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Editor's Note

The Masters Swimming scene has been hectic these past months with swimmers preparing for events all over the World. The largest, of course is the **Third FINA/MSI World Masters Championships** commencing on **August 7th**. The same week is the **MSI Congress**. At this Congress, officers of M.S.I. will be elected for a two year term, along with the Area Directors for Oceania, North America, South America, Asia and Europe. The agenda for this meeting appears later in this newsletter.

The FINA Masters Swimming Committee members have been busy also, following their meeting in Taiwan in May. Some FINA Masters rules were discussed and their decisions and revisions were forwarded to the Secretary of FINA.

The FINA MSC decided to defer any decisions on entry qualifications for World Championships until after Rio. It will be of interest to receive feedback on discussions on entry restrictions which will obviously flow from the M.S.I. Congress in Rio. My personal opinion is that the numbers attending World Championships will be self regulating. They are governed by aspects other than a desire to attend and a swimming goal. Economic climate, tourist potential of the host country, political stability, safety, all play a part in decision making.

Of great delight in the Masters scene was the recent invitational USSR Masters Championships in June. USSR have made enquiries about joining M.S.I. In a letter to the President, the President of Soviet Masters, Igor Zaseda stated: "We are pleased to inform you that the Association of sport swimming Masters has been created in the USSR. It united swimming clubs masters of many cities in our country ... New political thinking, perestroika, allowed to change radically many sides of our life, including such freedom to create various unions and go abroad to different competitions for veteran sport." - Welcome USSR.

This newsletter hopes to entice you to Indianapolis after Rio; tells you a little about the Masters Swimming movement in Brazil; and introduces you to the world of our Recorders.

Happy reading, and remember - keep those subscriptions coming in.

GLENYS McDONALD

FINA Masters Swimming Committee

D. Scales (Chairman) Great Britain; A. Shaw FINA; Lin Min Shan, Taiwan; A. Knudsen, Norway; N. Sidate, Senegal; T. Logan, New Zealand; G. Knowles, Canada; J. Urreta, Mexico; G. Burke, Guam; H. Schluch, Federal Republic of Germany; J. Krauser, United States of America.

CORRECTION:

USMS LONG COURSE CHAMP at Woodlands, Texas are August 17-20.

Countrywide

This segment is devoted to learning a little about the member countries of M.S.I. and how they run Masters Swimming. Hopefully, we will all learn from each other and be able to identify our similarities and perhaps gain a better understanding for the reasons for our differences and difficulties.

Brazil

Brazil is the largest country in South America, with an area of approx. 8,550 km² (about half of the continent), and there are about 160 million inhabitants.

Brazil is divided into 22 States and four (4) Territories, and the official language is Portuguese, although the rest of South America speaks Spanish.

Masters Swimming started in Brazil in 1980 in a small way, with about 200 people attending swim meets. But they had five Brazilian Meets, all held in Rio and run by (FARJ) Rio de Janeiro Aquatic Federation. The meets only catered for 50m events in all four strokes plus a 400m Freestyle. The relays were male and female, not mixed.

Then in 1984, Sylvio Kelly dos Santos started a movement to found Associacao Brasileira de Masters de Natacao, and it was a success from the start. The numbers of swimmers increased, (as did the workload). Brazil has about 50 clubs and are approaching 1,500 members.

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Two National Championships – the Autumn and the Spring Brazilian Championships guarantee that membership numbers keep growing.

Like many Masters countries the administration usually relies on volunteers and a catalyst. Sylvio is the backbone, described by Marlene Pinto Mendes as "an incredibly active person, who manages to think of everything; find sponsors; solves all problems; and goes here and there at the same time." (Sound familiar?)

Maria, herself is Secretary and currently attending all the International and Brazilian correspondence, and documentation. Then to quote Maria comes Treasurer Leonardo Nogueira "who looks after our money, which is always short in our country".

