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NEW YEAR, New Face of LEN

In the short period between the publication of the last Circular in the autumn of 2003, LEN has taken some momentous steps.

Our new website was launched at the beginning of February. This 'living' site will not only give current information, but also more and more background statistical matter is being incorporated, as well as up-to-the minute information for future events. This site has been created by the LEN office in Rome and is being administered and maintained there, thus ensuring rapid turnaround of information – vital in today's society.

Later in the year the offices will move from the current Stadio Olimpico accommodation in Rome to its own private building just a few kilometres away. The decision for LEN to have its property was taken for both practical and financial reasons and I am pleased to advise the contract is now signed and the office will be 'on the move' this summer.

Perhaps the 'newest' innovation of this quarter has been the formulation of a concise ten-year plan for LEN, by which our aspirations and progress can be measured. Currently this is being finalised, with its continent-wide circulation envisaged for the late spring.

It is with a fresh outlook for LEN I write this first letter of 2004, and indeed this familiar Circular will change its face too very shortly !

Meanwhile, the excitement of competitive sport continues. The Short Course Championships in Dublin (IRL) showed us our swimmers are in record breaking form at the moment, already our major Diving event of the year has taken place in Stockholm (SWE) and now we are driving towards Madrid (ESP) in May and our 27th European Swimming Championships. This Event being our last major step on the road to Athens 2004 – when the Olympiad comes 'home' to Europe. What a marvellous year we in LEN have much to look forward to!

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Dublin (IRL) 11 - 14 December 2003

EUROPEAN SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2003

The Irish welcome of Cead Mile Failte - one hundred thousand welcomes - were bestowed on the ONE THOUSAND LEN VISITORS to Dublin's fair city ! 500 swimmers hit the blocks from 41 Federations and 500 support staff and visitors were there with them.

The City of Dublin and the Championship delighted in the presence of the family of European swimming and the whole body of the event was honoured to welcome the President of Ireland Mrs Mary McAleese to both the Championships and Dublin's spectacular new swimming complex.



President Bartolo CONSOLO and Hon. Secretary Sven FOLVIK with eleven smiling LEN Prize Money winners - from left to right : Milorad CAVIC (SCG), Pieter v.d.HOOGENBAND (NED), Thomas RUPPRATH (GER), Ian EDMUND (GBR), James GIBSON (GBR), Laszlo CSEH (HUN) and Alenka KEJZAR (SLO), Mirna JUKIC (AUT), Martina MORAVCOVA (SVK), Melanie MARSHALL (GBR), Antje BUSCHSCHULTE (GER).

WINNERS of LEN PRIZE MONEY for the BEST PERFORMANCES of the CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN	Prize Money	WOMEN	Prize Money
Milorad CAVIC	(SCG) Euro 5,000	Antje BUSCHSCHULTE	(GER) Euro 6,500
Thomas RUPPRATH	(GER) Euro 3,500	Komarova STANISLAVA	(RUS) Euro 3,000
Pieter v.d. HOOGENBAND	(NED) Euro 3,000	Melanie MARSHALL	(GBR) Euro 3,000
Laszlo CSEH	(HUN) Euro 1,500	Martina MORAVCOVA	(SVK) Euro 1,500
James GIBSON	(GBR) Euro 1,500	Mirna JUKIC	(AUT) Euro 1,500
Ian EDMUND	(GBR) Euro 1,500	Alenka KEJZAR	(SLO) Euro 1,500

Based on Men's and Women's Short Course Performance Ratings compiled by Nick Thierry (Swimnews)

Medals Table

Fed	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
GER	7	6	8	21
GBR	7	6	1	14
NED	5	1	2	8
SLO	3	1	1	5
HUN	3	-	1	4
SWE	2	5	-	7
RUS	2	3	2	7
FRA	2	-	2	4
FIN	2	-	1	3
ITA	1	3	3	7
UKR	1	2	4	7
CZE	1	2	1	4
SCG	1	1	-	2
SVK	1	1	-	2
AUT	1	-	3	4
ESP	1	-	1	2
BLR	-	1	3	4
SUI	-	1	1	2
CRO	-	1	-	1
IRL	-	1	-	1
ISL	-	1	-	1
DEN	-	-	2	2
POL	-	-	2	2
LTU	-	-	1	1

