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# LATyCAR

Latin American & Caribbean Masters Championships  
since 1990...

*The sum of its people, venues &  
experiences*



# 1990:

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- ✓ National & international meets were unknown in the LatyCar region\*
- ✓ Masters groups were incipient in LatyCar countries
- ✓ FINA had not officially instructed their members to promote the sport
- ✓ FINA member's awareness about Masters was little – if at all!

\* (Exception: Brazil '90 – MSI Worlds pre-FINA)



# LATyCAR is born...

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as a result of these two non profit volunteer driven organizations...



La Asociación Venezolano Americana de Amistad  
(AVAA) 1942  
[www.avaa.org](http://www.avaa.org)



La Fundación La Triple Corona de Natación Master  
Amistad 1987  
[www.triplecorona.org](http://www.triplecorona.org)

## Article 1

The name of the Association is the **Venezuelan American Friendship Association**... It is a non-profit organization and its main objective is to contribute to a better understanding between the peoples of Venezuela, the United States of America and Canada through educational, social and cultural activities.

Thru its' Sports Committee, the Masters swim program was innovated in Venezuela

## Artículo 3

La Fundación es una organización sin fines de lucro. La Fundación es creada con el objeto de:

1. Promover amistad y entendimiento entre adultos a través de competencias de natación master;
2. Promover, aplicar y fomentar la buena voluntad y la buena fe entre los nadadores dentro y fuera de las competencias;
3. Promover la salud física y mental adulta a través de una preparación adecuada;
4. Fomentar la natación entre adultos que deseen iniciarse y competir por primera vez en este deporte;
5. Ayudar a la natación infantil y juvenil de Venezuela a través de programas educativos...



# 1<sup>st</sup> LATyCAR

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## Venezuela, 1991

- ✓ Fully sanctioned by the Venezuelan swim federation as well as the Olympic Committee whose President inaugurated the event at the “Naciones Unidas” swim complex
- ✓ Clubs representing nine countries attended
- ✓ Meet Director was an experienced swimming official who later became the Federation President and is presently a FINA official
- ✓ Meet was organized by Masters “for Masters” by the Triple Crown Masters Foundation
- ✓ Triple Crown Foundation handled the net income using it for their future objectives



# 2<sup>nd</sup> LATyCAR

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## **Puerto Rico, 1993**

- ✓ International Masters meets remained unknown in the region
- ✓ A few LATyCAR countries started organizing Masters meets
- ✓ FINA had officially taken over from MSI in Indianapolis '92
- ✓ This meet fully sanctioned by the Puerto Rican Federation as well as their Olympic Committee
- ✓ Clubs representing eleven countries attended
- ✓ Meet Director was FINA's Jose de Jesus; LatyCar Honorary member June Krauser was special invitee
- ✓ Meet organization by Masters "for Masters" by Jose de Jesus Jr. and Arnaldo Perez of the Puerto Rican Masters League
- ✓ They managed the finances and net income



# 3<sup>rd</sup> LATyCAR

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## Barbados, 1995

- ✓ Masters groups were growing enthusiastically in most of the LatyCar countries
- ✓ Meet fully sanctioned by the Barbados Amateur Swimming Association - BASA
- ✓ Clubs representing fifteen countries attended
- ✓ Meet Director was a BASA official
- ✓ Meet organization by Masters "for Masters" by the Barbados Masters group which worked in conjunction with BASA
- ✓ All finances and net income was managed by the local group
- ✓ Officiating was a point to strengthen for future work
- ✓ Open Waters was introduced as an innovation to the region
- ✓ CONSANAT International meets were born



# 4<sup>th</sup> LATyCAR

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## Mexico, 1997

- ✓ LATyCAR countries were implementing learned experiences and promoting national meets
- ✓ Masters groups kept evolving enthusiastically in most countries of the region
- ✓ This was Mexico's first International Masters event
- ✓ Meet fully sanctioned by the Mexican Swimming Federation and Olympic Committee
- ✓ Clubs representing sixteen countries attended
- ✓ Meet Director was a professional in the swimming industry
- ✓ Meet organization by the Nelson Vargas business group however supervised by local Masters "for Masters"
- ✓ All finances managed by that local company
- ✓ Officiating was improved
- ✓ River Open Waters was fun!