Maria goes on to say that as Brazil is a country in development, the political situation is not good, and as a consequence sponsors are often difficult to find and most of the organisation is run by voluntary work. A lot of the work for the Third World Swim is attended to by volunteers, but some staff had to be hired to assist.

Brazil does not have qualifying times as they encourage all swimmers to join them and they all feel welcome at the Brazilian Championships. The great majority of swimmers become a member of the Association paying a small amount each year to help the Association run the meets, *although it is not compulsory*.

There is a small newspaper, published at every National Championship with the latest swimming news, medical notes, and events in swimming.

Maria Helena Padilla Costa looks after the Brazilian records and the Top Ten; and Flavio Heleno Figueiredo keeps an ambulance at the pool with emergency equipment in case it is needed.

So when you visit Brazil and experience the Third World Championships, just appreciate how far Masters Swimming has come since 1980. Take the opportunity to visit clubs in the following regions: S. Paulo; Parana; Minas Gerais; Bahia; Sta. Catarina; Rio Grande do Sul, and not forgetting Rio Masters.

My thanks to Maria Mendes for this information at such a busy time.

M.S.I. Congress – Rio 6th August, 1990

The Congress of M.S.I. will meet at the Maracano Swimming Centre, Rio de Janeiro, on Monday 6th August, 1990. The Council of M.S.I. comprising the President, Treasurer, Championship Chair and the directors of each division, will meet on Sunday, August 5th.

At any time during the two days prior to the start of the FINA/MSI Championships until its final day, the affiliated members of each division shall meet to elect a director.

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Any member country or member of the Council may submit proposed amendments by the closing date.

Nominations for Office.

Nominations for President, Treasurer, Chairperson of the Championship Committee may be submitted by facsimile (61 2 428 0091) attention Gary Stutsel. Final nominations will be accepted during the Congress.

Fees.

Member countries are reminded that 1990 fees are payable by April 30 or membership lapses to associate status.

AGENDA

Call to Order

Certification of notices appointing delegates

Admission of new affiliate members

Declaration of quorum

Confirmation of Minutes of Brisbane 1988 Congress and Indianapolis 1989 Special Congress

Minutes of Council Meeting

Financial Report

President's Report

Championship Chairman's Report:

- Rule changes
- Approval of bids to conduct FINA/MSI Championships
- Questions of concern in competition

Report of the Legal Counsel:

- Proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws
- Other matters of concern

Recorder's report

Publicity Chairperson's Report

Unfinished Business

Motions submitted by the Council

Motions submitted by the affiliated members

Election of Officers

New Business

Close.

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AUSTRALIA

4th World Masters Championships, Indianapolis, U.S.A. June 26-July 5, 1992

The first flyers have already appeared enticing us to start planning for 1992. The swim will be held at the **Indiana University Natatorium** and the official airline is USAir.

I was lucky enough to visit Indianapolis when it was host to the Third Pan Pacific Masters in October 1989, and I can assure you that Indianapolis is a city well worth a visit. For many Indianapolis may not conjure up the same romance as Rio de Janeiro, but it is a first class venue for both the dedicated swimmer and the tourist.

Little known outside the USA except as the site of the '500' car race, Indianapolis has many surprises for the tourist, young and old. Less than 20 years ago it was a dull, deteriorating city known as "India-no-place" or "Naptown". Since then it has become the amateur sports capital of the USA with facilities (over \$142m worth) equalled only by those in Los Angeles. Whilst these facilities were being developed, the city's cultural institutions were also developing. The five floor **Children's Museum** is the world's largest and still expanding. It's carousel is a dedicated national monument, and the

water clock is a work of art. To see "time flow" from 12.59pm to 1.10pm is worth the effort of a visit, even if one sees nothing else. The Museum of Art, the Opera Company, the Ballet and the Symphony Orchestra have all brought accolades to the City.

Due to its central location, Indianapolis is a convention city with the largest convention centre in the USA. This, and careful city planning has led to the building of new hotels, office buildings, restaurants and stores.