Team Points

FED	Men	Women	TOTAL
GER	121	131	252
GBR	105	95	200
RUS	90	53	143
NED	61	66	127
SWE	37	85	122
ITA	53	24	77
UKR	57	8	65
SLO	33	28	61
HUN	23	33	56
FRA	22	33	55
FIN	33	10	43
DEN	2	39	41
CZE	13	27	40
AUT	10	24	34
BLR	5	29	34
ESP	4	29	33
POL	15	18	33
CRO	21	7	28
SUI	19	1	20
SCG	16	-	16
SVK	-	16	16
GRE	5	9	14
ISL	13	-	13
LTU	11	-	11
EST	-	9	9
IRL	8	-	8
ROM	5	-	5
NOR	3	-	3
BUL	2	-	2
LAT	2	-	2
MKD	-	2	2
BEL	-	1	1

EUROPEAN SHORT COURSE RECORDS BROKEN IN DUBLIN

MEN

200 m Freestyle	1:41.89	Pieter v.d. HOOGENBAND	(NED)
1500 m Freestyle	14:31.82	Yuri PRILUKOV	(RUS)
200 m Breaststroke	2:05.63	Ian EDMUND	(GBR)
°100 m Butterfly (WR)	50.02	Milorad CAVIC	(SCG)
400 m Individual Medley	4:04.10	Laszlo CSEH	(HUN)
* 4x50 m Freestyle Relay	1:25.55	Veens, Kenkhuis, Damen, vd Hoogenband	(NED)
* 4x50 m Medley Relay	1:34.46	Rupprath, Warnecke Friedrich, Dehmlow	(GER)

WOMEN

200 m Backstroke	2:04.23	Antje BUSCHSCHULTE	(GER)
* 4x50 m Freestyle Relay	1:37.52	Schreuder, Kosten, Groot, Veldhuis	(NED)
		°World Record	*World Best Times

Best newcomers of the European Short Course Championships 2003

Media present in Dublin were invited to vote for one female and one male up-and-coming new contender who, although have never previously gamed a medal, hold the most potential for the future

MEN

Milorad CAVIC (SCG)

WOMEN

Malia METELLA (FRA)

The winners were awarded a LEN Prize of Euro 1,500 each and given all good wishes for their future swimming career

RESULT OF MEDIA COMPETITION

PRIZEWINNER OF AN OMEGA 'SEAMASTER' WATCH
Christoph Fischer
(Sport Information Deutschland)

Q. What will be the Winning time of the 100m Freestyle Men race ?

A. 47.15 - an equalled Championship Record time swum by Pieter v.d. HOOGENBAND (NED)

Two members of the 100+ Members of the Media present in Dublin submitted the correct time

John RUMMENS (BBC TV sport) & Christoph Fischer (Sport Information Deutschland)
A Draw was made and Christoph Fischer was the lucky man

OMEGA 'Seamaster' watches presented daily to the Top Performers

Day 1	Jani SIEVINEN	(FIN)	200m Ind. Medley	1:55.40	Championship Record
° Day 2	Milorad CAVIC	(SCG)	100m Butterfly	50.02	World Record
Day 3	Franck ESPOSITO	(FRA)	200m Butterfly	1:51.98	Championship Record
	and Pieter v.d. HOOGENBAND	(NED)	100m Freestyle	46.81	Championship Record
Day 4	Thomas RUPPRATH	(GER)	100m Backstroke	50.72	Championship Record
Congratulations to each athlete on their outstanding swims and thank you to the Omega Brand of Swiss Timing for rewarding them with an Omega 'Seamaster' watch					



Franck Esposito (FRA)

Vienna (AUT) 9 - 12 December 2004

EUROPEAN SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004



Vienna and the Stadthalle are now on course for the eighth edition of the end-of-year swimming spectacular.

The Organising Committee is in place, many of whom are the same well known and respected members who worked with LEN in staging the 1995 European Championships.

Early Reminder !

Preliminary entries due 15 September 2004

Final entries due 29 November 2004



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RESULTS

Stockholm (SWE) 7 –8 February 2004

ARENA® DIVING CHAMPIONS CUP

Four years and four times successful Championships in Stockholm for the European Diving Family, LEN and its partners Arena and Omega !

