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FINA OPEN WATER SWIMMING GRAND PRIX 2013

Ercoli (ITA) & Nunez (ESP) reach highest podium in Rosario

Rosario, in Argentina, welcomed 32 swimmers from 11 countries for the inaugural race of the **FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix 2013** on Sunday January 27.

In the 15km marathon event, Italy's **Simone Ercoli** emerged from a competitive field to win the race in a 1:51m:03.00 effort. His compatriot **Mario Sanzullo** took silver in 1:51:08.20, finishing ahead of home favourite **Guillermo Bertola**, who clocked 1:51:08.76.

Among women, the podium was exclusively European with Spain's **Esther Nunez** registering a clean win over main challengers **Karla Sitic** from Croatia and Russian **Olga Kozydub**. The Spanish touched first in 1h58m38s while second-place finisher Sitic completed the race in 2:01:14.00. Kozydub secured the bronze in a time of 2:01:16.00.

Full FINA Open Water Swimming GP 2013 calendar

Race 1: January 27, 2013 in Rosario (ARG)

NEXT RACE: February 3, 2013 in Santa Fe-Coronda (ARG)

Race 3: February 10, 2013 in Hernandarias-Parana (ARG)

Race 4: April 20, 2013 in Cancun (MEX)

Race 5: July 27, 2013 in Lac St-Jean (CAN)

Race 6: August 3, 2013 in Lac Magog (CAN)

Race 7: August 24, 2013 in Ohrid Lake (MKD)

Race 8: September 1, 2013 in Capri-Napoli (ITA)