The old Union Station terminal, largest in the USA has been restored and converted into a hotel/restaurant/ take away food court, at a cost of \$60m. The bar is said to be the most beautiful in the USA, and I can vouch for the magical old world atmosphere.

Indianapolis is a city where one can walk the streets at night in small groups and feel comfortably safe. Its people are open, friendly and sociable, with business and life moving at a slower pace than in megatropolises of Los Angeles and New York. The bus services are reliable, clean and even the many civil war monuments and historical statues are scrubbed.

For those with time to venture farther afield, Indianapolis is ideally situated at the crossroads of America. By plane, bus or car, you can head north to the Great Lakes, Chicago, and Niagara Falls; east to Boston, New York and the Civil War States; south to Kentucky, Nashville, New Orleans or Florida and west to St. Louis, Kansas, the Rocky Mountains and California.

Indianapolis was disappointed with the numbers attending the Pan Pacific Championships, so let us not disappoint them again. They certainly deserve your support. The Pan Pacifics were a well run short course event. Massage teams were on hand to ensure swimmers had every advantage, and some of us lazy swimmers just enjoyed the opportunity to get some of the jet lag ironed out.

1,100 swimmers entered the Pan Pacifics, but a disappointing aspect was the amount of scratchings which left 1,587 empty lanes!!!! However it was a leisurely run meet where the primary objectives of fitness and friendship were paramount. I had a few personal disappointments on the lack of protocol extended to M.S.I. for what was their Pan Pacific event, and I hope this will not be repeated in 1992.

Dr Ransom J Arthur

It was a proud moment recently when United States Masters Swimming saw the late Dr Ransom Arthur inducted into the **INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME**. Dr Arthur is the first Masters Swimmer so honoured, and justly so for his dream of adults swimming for fun, fitness and fellowship has mushroomed into the physical fitness explosion of today.

Masters World Records

Masters Swimming International has kept all event and age group World Records since it was constituted. First of all Peter Gillett kept the records, to be joined by Judy Ford doing the Short Course. Tom Logan, Area Director for Oceania helped out with the official forms.

As you can appreciate, the records are a painstaking and time consuming task undertaken by volunteers on our behalf. The recorders lot can be a happy one, making new friends and keeping in touch with world events, like the recent postcards of the demolition of the Berlin Wall with the last lot of German records. The recorders lot can also be far from happy if countries do not follow the proper format, or seek to blame the Recorder for some inclusion or exclusion of records.

At the Special MSI Congress in Indianapolis in 1989 the World Records were discussed with the FINA representatives. It was decided that MSI should recommend to FINA that MSI continue to document and compile the Masters World Records and certify the results to FINA for the issuing of Certificates of Recognition.



Peter Gillett

It is the failure of this Certificate of Recognition to materialise that causes our Recorders most concern, and it was pleasing to note that the FINA MSC at their recent meeting in Taiwan intend to follow this matter up. M.S.I. would like to see joint recognition on any Certificate, and designs are to be put to FINA for approval.

The Recorders ask that Countries abide by the criteria laid down, and their tasks will be simple. Also that 42 new world records are not handed to him at a World Swim but are processed in time to make our records at World Swims meaningful.

MASTERS WORLD RECORD APPLICATION FORM FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE NATATION AMATEUR MASTERS SWIMMING INTERNATIONAL

1 EVENT Male/Female/Mixed (Circle One)

2 OFFICIAL TIME

3 AGE GROUP

4 DATE OF SWIM Name Month

5 POOL LENGTH Short course 25 metres only.

6 Confirmation of pool length by a responsible person to be attached. Long course 50 metres only.

7 LOCATION OF OFFICIAL SANCTIONED MASTERS MEET

..... Pool City

..... 9 Sex 10 Date of Birth (Name month)

