



## 2016 UANA Technical Diving Committee Report

The UANA Technical Diving Committee (TDC) has not met in person as a Committee since the 2015 UANA Pan American Junior Diving Championships in Matanzas, CUB but has had plenty of opportunity to interact through email correspondence and informal meeting of members at diving competitions, including the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

### UANA Activities

Activities occurring in 2016 include:

1. The TDC reviewed the age categories at the UANA Pan American Junior Diving Championships (Pan Am Juniors) in response to a suggestion by the FECNA (COL) to reduce the groups and increase the minimum age of competitors. The TDC sought expertise regarding junior development to determine if there were significant health risks to having divers compete internationally and engaged in discussion once inconclusive opinions were obtained. The opinion from the experts indicated risks were dependent upon the physical or psychological development of the divers and that age groups, although an approximation for such development, were not definitive. In other words, people develop at different rates and age may not accurately reflect the stage of development of a diver. Following receipt of the inconclusive opinion from experts, the TDC engaged in discussion and it was widely agreed amongst the members of the TDC that the age groups currently established are appropriate. It was noted that any Federation concerned about the safety of its divers because of their stage of development, are not required to enter such divers.
2. The bid document for the 2017 UANA Pan American Junior Diving Championships was provided to Zone IV (Canada) for the purpose of hosting the event. Hosting of the events are awarded on a rotational basis in the following order: Zone I, Zone III, Zone II and Zone IV. The rotation results in the event in 2017 being held in Zone IV and it will be held in Victoria, Canada from September 28-October 1, 2017. It is anticipated that the bid document will be submitted to UANA by Canada prior to the end of 2017.
3. Preliminary discussions have been commenced with respect to a possible UANA Officials' symposium to be held in 2018. The purpose is to improve the depth of judging in the Americas and to exchange information on how to improve the quality of judging in UANA. Although the expectation is the symposium will assist judges to be better within UANA at the Pan American Games and the UANA Pan American Junior Diving Championships, it is also expected it will impact on judges at the World Championships and Olympic Games. The preliminary indication is it may be desirable to have two or three coaches at the officials' symposium to provide some technical observations for the judges to consider.

### FINA Activities Related to UANA

- Four FINA Diving World Series (DWS) events held in 2016. One event was organized in Canada (Windsor). The 2016 DWS was the best attended to date, having 12 Federations and 79 divers participate.
- Eight FINA Grand Prix events were held, with two held in the Americas (Gatineau, CAN and San Juan, PUR).
- Three FINA Judges' Development Schools were held in 2016, of which two were in the Americas (San Juan, PUR and San Salvador, ESA)

- Seven FINA Diving Judges Certification courses were held in 2016, including one in San Juan, PUR and one in Lima PER. Canada intends to apply to host a certification course at the Pan Am Juniors.
- The Olympic Games were successfully held in the Americas (Rio de Janeiro, BRA). Divers from the Americas won one quarter of the 24 medals available in diving (USA 2S, 1B), MEX (1S), CAN (2B). Only Asia (with 11 medals) won more medals continentally.

### Budget

There is one significant event in 2017 for the TDC: the UANA Pan American Diving Junior Diving Championships (Pan Am Juniors). As indicated, it will be held in Victoria, Canada.

### *Travel*

For the Pan Am Juniors, we invite all of the UANA TDC (13 members) to attend and participate as referees (or judges if qualified and if necessary). In addition, the UANA TDC usually takes this opportunity to meet in person and to update all Committee members on what has happened and what is forecasted for the future.

This year, the host is Zone IV (Canada) and the competition will be held in Victoria, British Columbia, which equates to the furthest west and north as any events held in UANA.

UANA pays one-half of air fares for the UANA TDC. With 13 members and the estimated costs being \$625 for Zone I, \$500 for Zone II, \$375 for Zone III and \$250 for Zone IV, the budget for travel is \$5,625.

### *Meals and Lodging*

In addition, we had assumed that the division of costs would continue. In the past, the host organizing committee would cover half of the costs for the UANA TDC at the competition. This was estimated to be \$9,100. In the bid documents, UANA is to refund the difference between single occupancy and double occupancy. This would appear to be considerably less than the budgeted amount but we have been informed that we will not receive the bid budget until mid-December because of logistical demands. With little basis, we are projecting a cost of \$5,000 for meals and lodging.

### *Site Visit Meeting Costs*

The UANA TDC budget, based upon the prior Pan American quadrennial, included a cost of travel to a meeting and site visit for the Pan American Games for the TDC Chair. The concept was two meetings during the quadrennial, once at the mid-way point and once prior to the start of the Pan American Games. 2017 represents the mid-way point and therefore a budget amount of \$1,250 is included in the travel budget for this event. It is anticipated that the event would be hosted and no additional costs would be required.

### *Budget Summary*

Based on the foregoing, the tentative 2017 budget for the UANA TDC for 2017 is \$11,875

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Peterson, Chair