

Judges Report – UANA Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

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The very good news is that UANA has listed close to 175 active judges in the various Federations. Of these the majority are working very hard for Synchronized Swimming and have been training at clinics around the Americas and judging at competitions around the world.

Over this past year I have sent forms out twice to each Federation in order to confirm the names, addresses and levels of each of their Synchronized Swimming Judges. The response to this email has been very much less than we would like and would request to all Federations in UANA to respond even if at this time they have no activity in this discipline. I have attached a form to this report for the secretary of the Federation to use. This would be very helpful to confirm the federation's continuing support of the judge and for us to be able to qualify new judges to the UANA list based on these forms and any empty slots available to the Federation.

During the past UANA Pan American Junior Championship in Huntersville, North Carolina we had 32 qualified judges in attendance. These all had the opportunity to be Evaluated by Steffi Haeberli of Switzerland and all attended a very excellent FINA Development course on all the new material organized by the competition managers, Ginny Jasontek and Betty Hazle both for judges and coaches.

At the World Wide Seminar all of the UANA/FINA A Judges and all our FINA Evaluators were asked to attend and recertify. We had also several UANA members present at the seminar. Those were:

Brazil: Sonia Hercowitz assisted by Teresa Alenteano

Canada: Julie Suave, Linda Furnis and Heather Archer

USA: Ginny Jasontek, Judy McGowan, Barbara McNamee and Charlotte Davis
Attending also were Alvaro Montano from Colombia, and Maribel Solis from Dominican Republic, FINA A Judges and Ana Maria Lobo from Brazil and Christina Villicana from Mexico who are both FINA Evaluators

In February of this year the first FINA Judges school was held in Miami, Florida taught by Ginny Jasontek. At this school there were 40 judges in attendance and taking the new tests for judges. Of these there were 35 who were listed and completing all requirements.

Next week in Chile Ms. Jasontek will give a second course so as to better cover the great area that is the Americas better. At this date there are more than 20 who have indicated that they will be attending. These two schools insure that all of the Americas will have the opportunity for outstanding training. In addition a course will be offered in Puerto Rico this summer and in Jamaica this fall.