The Organising Committee and the City of Stockholm are thanked and congratulated on the smooth running and warm hospitality of this Championship and for making the family of diving feel so much 'at home' over these years. In particular this year, as they were able to take advantage of the new hotel complex just

steps away from the pool, which gave them all a welcome short route during the cold and snowy Scandinavian winter time.

Though within the four year term European diving has not been so successful as a whole worldwide, with Ukraine, Russia and Germany sitting at the top of the ladder, it is encouraging to see other Federations 'edging' their way up the points table. To support this, five different Federations gained first places this year in Stockholm.

Summary of Top Ten Diving Federations 2001 – 2004

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2001	UKR	GER	RUS	ITA	GBR	SWE	AUT	ESP	BLR	FRA
2002	GER	UKR	RUS	GBR	ESP	ITA	SWE	GRE	FIN	AUT
2003	UKR	GER	ITA	RUS	GRE	ESP	GBR	BLR	ROM	FIN
2004	UKR	RUS	GER	ITA	GRE	GBR	SWE	BLR	ESP	AUT

With the experience of awarding the staging of this event to one city for a fixed period of four years, LEN is ready to allocate the Arena Diving Champions Cup to a fixed venue for 2005 – 2008 and negotiations are continuing with bidding host cities.

TOTAL TEAM RANKING

Fed	Total Points
UKR	87
RUS	85
GER	65
ITA	63
GRE	59
GBR	41
SWE	41
BLR	38
ESP	37
AUT	24
HUN	16
FIN	15
SUI	12
FRA	9
ARM	4
POL	4
CRO	1

Champions Cup Winners 2004 - Men

10 m Platform	Roman VOLODKOV	UKR
10m Synchro'	Roman VOLODKOV Anton ZAKHAROV	UKR
3m Springboard	Vassily LISSOVSKY	RUS
3m Synchro'	Nicola MARCONI Tommaso MARCONI	ITA

Champions Cup Winners 2004 - Women

10 m Platform	Olena ZHUPINA	UKR
10m Synchro'	Nora SUBSCHINSKI Annett GAMM	GER
3m Springboard	Anna LINDBERG	SWE
3m Synchro'	Anna LOOZE Natalia UMYSKOVA	RUS

* PRIZES *

LEN, together with Partners and Sponsors Arena and Omega, gave Prize Money to the value of 12.000 Euro for Europe's top divers in Stockholm

Individual Cash Prizes were presented to the winners of each event
plus
Team Cash Prizes for the three top-placed teams

' Best Performances'

Swiss Timing through their brand OMEGA – LEN's official Timing and Data handling supplier – presented an Omega 'Seamaster' watch to each athlete who gained the highest points for an individual dive

3m Men Vassily LISSOVSKY (RUS) 79.05 points for Dive 107B	10m Men Oleg VIKOULOV (RUS) 90.06 points for Dive 5255B	3m Women Anna LINDBERG (SWE) 72.00 points for Dive 405B	10m Women Anja RICHTER (AUT) 77.52 points for Dive 5253B
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The Home Federation of Sweden delighted in the 3m Springboard victory of Anna LINDBERG (SWE) - centre joined on the podium by Natalia UMYSKOVA (RUS) - left and Tania CAGNOTTO (ITA) - right

European Water Polo Club Cup Competitions

There are exciting times for all clubs still involved in the European Water Polo Club Cup Competitions, season 2003/2004. With just two rounds left in the Preliminary Rounds of the **EURO LEAGUE**, practically none of the teams are certain qualified to the Quarter Finals. Everything is still open and all is possible, as until now only two teams, C.A. BARCELONETA (ESP) and Jadran HERCEG NOVI (SCG) retained their unbeaten status.

In **Group A**, the Russian squad of Shturm 2002 CHEHOV with a recent win against C.N. SABADELL (ESP) is topping the Group. After a promising start both Spandau 04 BERLIN (GER) and C.N. SABADELL (ESP) were held, and now having the same number of points will have an interesting head to head race. Primorje RIJEKA (CRO) can still qualify, in case they win their remaining two games and the other results will eventually lean their way.

