



FINA OPEN WATER SWIMMING GRAND PRIX 2009

Stoychev and Kamrau-Corestein take honours at Sumidero Canyon (MEX)

Lausanne (SUI), April 20, 2009 – Famous open water swimmers Peter Stoychev (BUL) and Britta Kamrau-Corestein (GER) won the fourth stage of the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix 2009 series held at the Sumidero Canyon in the Grijalva River (MEX) on April 18, where Stoychev imposed a new record for the 15km route with 3h09m49s.

A battle played out in the men's field, marked by powerful struggles along the route between Stoychev, Diego Nogueira (ESP), Ivan Lopez (MEX) and Michael Dimitriev (ISR), as the swimmers alternated in leading positions. But, with great physical and mental strength, Stoychev produced a spectacular and victorious finish to the race. Nogueira (ESP) was second, and Lopez (MEX) finished third.

For her part, Kamrau-Corestein won with a time of 3h24m25s. There was also a duel among the ladies for first place, but Angela Maurer (GER) was relegated to second, leaving the third spot to Daniela Inacio (POR).

After the competition, Stoychev said: "I did not, at any time, feel under pressure... but as the trip progressed I made my best effort to be able to deliver my final attack." The winner explained that "the effort made in the skills of open water is quite exhausting; you must have a physical and spiritual strength to succeed."

For Mexico, the Grand Prix was a selection for the FINA World Championships Rome 2009. Lopez, Manuel Chiu and Zaira Cardenas secured Rome classification.

Swimmers from 11 different nations raced on the Grijalva River, which, with its many greenish-blue hues, contributes to the distinctive natural beauty of the Canyon and its unique geological formations. Sumidero is considered an ecological reserve in Mexico and in the world.

MEDALLISTS IN SUMIDERO (MEX)

Men

1. Peter Stoychev (BUL) 3h09m49s
2. Diego Nogueira (ESP) 3h09m51s
3. Iván López (MEX) 3h09m53s

Women

1. Britta Kamrau (GER) 3h24m25s
2. Angela Maurer (GER) 3h24m26s
3. Daniela Inacio (POR) 3h24m32s