# 5<sup>th</sup> LATyCAR

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## USA, 1999

- ✓ LATyCAR was legally incorporated to promote continental Masters
- ✓ Many Masters swimmers training in most LatyCar countries
- ✓ ISHOF venue
- ✓ Meet approved and thus officially recognized by USMS
- ✓ Clubs representing nineteen countries attended
- ✓ Meet Director was David Morrill with experience in more than 30 championship organizations
- ✓ Meet organization by Masters “for Masters” by the newly formed LATyCAR non profit association
- ✓ All finances were managed by LATyCAR
- ✓ Officiating was greatly improved with USAS officials as well as those invited from four other countries
- ✓ Two distances in the Open Waters event
- ✓ 1,500 meters Postal Event innovated for the region





# And in 'questing' venues we visited...

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- ✓ Puerto Rico pools beaches and most officials including Rose Cody, de Jesus
- ✓ Costa Rica pools, beaches with their Federation officials
- ✓ Bahamas pool and their Federation President
- ✓ Curaçao pools with their Federation President
- ✓ USA two swimming facilities and directors
- ✓ Cuba pools, beaches, hotels with their Federation officials ...

***promoting ideas, venues and alliances***



# Trying to match LatyCar to Cuba

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As a result of one of our many trips to Cuba in 2000, at the suggestion of FINA Bureau Member Mr. Guillermo Martinez who recognized LatyCar as a possible means for strengthening an Americas Masters FINA Masters vision, LATyCAR contacted ASUA/UANA President Mr. Jerry Olson who wanted to incorporate Masters into his Presidential term

*... an organization with friendship and fellowship as its foundation...*



# ASUA / UANA

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- ✓ \*Where we are going...
- ✓ We grow and we make progress. These are the natural steps, as we take our place independently as Federations and united as a Continental organization within the structure of FINA.
- ✓ We grow in competitive strength.  
We grow in political unity.  
We grow with new facilities.  
We grow with competent coaches.  
We grow in numbers of elite athletes.  
We grow with intelligent leaders in the Federations.  
We grow with ASUA/UANA leaders who care about the convictions of the Founders.
- ✓ Growth and progress will continue if we work together.



*... an organization with friendship and fellowship as its foundation...*

Jerry Olson, President



\*Taken from the ASUA/UANA website on Feb. 4, 2004



# ASUA / UANA

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- ✓ In the ensuing months ASUA & LatyCar would exchange ideas encompassing but not limited to:
  - Work in conjunction with all regional FINA member Federations and in the process:
    - Continue promoting water polo, diving and open waters with a world event in Cuba
    - Publish Masters Rules for regional use based on existing material
    - Gain experience for bidding a 1st. Pan American Masters Aquatic Championship
    - Gain experience for bidding a FINA World Masters Championship in 2004
  - Recognizing that:
    - ASUA would profit with a Masters Program
    - LatyCar would profit with official recognition
    - A strategic alliance between both would be mutually beneficial
  - National Federations would recognize Masters needs:
    - Official centralized information
    - Official centralized direction
    - Official centralized support
    - Official centralized directives
    - Experience in order to evolve properly



# ISHOF - January of 2002

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At this meeting, Mr. Olson and Mr. Morrill in representation of their respective regional organizations mutually came to the conclusion that there existed “synergy” in an alliance between ASUA and LATyCAR in benefit of all parties involved and that Jerry would continue in his path to making the Masters program a reality before the end of his tenure.

He later shared these thoughts with:

- Rose Cody
- Bill Matson
- Guillermo Martinez
- Orban Mendoza
- And surely others...