In **Group B**, C.N. BARCELONA (ESP) is unbeaten and leading the table. Vasas Plaket BUDAPEST (HUN) are firmly second, and with good chances to qualify. However, Olympiakos PIRAEUS (GRE) can still strongly hope, apparently only Partizan BELGRADE (SCG) are out of the race.

In **Group C**, the situation is similar to the one in Group A. A minimal advantage for Primorac Jugopetrol KOTOR (SCG), closely followed by HAVK Mladost ZAGREB (CRO) and Olympic NICE (FRA) with the same number of points. The Hungarians of BVSC Brendon BUDAPEST (HUN) are waiting as a predator, ready to jump in case the other will fail.

In **Group D**, the other unbeaten side, Jadran HERCEG NOVI is on the top. The other three teams, Jug DUBROVNIK (CRO), Honved Domino BUDAPEST (HUN) and Lukoil Spartak VOLGOGRAD (RUS) are all still contenders to qualify for the Quarter Finals.

With the present situation, it is just normal that the two last days of the competition in this stage will be decisive, with each and every single second of high importance. Certainly we will be not short of excitement, tension, battle and high level display. Altogether, the beauties of water polo.

GROUP A

1. Shturm 2002 CHEHOV	5 points
2. Spandau 04 BERLIN	4 points
3. C.N. SABADELL	4 points
4. Primorje RIJEKA	3 points

GROUP B

1. C.A. BARCELONETA	7 points
2. Vasas Plaket BUDAPEST	5 points
3. Olympiakos PIRAEUS	3 points
4. Partizan BELGRADE	1 point

GROUP C

1. Primorac Jugopetrol KOTOR	5 points
2. HAVK Mladost ZAGREB	4 points
3. Olympic NICE	4 points
4. BVSC Brendon BUDAPEST	3 points

GROUP D

1. Jadran HERCEG NOVI	7 points
2. Jug DUBROVNIK	4 points
3. Honved Domino BUDAPEST	3 points
4. Lukoil Spartak VOLGOGRAD	3 points

In the **LEN TROPHY** Quarter Finals one significant surprise was registered, as the Greek side of VOULIAGMENI N.C. eliminated the better quoted club of Ferencvaros BUDAPEST (HUN). Nevertheless, the favourites all passed the round, the draw for the Semi-Finals resulting as follows:

C.N. BARCELONA Nofer (ESP) vs V.K. Jadran Deltron SPLIT (CRO)
VOULIAGMENI N.C. (GRE) vs V.K. NIS Classic (SCG)

Semi-Finals to be played over two legs, teams proceeding to the Finals to be staged on the 14th April (1st leg) and 28th April respectively (2nd leg).

The **WOMEN CHAMPIONS CUP** competition is also preparing for the Semi-Final Rounds. Four out of the eleven teams starting in the Preliminary Rounds, have qualified for the above mentioned phase, where they will join the five clubs already qualified. Mediterrani BARCELONA (ESP), Slavia PLZEN (CZE), ASPTT NANCY (FRA) and Lumio HET RAVIJN (NED) passed the preliminaries, the draw for the Semi-Final Rounds resulting as follows:

Group D to be played in Catania	Group E to be played in Dunaujvaros
Orizzonte CATANIA (ITA) VOULIAGMENI N.C. (GRE) Mediterrani BARCELONA (ESP) ASPTT NANCY (FRA)	Kinef KIRISHI (RUS) University of DUNAUJVAROS (HUN) A.N.C. GLYFADA Renault (GRE) Lumio HET RAVIJN (NED) Slavia PLZEN (CZE)

The **WOMEN LEN TROPHY** registered a record number of entries this season. Fourteen (14) clubs competed in the Preliminary Rounds divided in two Groups, Madrid (ESP) and Eindhoven (NED) being the venues. SKIF MOSCOW (RUS), Olympiakos PIRAEUS (GRE), C.C. ORTIGIA (ITA) and C.N. SABADELL (ESP) went through this stage, and the competition will continue with the Semi-Final Rounds, as follows:

Group C to be played in Sabadell	Group D to be played in Szentes
C.N. SABADELL (ESP) Poseithonas PATRA (GRE) Polar Bears EDE (NED) SKIF MOSCOW (RUS)	Hungerit SZENTESI V.K. (HUN) Uralochka ZLATOUST (RUS) C.C. ORTIGIA (ITA) Olympiakos PIRAEUS (GRE)

QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENTS

EUROPEAN 'B' WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN

14-16 May
Rio Maior (POR)

Portugal
Ireland
Moldova
Switzerland

EUROPEAN 'B' WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS WOMEN

14-16 May

Group A Odense (DEN) Denmark Ireland Israel Switzerland	Group B Obrenovac (SCG) Serbia & Montenegro Belarus Croatia Portugal
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EUROPEAN JUNIOR WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN

5-9 May

Group A Aix les Bains (FRA) France Great Britain Ireland Israel Portugal Switzerland	Group B Gorzow (POL) Poland Belarus Czech Rep. Netherlands Romania Turkey	Group C Sofia (BUL) Bulgaria Cyprus Georgia Slovenia Ukraine
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Olympic, World and European Champion Tamas Kasas, back in Hungary with the team of Vasas Plaket BUDAPEST, showed a fine display against Partizan BELGRADE (SCG) on day 4 of the Euro League.



Madrid (ESP) 5 - 16 May 2004

EUROPEAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004

**The countdown clock is ticking !
The twenty-seventh European Swimming Championships are just weeks away.**

The City of Madrid and the Royal Spanish Swimming Federation have already hosted LEN meetings this year to ensure joint close co-operation. This European Championships are unique, in that the host Federation Organisers have a LEN committee member closely involved in each of the Organising Committee work-

ing groups for each discipline. In addition, LEN's newly appointed Public Relations Agency BELL POTTINGER is acting jointly with the Spanish Organising Committee Press and Public Relations company TINKLE to ensure the world's media are catered for with professionalism and to ensure the championships and our European athletes are widely promoted. With such combined expertise, both in event management and promotion, the European Swimming Championships of LEN 2004 have a great air of expectancy about them.



*His Majesty King Juan Carlos I
President of the Committee of Honour of Madrid 2004 European Swimming Championships*

DEADLINE DATES NAMED ENTRIES DUE

Synchronised Swimming - 25 April
Diving - 28 April
Swimming - 30 April
Open Water Swimming - 2 May

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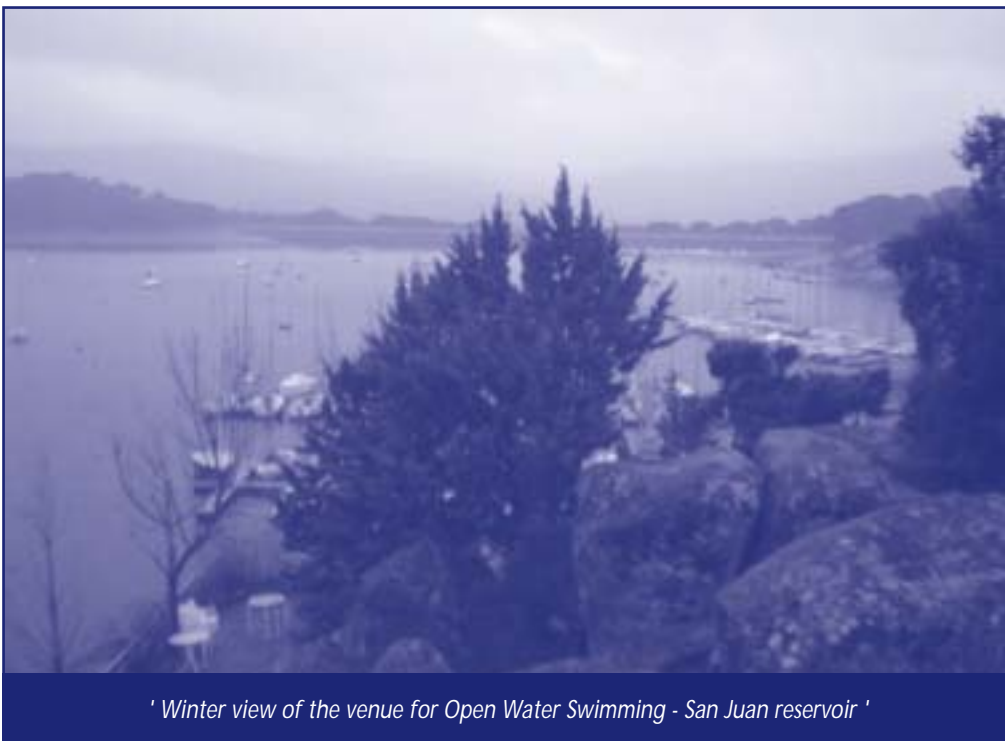
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GBR GER GRE HUN IRL ISL ISR
ITA LAT LTU LUX MKD NED NOR
POL POR ROM RUS SCG SLO SMR
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' Winter view of the venue for Open Water Swimming - San Juan reservoir '

