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FINA 10km MARATHON SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2013

Reichert (GER) and Cunha (BRA) capture gold in Eilat (ISR)

The city of Eilat (ISR) welcomed 65 participants (33 men and 32 women) from 16 countries on March 1 for the third leg of the **FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup 2013**.

Christian Reichert (GER), who finished second of the 2012 World Cup series, took out the men's race in 1:53:29:50. Reichert beat compatriot and 2012 Olympic silver medallist over the distance **Thomas Lurz**, second with a time of 1:53:34:05. Rounding out the podium was **Alexander Meyer** (USA), clocking 1:53:38:00.

2012 World Cup winner **Ana Marcela Cunha** (BRA) was the best among women after powering home and racing for the win in a time of 2:02:53:15. The Brazilian improves from a second-place finish in Viedma (ARG, Race 2). German **Isabelle Harle's** silver medal was the positive discovery of the competition. Harle crossed the line at 2:02:53:40 which led to her first podium appearance in the World Cup series while 2012 Olympic bronze medallist **Martina Grimaldi** from Italy touched home exactly two seconds later for the bronze (2:02:55:40).

Full FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup 2013 calendar:

Race 1: January 27, 2013 in Santos (BRA)

Race 2: February 2, 2013 in Viedma (ARG)

Race 3: March 1, 2013 in Eilat (ISR)

NEXT RACE: April 13, 2013 in Cancun (MEX)

Race 5: July 25, 2013 in Lac St-Jean (CAN)

Race 6: August 10, 2013 in Lac Megantic (CAN)

Race 7: October 6, 2013 in Hong Kong (HKG)

Race 8: October 13, 2013 in Shantou (CHN)