# In the meantime by 2001...

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- ✓ Continental Masters well on track with Central America pending a “push”
- ✓ Jerry Olson accepted an invitation to Costa Rica’s upcoming LatyCar
- ✓ National Masters events in full swing in LatyCar countries



# Super Sexto LATyCAR

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## Costa Rica, 2001

- ✓ Meet approved by the Costa Rican Federation and their Olympic Committee
- ✓ LATyCAR donated an entire Colorado Time System for swimming
- ✓ Additionally donated a Colorado Time System for water polo
- ✓ Swimmers from more than twenty nations participated
- ✓ Officials from seven countries officiated
- ✓ Meet Director was a Master swimmer who was the acting Federation President
- ✓ Meet organization assisted by LATyCAR Council Members
- ✓ Losses resulting from the meet were covered exclusively by LatyCar
- ✓ Officiating maintained their above average level by using USAS officials assisted by officials from six other countries
- ✓ Two distances in the Open Waters
- ✓ 1,500 meters Postal Event



# New @ Super Sexto

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- ✓ One hour individual Postal Event
- ✓ One hour Team Relay Event
- ✓ Water Polo was innovated successfully
- ✓ Diving innovated with limited success
- ✓ Entire 8 lane and water polo Colorado Time System  
LATyCAR donation to Costa Rica
- ✓ “Political” international experience – organization evolves  
as a result...



FEDERACION CUBANA DE NATACION  
HABANA - CUBA



FEDERACION CUBANA DE NATACION  
CALLE 13 NUM. 1601 ESQ. G. ZONA POSTAL 4  
VEDADO. LA HABANA, CUBA

February 16, 2002

**TO: All National Federations;  
Presidents and Secretaries.**

**Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen;**


The Cuban Swimming Federation and its' official travel agency CUBADEPORTES, S.A. takes pleasure in inviting you to participate in the **World Open Masters water polo, diving, open waters and postal events Championship "LATYCAR AMISTAD CUBA – 2002"** to be held in the Baragua Pool Complex in Havana City and in Varadero, Cuba from the 25 through the 30 of August of this year.

All detailed and complimentary championship information appears in the official event website: <http://www.latykar.org> we invite you to access it.

We would be honored in receiving you in Cuba, be as athletes, officials, observers or friends.

Appreciating your attention to the above, we remain,

Cordially,

  
**Guillermo Martínez Ginoris**  
President of the "Federación  
Cubana de Natación"



  
**Luis Padilla Prieto**  
Event Director  
"LatyCar AMISTAD cuba – 2002"



# Continuing our quest...

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...for viable venues we have visited and contacted...

Jamaica	contacted Federation President Mr. Eyre
USA	five swimming facilities and directors
Mexico	pools and Federation Masters Committee VP
Cuba	pools and their Federation officials
Ecuador	swimming complex
Dominican Republic	pools, resorts, beaches and their Federation President - came to agreement...
Puerto Rico	Arnaldo Perez and their league officers
Barbados	pool and their Federation officials
Brazil	venues in different cities
Colombia	city and pool facilities

***promoting Masters, venues and alliances***



# Super7 LATyCAR

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## Barbados, 2003

- ✓ This meet also sanctioned by FINA member BASA
- ✓ Swimmers from twenty one nations participated
- ✓ Meet Director was an experienced BASA member
- ✓ Meet organization presided by BASA President
- ✓ Proceeds went to BASA with a 'royalty' to LATyCAR
- ✓ Officiating maintained their above average level by using USAS officials assisted by locals
- ✓ Two distances in the Open Waters event
- ✓ 1,500 meters Postal Event
- ✓ Regionally:
  - Masters groups seriously committed and...
  - International events presently being offered SC & LC



# Meet Breakdown

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Caracas	'91	9 countries
San Juan	'93	11 countries
Christchurch	'95	15 countries
Oaxtepec	'97	16 countries
Ft. Lauderdale	'99	19 countries
San José	'01	20 countries
Cuba Postals	'02	4 countries
Christchurch	'03	20 countries
Sao Paulo	'05	1350 athletes expected

In: Synchro, Swim, OW, WP, Diving & Postals



# ASUA/UANA - LATyCAR

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- ✓ Because of Mr. Olson's untimely passing, no one in ASUA took on the responsibility to undertake a merged meet
- ✓ As result the extensive work with Jerry Olson, an allied continental meet was put "on the back burner" as acting president Carol Zaleski found it difficult to commit, thus
- ✓ LATyCAR promoted within its ranks to include Canada and USA in its next meet and...
- ✓ **ALL AMERICAS** was born for 2005
- ✓ Bid by APMN for Sao Paulo Brazil was won on completeness, their multi-experience and merit of their presentation and included official letters of sanction by ABMN (<http://www.abmn.org.br>) and FAP (<http://www.aquaticapaulista.org.br>) additionally having their Municipal and City letters of support