PREVIEW

Kuopio (FIN) 11 – 14 March 2004

EUROPEAN SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING 'B' CUP

Nestled between thousands of lakes in central Finland, 400 kms north of Helsinki, Kuopio is preparing for this European event.

The six entered Federations will be enthusiastically greeted by the young, thriving city of Kuopio. The 86,000 inhabitants are never far from water as 34% of the city is water and it embraces a coastline of 1,600 km!

FEDERATIONS ENTERED

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PROGRAMME

Thursday 11 March

16.00 Solo Technical Routines
18.30 Opening Ceremony
19.00 Team Free Preliminaries

Friday 12 March

10.00 Duet Technical Routines
17.00 Solo Free Routine Preliminaries

Saturday 13 March

10.0 Duet Free Routine Preliminaries
18.00 Team Technical Routine

Sunday 14 March

10.0 Duet FINAL
12.00 Solo FINAL
15.00 Team FINAL

Oswiecim (POL) 21 – 25 April 2004

EUROPEAN JUNIOR SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following Poland's success in hosting the European Synchronised Swimming 'B' Cup in 2002 in Poznan, it is now the turn of Oswiecim to welcome Europe's aspiring young synchronised swimmers.

The Polish Swimming Federation, led by its President Krzysztof Uzielski, is becoming more and more involved in the sport of synchronised swimming and these Championships are intended to further develop the sport in Poland at all levels.

FEDERATIONS ENTERED

AUT BLR CZE CRO ESP FRA FIN
GBR GER GRE HUN ISR NED POL
RUS SVK

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PLEASE REMEMBER !

Final named entries due by Sunday 11 April 2004

PROGRAMME

Thursday 22 April

10.00 Duet Free Preliminaries
16.00 Opening Ceremony
16.30 Team Free Preliminaries

Friday 23 April

09.30 Solo Free Preliminaries
15.30 Figures

Saturday 24 April

11.0 Solo Free FINAL
16.00 Free Routine Combination

Sunday 25 April

11.0 Duet Free FINAL
16.00 Team Free FINAL

Lisbon (POR) 15 – 18 July 2004

EUROPEAN JUNIOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004

The Jamor Swimming Pool in the region of Oeiras, venue of the European Short Course Championships 1999 will host these Championships!

LEN's 1999 event there, we look forward to returning to the excellent facilities and warm hospitality of the region.

Just outside the city centre of Lisbon with its one million inhabitants lies the area of Oeiras with its nearby beaches and countryside. After the great success of

All hotels are under 12 km away from the 10-lane Olympic pool complex and Federations who have not yet booked accommodation are urgently requested to do so as the surroundings are renowned for their tourist appeal.

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PLEASE REMEMBER !

Preliminary entries due by 15 April 2004

Aachen (GER) 14 – 18 July 2004

EUROPEAN JUNIOR DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004

Through the years Aachen has confirmed its place as a respected venue for European Diving and this summer the young divers of Europe will be there.

competing Federations in a holiday village complex 4 km outside the town (just over the border in the Netherlands). This complex is a unique self-contained development, which will enable competitors and their support staff to have the opportunity to enjoy the summer pleasures of green fields, rolling hills and fresh air. The campus also offers comprehensive and diverse leisure facilities.

The spa town of Aachen is also an ideal tourist venue for friends and supporters, especially as it is so easy to reach. Special accommodation has been arranged for

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PLEASE REMEMBER !

Preliminary entries due by 15 April 2004

EUROPEAN OPEN WATER SWIMMING CUP SERIES 2004

Our Open Water Swimmers are preparing to swim their way through the lakes and rivers of Europe on the way to the Super Final in Germany in August.

