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### FINA 10KM MARATHON SWIMMING WORLD CUP Lurz (GER) and Brunemann (USA), the best in 2013

**Lausanne (SUI), October 5, 2013** – Germany's Thomas Lurz, among men, and US Emily Brunemann, in the women's field, were the overall winners of the 2013 FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup, after the completion of the eighth and final race of the season, on October 5 in Hong Kong (HKG).

In Asian waters, Lurz finished in the seventh position, but the comfortable advance he had in the overall ranking before the Hong Kong rendezvous was enough to secure the title – the German star finished the circuit with a total of 100 points, better than France's Romain Beraud (86) and Allan do Carmo (BRA, third with 78 points).

Lurz had accumulated two victories throughout the year – in Shantou (CHN) and Lac Mégantic (CAN) -, and two silver medals, while Beraud had won the first two races of the circuit, in Santos (BRA) and Viedma (ARG). Lurz, one of the best open water swimmers in history, had already triumphed in the 2009 and 2011 edition of the series. Beraud gets its first podium at this level, while Allan do Carmo was second in 2009 and third in 2010 and 2012.

In the women's classification, Emily Brunemann was also the favourite for the overall win, and despite her 10<sup>th</sup> place in Hong Kong, she was first in the final ranking with 107 points. Martina Grimaldi, from Italy, was second with 98 points, while Brazil's Ana Marcela Cunha concluded the 2013 series with 96 points.

Brunemann, who got the gold in the first two races of the year, obtained her first success in these Series, while Grimaldi, 2013 world champion in the 25km, has also her first podium presence in this competition. Cunha was the winner of the overall ranking in 2010 and 2012.

In Hong Kong, the best athletes in action were, in the men's race, Samuel de Bona, from Brazil, who completed the 10km in 1h53m34s – he was closely followed by Beraud in 1h53m35s5, and by Rhys Mainstone-Hodson (AUS), touching home 0.1 after the French silver medallist. In the women's event, the gold went to Poliana Okimoto, also from Brazil, in a time of 2h02m48s. Grimaldi got the silver in 2h02m57s, with Lei Shan, from China, earning bronze in 2h02m58.

#### 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)*
- Race 4: 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: September 29, 2013 in Shantou (CHN)*
- Race 8: October 5, 2013 in Hong Kong (HKG)*

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