# All Americas LATyCAR 2005

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*All*  
**AMERICAS**  
**LATYCAR 2005**  
10-15 Oct São Paulo Brasil  
MASTERS

Swimming  
Open Water  
Postal Events  
Diving  
Water Polo  
Synchronized Swimming



Clube Páris de Montebr



# LATyCAR Council Members

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**President (Venezuela)**

David E. Morrill

**Vice-president (Brazil)**

Thomas Luiz Kinugawa

**Vice-president (México)**

Rosa María Marmolejo

**Vice-president (Bermuda / Canada)**

Chris Smith

**Treasurer (Venezuela)**

Adaulfo Montilla

**Secretary**

Open

**Open Waters Director (México)**

Roberto Ramírez Maldonado

**Times Director (Brazil)**

Aroma Martorell

**Technical Director (U.S.A.)**

Irene Gordon

**Diving Consultant (Brazil)**

Alice María Mibielle Kohler

**Water Polo Consultant (Venezuela)**

Jorge Luis Pérez

**Rules Consultant (Venezuela)**

Elizabeth Martínez

**Consultant (Argentina)**

Gustavo Negri

**Consultant (Colombia)**

Myriam Pero

**Consultant (Costa Rica)**

Flora Ulate

**Consultant (Cuba)**

María Isabel Ramón D'Mares

**Consultant (U.S.A.)**

Manuel Sanguily

**Webmaster (Venezuela)**

Mariana Niño

<http://www.latycar.org/english/board.htm>



# About David Morrill's volunteer activities

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- ✓ "Pan American" heritage:
- ✓ YMCA school activities
- ✓ Club volunteer activities: Venezuela / USA / Mexico
- ✓ University Business Fraternity
- ✓ Theatre groups
- ✓ Boy Scouts of Venezuela
- ✓ Boy Scouts of America
- ✓ Venezuelan-American Friendship Association
- ✓ VenAmCham Membership Committee
- ✓ Master swimmer
- ✓ Fundación La Triple Corona de Natación Master
- ✓ LATyCAR
- ✓ International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame Selection Committee
- ✓ Neighborhood Committee Chair
- ✓ Invited to the OC's "ideas bank" Terry Fox Run (in Vz)





# LATyCAR Council Members

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Every single one of the Council members is **an active** Master athlete who has either organized or participated in national, international & world events... some are presently active in FINA federations... bottom line:

**“Masters for Masters”**

**Let's continue helping**



# MASTERS Round Table Conference

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**January 2004**

**Swimming Hall of Fame swimming complex in Ft. Lauderdale**

✓ Present

- United States Masters Swimming International Committee  
Chair & Vice Chair
- President of Masters Swimming Canada
- President of USMS
- President of LATyCAR

***With the sole purpose of unifying criteria***



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## ✓ Agenda

- Understanding existing Masters programs in the Americas region
- Understanding ASUA/UANA history with Masters in the Americas
- Understanding LATyCAR value; role and attempted alliance with ASUA/UANA
- Understanding recent unscheduled and conflicting ASUA/UANA Master event
- Emulating USMS success story
- Goal for an All Masters representation in ASUA/UANA Masters Committee
- “Masters for Masters”
- Unify all continental programs sensibly
- Organize all international meets in an orderly fashion
- Get ASUA/UANA & LATyCAR to meet again



# LATyCAR

Latin American & Caribbean Masters Championships  
since 1990...

Once again reaching out to ASUA/UANA with *The sum of its people, venues & experiences* and the support from MSC & USMS for an intelligent and friendly “Masters for Masters” vision



*... an organization with friendship and fellowship as its foundation...*  
**JERRY OLSON**

**Let's Masters all work together...**



# THANK YOU:

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