As in previous years, each Federation will award Prize Money to competing athletes. In addition, LEN will give Super Final Prizes totalling Euro 17,500.- Full details will be sent out by each Organising Committee.

SUPER FINAL

21 – 22 August
5 & 10 km lake swims
Binnensee Müritz (GER)
Contact Federation

1st leg

5 June
10 km lake swim
Seville (ESP)
Contact Federation

2nd leg

19 June
5 km lake swim
Nottingham (GBR)
Contact Federation

3rd leg

27 June
10 km lake swim
Lago di Bracciano (ITA)
Contact Federation

4th leg

1st August
10 km river swim
St Affrique (FRA)
Contact Federation

St Affrique (FRA) 31 July 2004

EUROPEAN JUNIOR OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004

This second edition of these Championships moves to the riverside of St Affrique in the south of France, taking place immediately prior

to the 4th leg of the Open Water Swimming Cup Series. This 5 km race is part of the same course for the senior swimmers the following day.

5 km river swim CONTACT :

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PLEASE REMEMBER !
Preliminary entries due by
15 April 2004



Stadio Olimpico Rome (ITA)

*where four offices have been the home of LEN since 1995, now on move
More famously known perhaps as the venue of the 1990 Football World Cup Final.
Currently the home ground of the Italian Serie A football clubs of A.S. Roma and S.S. Lazio*

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SILVER

Birger Kivela (SWE)
Retired DC member & long time international official
Anthony Holmyard (GBR)
Member - Masters Committee (deceased)
Igor Kartashov (RUS)
Vice-Chairman TSSC

LEN WEBSITE www.lenweb.org

THIS NEW WEBSITE WAS LAUNCHED 6 FEBRUARY 2004

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AND INNOVATIONS TO THIS SITE ARE ENVISAGED AND MEANWHILE WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THIS 'NEW LOOK'

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LEN FUND and FINA CLINICS deadline for submission of Bids to LEN Office 15 April

Details info for 2004 can be downloaded from www.lenweb.org/memberinfo

2003 MASTERS 'TOP 10'

The 'Top 10' Federations will shortly be receiving this annual publication free of charge. Should other interested Federations or parties wish to purchase a copy, this can be arranged through the LEN office at a cost of Euro 20.00 each

LEN FUND for Competitive Development 2004

SWIMMING

Training Camp for Gibraltar Youth/Junior Swimming Team together with Amersfoort Swimming Club (NED) 1st week of November

DIVING

Competition for the promotion of Junior Diving in Switzerland (6-13 years) (SUI)

WATER POLO

1. Training Camp for BUL Senior Team together with the Teams of SCG and ROM February/March	Bucharest	(ROM)
	Sofia	(BUL)
2. Training Camp for GBR Age Group Teams (England, Scotland & Wales)	8-14 August	Millfield (GBR)

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING

Seminar for Synchronised Swimming athletes 10-17 years Focus on practical work in the pool led by an International expert, working with the athletes and their coaches. Discussion and video analysis of coaches and athletes	19-21 November.	Coventry (GBR)
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2ND LEN SPORTS MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM

'SCIENCE MEETS PRACTICE'
 Bridging the gap between science and daily training practice with special reference to preparation for the Olympic Games

Eindhoven (NED)
 27 - 28 March 2004

Contact Congress Secretariat for further information and registration details
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LEN CLINICS 2004

SWIMMING

Developing Junior swimmers into world-class athletes	Mr. Magnus Kjellberg (SWE)	15-18 July	Lisbon (POR)
		European Junior Swimming Championships	

DIVING

Title TBD	Lecturer TBD	14 - 18 July	Aachen (GER)
		European Junior Diving Championships	

WATER POLO

Preparation for becoming a LEN Waterpolo Referee	Mr. Bertie Muscat	27 - 29 August	(HUN)
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LEN CONGRESS 2004

Sunday 26
 September 2004

Details will shortly be circulated by the Great Britain Federation 'British Swimming' but in the meantime the venue is confirmed

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SEMINAR FOR EUROPEAN COACHES

7-9 May 2004 European Swimming Championships - Madrid (ESP)

This is a marvellous opportunity for Swimming, Open Water Swimming, Diving and Synchronised Swimming Coaches to attend a seminar together to learn from highly respected and experienced key speakers. registration for this seminar not only includes attendance at the seminar, but also entitles discounted European Championships event tickets to be obtained, together with other benefits. Official Championships transport will be made available for all participant and LEN Certificates of Attendance will be issued.

