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FINA 10km MARATHON SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2012

Cunha (BRA) and Lurz (GER) dominate in Cancun 10 K race in Mexico

83 marathon swimmers (33 women and 50 men) took the departure in Cancun (MEX) on April 24 for the fourth stage of the **FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup 2012**.

Among the men's tough competitive field, "sprint" (5km) distance ace **Thomas Lurz** (GER) won the race in a time of 1h57m16s51. The 2011 World Cup winner faced pressure at the finish from reigning 10km World champion **Spyridon Gianniotis** (GRE), who touched home four hundredths of a second later, at 2h57m16s55. The Greek was closely followed by **Nicola Bolzonello** (ITA, second in Santos), who finished third in 2h57m16s56. Olympic champion in the 1500m freestyle **Oussama Mellouli** (TUN) made his first appearance in a FINA-sanctioned open water event, taking 11th.

The women's race also featured an experienced field of open water swimmers with 25km World champion **Ana Marcela Cunha** (BRA, third in Santos and first in Eilat) taking out the event in 2h09m14s78. Consistent performer **Angela Maurer** (GER, second in Santos and Eilat) powered home to take second in a time of 2h09m16s22 while **Martina Grimaldi** (ITA, first in Santos and third in Eilat) claimed third spot, clocking 2h09m19s04.

FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup 2012 calendar:

Race 1: January 29 in Santos (BRA)

Race 2: February 4 in Viedma (ARG)

Race 3: April 1 in Eilat (ISR)

Race 4: April 24 in Cancun (MEX)

NEXT RACE: July 26 in Lac St-Jean (CAN)

Race 6: August 11 in Lac Megantic (CAN)

Race 7: October 7 in Hong Kong (HKG)

Race 8: October 14 in Shantou (CHN)