



# Campeonatos Latinoamericano y del Caribe de Natación Master "LatyCar"

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October 7, 2004

FINA Bureau  
Lausanne, Switzerland

Att.: Mr. Mustapha Larfaoui

Ref: O. Mendoza fax to Mr. Coaracy Nunes Filho- Sept 6, 2004

Dear Sirs

LATyCAR is a non-profit volunteer association of Masters Swimmers in Latin America and the Caribbean, which has successfully promoted an environment of friendship and harmony among all of the FINA member federations through healthy competition since 1991.

At the urging of Mr. Guillermo Martinez (FINA-Cuba) in early 2001, LATyCAR and Mr. Jerry Olson met to discuss various ideas and projects.

One of the many ideas that were developed included the possible merger of LATyCAR into the ASUA/UANA Masters Committee, then inactive, with the objective of celebrating the first Pan American meet and unifying Masters in the Americas. The members of LATyCAR welcomed the idea of working together as the natural progression of its evolution.

The many exchanges between LATyCAR and Mr. Olson always proceeded in a very positive, cordial and honorable manner. Upon Mr. Olson's untimely passing away, however, these negotiations terminated. Ms. Carol Zaleski, as acting President, deferred the project to Mr. Olson's successor, Mr. Mendoza.

During LATyCAR '03, hosted and administered by the Barbadian Amateur Swimming Association, the Council approved Brasil's bid for an "ALL AMERICAS" (all five sports) to be hosted and administered by their FAP (Federação Aquática Paulista), APMN (Associação Paulista Masters de Natação) and ABMN (Associação Brasileira de Masters de Natação), all affiliated to CBDA (Confederação Brasileira de Desportos Aquáticos).

It is understandable that these Federations' first responsibility is to Brasil's Sports and Tourism ministries, both of which have also extended their expressed support to the "ALL AMERICAS. It is important to underscore that LATyCAR has, without exception, always honored the FINA rules of host FINA member federations.

Early this year FEVEDA (Federación Venezolana de Deportes Acuáticos) wrote a letter recognizing LATyCAR's commitment, success, results and honorable efforts through the



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years. In Riccione, Mr. Nogueira as well as Orban Mendoza via Mr. de Jesus, (and Perez) received their personalized copies of this letter. Copy herewith attached.

Several of our members received from different sources, copies of a Mr. Mendoza fax (9/6/04) directed to Mr. Coaracy Nunes Filho. It is very disturbing and upsetting to us. A copy of that fax is attached.

In it Mr. Mendoza makes statements which are clearly misleading and calling into question LATyCAR's integrity and reputation. The intention appears to be to discredit LATyCAR, the Brasilians hosting the meet and the "ALL AMERICAS" meet itself.

We do not believe this is an honorable way for members of the aquatic family to act towards each other.

Our members, Masters from every country in the Americas, believe this fax slanders the hard earned good image and reputation of LATyCAR and belittles the great contribution it has made to the development of Masters aquatics in the Americas.

We respectfully request that all the recipients of his fax/e-mail are made aware of the real facts of this matter and take steps to ensure that it does not happen again. We believe such actions are most harmful, not just to Masters, but to all aquatic sports in the Americas.

We will appreciate hearing from you on this matter at your earliest convenience, as we would like to know that FINA has upheld the principles of fair play and has informed all those concerned parties.

Cordially,

David E. Morrill  
President

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**LITERAL TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH**  
**ON OFFICIAL FEVEDA LETTERHEAD**

Caracas February 15, 2004

Mr. President and Members  
Of the Board of Directos ASUA/UANA  
Present

Att.: Eng. Orban Mendoza

Dear Members;

Before all, please receive our cordial sporting greeting on behalf of the Venezuelan Aquatic Sports Federation "FEVEDA". This communication has the purpose of reiterating before the Americas FINA Masters community, that the *Asociacion Campeonatos Latinoamericano y del Caribe de Natación Master*, "LATyCAR", a non-for-profit organization formally and legally constituted under Venezuelan law and with international attributions. Copy of their By-Laws can be reviewed at [www.latycar.org/acta.htm](http://www.latycar.org/acta.htm).

LATyCAR is a grouping of active Masters athletes and was initiated with an international Masters meet in Venezuela in 1991 with the purpose of offering its followers not only health and friendship but also promote competitive adult aquatic sports in the "Latycareño" region. At that time the Masters age groups were virtually unknown.

Through the years it has demonstrated to be an obedient organization of FINA established parameters and has always conditioned its events to the local FINA federation sanction, in fact, in present world records there is one that was established during the LATyCAR of '99.

LATyCAR has celebrated formal events, sanctioned by FINA member organizations in Venezuela '91, Puerto Rico '93, Barbados '95, Mexico '97, USA '99, Costa Rica '01, and Barbados '03. Additionally there was a "Postal" event, Cuba '02. The "ALL AMERICAS" LatyCar 2005 is already programmed for Sao Paulo, Brazil and has all of the sanctions of the Brazilian Aquatic Sports Confederation (CBDA) as can be evidenced on the website <http://www.latycar.org>.

Presently LATyCAR has a Board of Directors formed by Masters athletes from ten American countries that reflect the sum of many years experience promoting and developing aquatic sports among children and adults. Among their major achievements is the donation to the Republic of Costa Rica of a complete 8 lane and water polo electronic system during the celebration of LATyCAR '01. We do not hesitate in affirming that LATyCAR has demonstrated during the lapse of their existence to be a respectable group, always working in harmony and within FINA parameters of each country where an event was organized. Proof of this is that at the beginning of 2004, LATyCAR was able to get a meeting together of the official Masters organizations from Canada and U.S.A. besides herself, with the only purpose of unifying criteria of the next evolutionary phase of the sport in America, initiative which was originally proposed by our well known and unfortunately disappeared sport leader, Mr. Jerry Olson.