Full details of the Seminar, together with registration Forms, may be downloaded from the website of the Championships

www.madrid04.org or email mgsalvez@rfen.es

Early registration is advised as currently there is a discount on offer

The FINA Development Programme is currently being prepared. Details will shortly be available

Events	2004	2005	2006
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SW, DIV & SS	Madrid (ESP) 5-16 May	●	Budapest (HUN) 27 July - 6 August
EUROPEAN WATERPOLO CHAMPIONSHIPS	●	●	BIDS OPEN
EUROPEAN SHORT COURSE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS	Vienna (AUT) 9-12 December	BIDS OPEN	BIDS OPEN
DIVING CHAMPIONS CUP	Stockholm (SWE) 7-8 February	BIDS OPEN	BIDS OPEN
EUROPEAN SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING "A" CUP	●	BIDS OPEN	●
EUROPEAN WATERPOLO EUROLEAGUE "FINAL FOUR"	Site T.B.D. in April 2004 28-29 May	Site T.B.D in April 2005 20-21 May	Site T.B.D in April 2006 May
EUROPEAN OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS	Madrid (ESP) 12-16 May	●	Budapest (HUN) 27 July - 6 August
EUROPEAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SWIMMING-DIVING-OPEN WATER	●	Stockholm (SWE) 23 - 28 August	●
EUROPEAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS WATER POLO	●	BIDS OPEN	●
EUROPEAN JUNIOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS	Lisbon (POR) 15-18 July	Budapest (HUN) date T.B.D.	BIDS OPEN
EUROPEAN JUNIOR DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS	Aachen (GER) 14-18 July	BIDS OPEN	BIDS OPEN
EUROPEAN JUNIOR OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS	St. Affrique (FRA) 31 July	BIDS OPEN	BIDS OPEN
EUROPEAN "B" WATERPOLO CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN	Istanbul (TUR) 3-11 September	●	●
EUROPEAN "B" WATERPOLO CHAMPIONSHIPS WOMEN	Nancy (FRA) 4-10 July	●	●
EUROPEAN JUNIOR WATERPOLO CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN	Malta (MLT) 12 - 19 September	●	BIDS OPEN
EUROPEAN JUNIOR WATERPOLO CHAMPIONSHIPS WOMEN	Bari (ITA) 1-8 August	●	BIDS OPEN
EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING	Oswiecim (POL) 21-25 April	BIDS OPEN	BIDS OPEN
EUROPEAN YOUTH WATERPOLO CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN	●	BIDS OPEN	●
EUROPEAN YOUTH WATERPOLO CHAMPIONSHIPS WOMEN	●	BIDS OPEN	●
EUROPEAN SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING "B" CUP	Kuopio (FIN) 11-14 March	●	BIDS OPEN
EUROPEAN OPEN WATER SWIMMING CUP SERIES	Seville (ESP) - 5 June Nottingham (GBR) - 19 June Bracciano (ITA) - 27 June St. Affrique (FRA) - 1 August Binnensee Müritz (GER) - 21-22 August	BIDS OPEN	BIDS OPEN
LEN CONGRESS	London (GBR) 26 September	Limassol (CYP) September	BIDS OPEN

LEN Meetings

TECHNICAL DIVING COMMITTEE	6 MAY 2004 - MADRID (ESP)
TECHNICAL SWIMMING COMMITTEE	8 MAY 2004 - MADRID (ESP)
TECHNICAL OPEN WATER SWIMMING COMMITTEE	10 MAY 2004 - MADRID (ESP)
TECHNICAL SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING COMMITTEE	MAY 2004 - MADRID (ESP)
MEDICAL COMMITTEE	26 MARCH - EINDHOVEN (NED)
BUREAU	2 - 3 APRIL 2004 - MALTA (MLT)
LEN CONGRESS	26 SEPTEMBER 2004 - LONDON (GBR)

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