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FINA BUREAU MEETING Cancun (MEX) – March 1-2, 2014

Cancun (MEX), March 2, 2014 – The first meeting of the FINA Bureau in 2014 took place in Cancun (MEX) on March 1-2, immediately after the organisation of the successful FINA World Water Polo Conference.

The main decisions taken by the FINA Bureau include:

- Appointment of the two new members of the Executive, in accordance with FINA Rules C 3.8 and C 17.9: Sam Ramsamy (Africa) and Dennis Miller (Oceania);
- Jihong Zhou (CHN) was appointed Chairman of the FINA Athletes Committee, while Minxia Wu (CHN) will integrate the FINA High Diving Commission;
- Approval of a new subtle redesign of the FINA logo, so that it can be more identifiable on FINA's events. The idea is to create a consistent message throughout all competitions, so that FINA's identity is more recognisable;
- Approval of the membership of the FINA's 204th FINA National Federation: Haiti;
- Establishment of FINA Swimming World Junior Records, within the following age limits: Boys – 15-18 years old; Girls – 14-17 years old. Target times shall be the Championships records after the 4th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2013 in Dubai (UAE);
- A new FINA General Management System (GMS) was approved that will facilitate the management of preparations and event operations for FINA events. The system will provide an essential tool for organising committees, National Federations and FINA in the co-ordination of key data related to event administration and operational processes;
- Following the FINA policy initiated in Barcelona 2013, raise of the prize money for the best athletes at the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m): starting from Doha 2014, the first six athletes in each event will be rewarded, bringing the total of prize money at US\$ 897,000 (plus US\$ 15,000 for each World Record).
- Award of the following 2015 and 2016 FINA events:
 - FINA Men's Water Polo World League Super Final 2015: **Bergamo or Roma (ITA)**
 - FINA World Women's Junior Water Polo Championships (20 & U) 2015: **Guadalajara (MEX)**
 - FINA World Men's Youth Water Polo Championships (18 & U) 2016: **Budva (MNE)**
 - FINA World Women's Youth Water Polo Championships (18 & U) 2016: **Auckland (NZL)**
 - OG Men's Water Polo Qualification Tournament 2016: **Florence (ITA)**
 - OG Women's Water Polo Qualification Tournament 2016: **Netherlands (city to confirm)**
 - FINA World Junior Diving Championships 2016: **Guadalajara (MEX)**
 - FINA World Junior Synchronised Swimming Championships 2016: **Guadalajara (MEX)**
 - FINA World Junior Open Water Swimming Championships 2016: **Guadalajara (MEX)**

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