



THE BEST OF THE DECADE (2000-2009)

“FINA Aquatics World Magazine” chooses the best in FINA sports

The “**FINA Aquatics World Magazine**” has elected the best athletes of the decade in all aquatic disciplines. The official FINA Magazine has launched this election process in February 2010: the 202 FINA National Member Federations and the most appreciated aquatic experts could vote for the best ones between 2000 and 2009.

The upcoming issue of the “FINA Aquatics World Magazine”, with all the details of the voting, will be published this week. Just as in the pool, 14-time Olympic champion Michael Phelps (USA) won in the men’s swimming quite convincingly (collecting 75% of the votes). Among women, Inge de Bruijn (NED) – owner of seven individual Olympic medals – just edged out four-time Olympic champion Yana Klochkova (UKR).

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(First three in the Men's & Women's concurrences)

Swimming

Men

1. Michael Phelps (USA), 2. Grant Hackett (AUS), 3. Pieter van den Hoogenband (NED)

Women

1. Inge de Bruijn (NED), 2. Yana Klochkova (UKR), 3. Natalie Coughlin (USA)

Diving

Men

1. Dmitry Sautin (RUS), 2. Tian Liang (CHN), 3. He Chong (CHN)

Women

1. Jingjing Guo (CHN), 2. Wu Minxia (CHN), 3. Yulia Pakhalina (RUS)

Synchronised swimming

1. Anastasia Davydova (RUS), 2. Virginie Dedieu (FRA), 3. Olga Brusnikina (RUS)

Open water swimming

Men

1. Thomas Lurz (GER), 2. Petar Stoychev (BUL), 3. Maarten van der Weijden (NED)

Women

1. Larisa Ilchenko (RUS), 2. Edith van Dijk (NED), 3. Britta Kamrau (GER)

Water polo

Men

1. Tamas Kasas (HUN), 2. Peter Biro (HUN), 3. Aleksandar Sapic (SRB)

Women

1. Brenda Villa (USA), 2. Giusy Malato (ITA), 3. Danielle de Bruijn (NED)