It is for these reasons that FEVEDA, official FINA member in Venezuela, feels full confidence in sanctioning LATyCAR so that she may play a more formal role in fulfilling its international objectives on our American continent.

Without any other specific subject to cover, and appreciating your attention, on behalf of the Venezuelan Aquatic Sports Federation, "FEVEDA",

Eng. Domingo Alesi  
President

Eng. Lourdes Goncalves  
General Director

**(SIGNED – OFFICIALLY STAMPED & DELIVERED)**

Attached: PowerPoint presentation "LATyCAR History and Objectives"

**FAX TRANSMISSION**

TO: Mr. Coaracy Nunes Filho  
President of Brazilian Swimming Confederation  
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FROM: Orban Mendoza, P.E.  
President of A.S.U.A.  
Rio Piedras, P.R.  
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DATE: September 6, 2004

RE: **8th LATYCAR 2005**

Dear Mr. Nunes Filho:

I have been receiving information from Mr. David E. Morrill, President of Latycar, in regard to a Masters Event to be hosted in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in October, 2005.

Attached is a copy of a document sent by Mr. Morrill without date and signature but using paper apparently from the "ASSOCIACAO BRASILEIRA DE MASTERS DE NATACAO".

My information is that Latycar is a private company organizing Masters competitions which is not recognized by A.S.U.A., and to the best of my knowledge not recognized by FINA. Therefore, the Brazilian Swimming Confederation, being a Member of both organizations, should exercise care in endorsing a private company to promote and / or run the above mentioned Masters event, which involves the participation of members of both FINA and A.S.U.A.

For these above mentioned reasons I suggest that your Brazilian Swimming Confederation takes care of the promotion, control and execution of the competition in order to guarantee that the event is run in compliance with FINA and A.S.U.A. Rules, specifically the GR 1 ("Elegibility").

Should you need additional information, please let me know it at your convenience.

Best Regards,

Orban Mendoza, P.E.  
President of A.S.U.A.

C: FINA Office  
A.S.U.A. Executive Committee  
A.S.U.A. Masters T/C



Federación Venezolana  
de Deportes Acuáticos

Caracas, 15 de febrero de 2004



**Natación**

Sr. Presidente y demás integrantes  
De la Junta Directiva A.S.U.A./U.A.N.A.  
Su despacho



**Polo Acuático**

Atención: Ing. Orban Mendoza



**Nada Sincronizada**

Estimados Sres.;



**Salto Ornamentales**

Ante todo reciban un cordial saludo deportivo de parte de la Federación Venezolana de Deportes Acuáticos "FEVEDA". La presente comunicación tiene por finalidad reiterar ante la comunidad FINA Master de la región americana, a la **Asociación Campeonatos Latinoamericano y del Caribe de Natación Master, "LATyCAR"**, organización sin fines de lucro formal y legalmente constituida bajo las leyes venezolanas y con atribuciones internacionales. Copia del Registro de la mencionada organización se encuentra en [www.latycar.org/acta.htm](http://www.latycar.org/acta.htm)



**Aguas Abiertas**

**LATyCAR** es una agrupación de atletas Master activos que se inició con una competencia Master internacional en Venezuela en el año 1991 con el fin de brindar no solamente salud y amistad a sus integrantes sino fomentar el deporte competitivo adulto acuático en la región "latycareña". En aquel entonces la categoría Master era generalmente desconocida en nuestra región. A través de los años ha demostrado ser una organización obediente a los lineamientos FINA y siempre condicionando sus eventos al aval de la Federación u Asociación Nacional local miembro FINA; inclusive, dentro de los records mundiales actuales existe un nadador con una marca lograda durante el LATyCAR del '99.



**Natación Master**

LATyCAR ha celebrado eventos formales avalados por los miembros FINA en Venezuela '91, Puerto Rico '93, Barbados '95, México '97, USA '99, Costa Rica '01 y Barbados '03. Adicionalmente hubo un evento "Postal", Cuba '02. El "ALL AMERICAS" LatyCar 2005 ya está programado para Sao Paulo, Brasil y goza de todos los avales de la

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Confederación de Deportes Acuáticos de Brasil (CBDA), tal como puede comprobarse en la página web <http://www.latycar.org>

Actualmente LATyCAR tiene una Junta Directiva constituida por atletas Master de diez países americanos que suman muchos años de experiencia fomentando el deporte acuático entre niños y adultos. Entre sus mayores logros está la donación de un equipo electrónico completo para ocho carriles y polo acuático a la República de Costa Rica durante la celebración del LATyCAR '01. No dudamos en afirmar que LATyCAR ha demostrado durante el transcurso de su existencia, ser una agrupación respetable, siempre trabajando en armonía y bajo los lineamientos FINA en cada país en que haya celebrado un evento. Prueba de esto es que a principios de 2004, LATyCAR logró reunir a los organismos oficiales Master de Canadá, Master USA, además de ella misma, con el solo propósito de unificar criterios para la siguiente fase evolutiva del deporte en América, iniciativa originalmente apuntalada por el destacado dirigente acuático, lamentablemente desaparecido, Sr. Jerry Olson.

Es por éstas razones que FEVEDA, miembro oficial FINA en Venezuela, siente suma confianza en avalar a LATyCAR para que ella ejerza mas formalmente sus objetivos internacionales en nuestro continente americano.

Sin otro particular y agradeciendo su atención, por la Federación Venezolana de Deportes Acuáticos "FEVEDA"

Ing. Domingo Alessi  
Presidente

Ing. Lourdes de Goncalves  
Directora General

Anexo: Presentación PowerPoint "Historia y Objetivos de LATyCAR"

