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## FINA OPEN WATER SWIMMING GRAND PRIX 2011

### Stoychev (BUL) and Biagioli (ARG) untouchable in Santa Fe

On January 30, the second stage of the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix 2011 welcomed 25 participants to brave **the 57km race between Santa Fe and Coronda**, in Argentina.

Some big names in the world of open water prevailed in the hard-fought race with close but clean finishes. After a disappointing fourth place a week ago in Rosario, **Petar Stoychev** (BUL), who began his unstoppable reign over the Grand Prix ten years ago, emerged triumphant after an intense 8h14m41s. **Andrea Volpini** (ITA) managed to keep his momentum and finished second in 8h14m43s while teammate **Rodolfo Valenti** (ITA) crossed the finish line two seconds later, clocking 8h14m45s.

In a small field of just eight competitors, the women's race podium is the same as in Rosario. Buoyed by her success a week ago, **Cecilia Biagioli** (ARG) had a blistering pace that could not be matched, finishing a clear 19 minutes (8h15m27s) between herself and silver-medallist and compatriot **Pilar Geijo**, who clocked 8h34m26s. The consistency of Spain's **Esther Nunez Morera** was evident once again with a third place in a time of 8h41m01s.

### FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix 2011 calendar:

*Race 1: January 23, 2011 in Rosario (ARG, 15km)*

*Race 2: January 30, 2011 in Santa Fe-Coronda (ARG, 57km)*

**NEXT RACE: February 5, 2011 in Viedma (ARG, 12km)**

Race 4: February 13, 2011 in Hernandarias-Parana (ARG, 88km)

Race 5: April 23, 2011 in Sumidero Canyon (MEX, 15km)

Race 6: June 19, 2011 in Capri-Napoli (ITA, 36km)

Race 7: July 30, 2011 in Lac St. Jean (CAN, 32km)

Race 8: August 6, 2011 in Lake Memphremagog (CAN, 34km)

Race 9: August 7, 2011 in Sabac (SRB, 19km)

Race 10: August 14, 2011 in Ohrid Lake (MKD, 30km)

Race 11: TBC (UAE)