8 NAME OF SWIMMER M/F

11 RELAY TEAM NAMES1 M/F

(In order of competing) 2 M/F

3 M/F

4 M/F

12 Show given and family name. Photostat of birth certificate or passport to accompany application.

13 CLUB NAME

14 COUNTRY

15 ELECTRONIC TIME

16 NON ELECTRONIC TIME (Three digital watches required.)

1 2 3

17 Photostat of time record to be attached.

18 SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL

19 PRINTED NAME OF THIS OFFICIAL

20 OFFICIAL TITLE (Chief Timekeeper or Referee)

21 DATE

22 NATIONAL RECORDER

23 Name 24 Forwarded for ratification

25 Address

26 Country 27 Signature Date Name Month

MSI RECORDER Long Course/Short Course Approved/Not Approved

Reason for Non Approval

Signature Date

FINA BUREAU Ratified/Not Ratified

Reason for Non Ratification

Signature Date

Form No. MS11.1 Amended form issued March 1990. Items numbered to assist translation

MASTERS WORLD SWIMMING RECORDS

GENERAL

World records for Masters are recognised by F.I.N.A. and M.S.I. in both long course (50 metre pools only) and short course (25 metre pools only).

Length of pool must be confirmed by a responsible person. Performances must be registered at an official Masters meet. No time trials or staged events are permitted.

All events must be swum under FINA rules as applied to Masters swimming.

EVENTS AND AGE GROUPING

The following events and age groups are recognised:

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS – for men and women.

Freestyle – 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m.

Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly – 50m, 100m and 200m.

Individual Medley – 100m (short course only), 200m and 400m.

Age Groups 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, 65 to 69,
(in years) 70 to 74, 75 to 79, 80 to 84, 85 to 89, 90 and over.

RELAY EVENTS

4 x 50m Freestyle for men and women.

4 x 50m Medley for men and women.

4 x 50m Mixed Freestyle for 2 men and 2 women.

4 x 50m Mixed Medley for 2 men and 2 women.

Age Groups Relay age groups are calculated on the total age of team members (in whole years only) as follows:

100 years and over

120 years and over

160 years and over

200 years and over

240 years and over

280 years and over

ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must be financial members of a swimming club affiliated to MSI or FINA. Relay teams must be made up of four swimmers each properly registered with a single club. Swimmers may swim for only one club at any particular meet.

TIMING

- a. Electronic timing will take precedence.
- b. If non-electronic, three digital watches are required and all three times must be submitted.
- c. Meet timing record or photostat of same is to be attached to application form.
- d. Masters records are maintained in both electronic and manual times to 1/100th second, (two decimal places).

APPLICATIONS

Applications for records should be lodged on Form No. MS11.1 by the Meet Director with the National Masters Recorder of the country concerned within **thirty days** of the event. The application is to be endorsed by either the Chief Timekeeper or the Referee of the meet. The National Recorder is to verify the details of the applicant and ensure that all documentation is complete including:

- a. Confirmation of length of pool.
- b. Proof of date of birth.
- c. Timing record

and then forward application to the MSI Recorder concerned within 6 months of day of performance.

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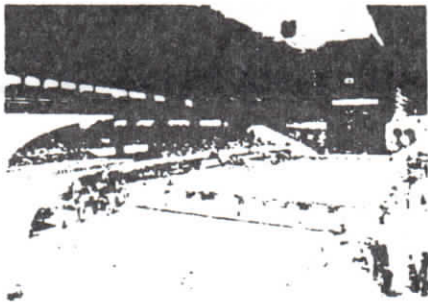
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The MSI Recorder will decide whether to approve the record application. If approved, application is to be forwarded to the next FINA Bureau meeting for ratification and publication. MSI Recorders are to inform National Recorders of the result of each application. If after publication, an error is detected, the swimmer has the right to appeal for a correction within 5 months of publication date.

WELCOME

TO
1991 / 4th
**Pan Pacific Masters
Swimming Championships**



SWIMMING:

July 12 - 17, 1991
Yoyogi Olympic Diving Pool(50m), Tokyo

DIVING:

July 16 - 17, 1991
Yoyogi Olympic Diving Pool, Tokyo

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July 18 - 21, 1991

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