4:03.29

* World Record

** World Cup Record

Provisional leaders of the World Cup after the 3rd meet:

MEN		
<i>Swimmer</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Points</i>
1. Peter Marshall	USA	80
2. Cameron ven der Burgh	RSA	66
3. Roland Schoeman	RSA	61
WOMEN		
<i>Swimmer</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Points</i>
1. Jessica Hardy	USA	125
2. Therese Alshammar	SWE	123
3. Jing Zhao (CHN)	CHN	76

NEXT MEET: November 14-15 in Berlin (GER)