



## **AIPS Young Reporters' at the 3rd FINA World Aquatics Convention and 12th World FINA Swimming Championships (25m), Doha, Qatar**

AIPS, the International Sports Press Association will conduct a sports journalism education programme to provide young sport reporters with a unique training experience during the 3rd FINA World Aquatics Convention and 12th World FINA Swimming Championships (25m), Doha, Qatar.

The programme will be conducted together with **FINA**, Fédération Internationale de Natation - the world governing body of swimming, diving, water polo, synchronized swimming and open water swimming and facilitated by a number of international specialists together with media training from seasoned mentors from AIPS.

The Young Reporters' Programme will involve **10 AIPS-selected** 19 to 25-year-old young Reporters from the five continents of Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania and guide them through the FINA Convention and the FINA extraordinary congress between November 29 - December 1, 2014 that will culminate with the 12th World FINA Swimming Championships between December 3-7, 2014.

Participants will include both young professional journalists already working full-time in the news media and university students engaged in journalism studies. All expenses including economy class airfares to Doha from the participant's home city, accommodation and meals for successful candidates will be covered.

### **KEY ELEMENTS**

Training will be offered in print, photography, and online and new media reporting of live events throughout the Convention, Congress and the championships.

All Young Reporters will be required to participate in all training sessions and will be given daily reporting assignments - photographers will be required to produce written and video/audio content just as written journalists will be required to photograph.

The seminar will be in English. Each successful candidate must sign an agreement setting out the conditions of course participation and the use of editorial material produced as part of the coursework.

Essential technology needed for the course will be provided, but participants will be required to bring their own personal equipment (laptop computers, voice recorders, digital photo and video cameras, etc.), as they seem fit to fulfill their assignments.

The 7-day project begins with an introduction to sports reporting and the techniques

of covering the convention and congress. The first assignment will be to cover the 3<sup>rd</sup> FINA convention and conference on November 29.

Coursework will include basic elements of event coverage, writing, interviewing, photos and video, and the Internet. Each Young Journalist must participate in all facets of the programme.

There will be opportunities for assigned stories, photos and video to be published on the AIPS website [www.aipsmedia.com](http://www.aipsmedia.com), the FINA platform [www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org) and the championship website [www.wscdoha2014.com](http://www.wscdoha2014.com).

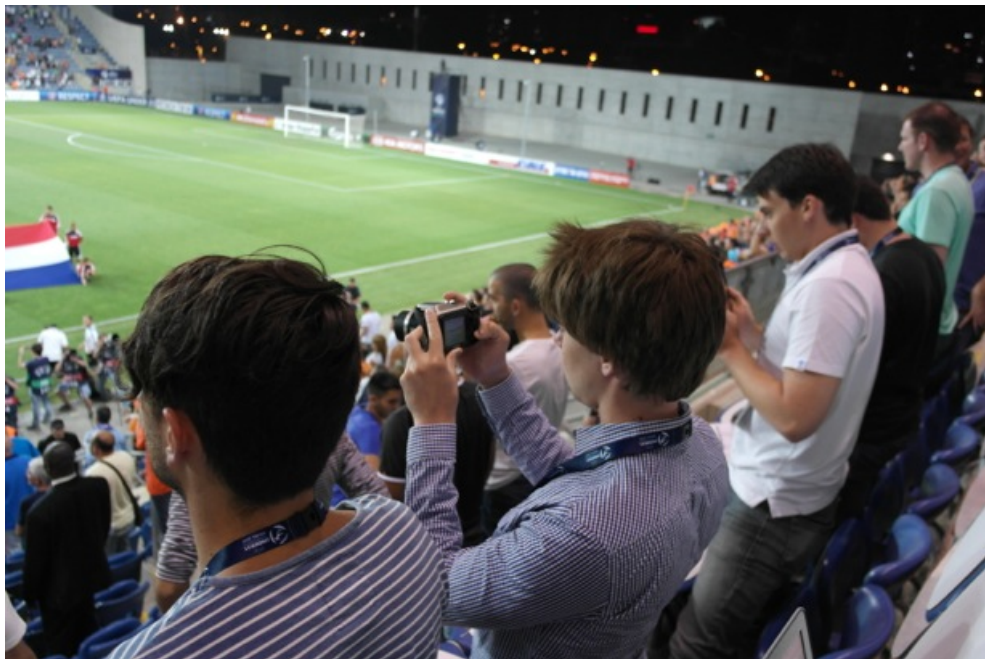
All Young Reporters will receive assessments of their work throughout the course and an AIPS and FINA Certificate of Participation on completion.

### **SELECTION TIMELINE**

All interested individuals are welcome to apply until August 15; August 19-26<sup>th</sup> applications will be reviewed by AIPS.

Successful applicants will be notified early September and will subsequently commence the visa application process with the assistance of the 2014 FINA world championships Organising Committee.

November 28, 2014, the Selected Young Journalists arrive in Doha; December 8, the Young Journalists will depart Doha.



*AIPS Young Reporters at the UEFA U21 championships in Israel.*

### **COURSE DETAILS**

All the Young Reporters will undertake both general and specialised training in various aspects of sports reporting covering a convention, a congress as well as a swimming event. The course will look at what makes a good sports story, how to tell it informatively and entertainingly, when to look for more background detail and why accuracy and fairness still remain the cornerstone of sports reporting.

According to their specific interests, participants will specialize in areas of media such as print reporting (newspaper, magazine and agency), news and sports photography and Internet/new media.

Stories, photographs, audio and video packages will be published within the AIPS, FINA and 2014 FINA world championship sites and will be freely available, without rights, to media organizations worldwide. There will also be the opportunity for stories to be used by the participant's FINA Member Association and media organizations for publication in their home countries and regions.

**Training and course work will be undertaken in English only. Translation and interpretation will not be available.**

### **AIPS SELECTION CRITERIA**

Candidates will be between the ages of 19 and 25 already working in the media. Recent university graduates working as interns or in similar training roles in established news organizations will also be considered. Applicants must be proficient in writing and presenting news reports in English. AIPS will publish news items in the participants' mother tongue as well as in English.



*AIPS Young Reporters conduct a television interview at the U17 FIFA World Cup in Dubai.*

### **Candidates must be nominated by an AIPS member National Association.**

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Strong supporting references and evidence of published work will be an advantage.

Candidates must be able to travel on the required dates and be available to partake, full time, in the complete course over the duration of the Championships. Each successful candidate must provide evidence of a current travel insurance policy. Candidates must be willing to sign an agreement form setting out the conditions of their participation in the AIPS Young Reporters' Programme, which will include copyright free usage of their course content.

Candidates must have a valid passport for international travel. Upon selection they will receive the necessary documents from the 3rd FINA World Aquatics Convention

and 12th World FINA Swimming Championships (25m), Doha, Qatar Organizing Committee for their visa. The final decision on the suitability of nominated candidates remains with AIPS.

Final successful candidates will be chosen by the AIPS Bureau.

**ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA** Fluency in French, Spanish and/or Arabic (in addition to English) will be considered an asset.

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS** Individuals interested in applying are asked to submit in English:

Current and detailed CV and photo with covering letter; Two letters of reference; A brief paper (500 words or less) on “Why I wish to be selected and what benefits I expect to gain from participation in the AIPS Young Reporters’ Programme, 3rd FINA World Aquatics Convention and 12th World FINA Swimming Championships (25m), Doha, Qatar.”

**Applications will be accepted until August 15, 2014.** Applications should be sent to: [youngreporters@aipsmedia.com](mailto:youngreporters@aipsmedia.com)

*Please note: Applications will be reviewed by the AIPS Bureau.*