



## 3rd Zurich International Masters Championships ZIMC 2010

[24 September 2010 - 26 September 2010]

The ZIMC organising committee (ZIMC OC) deeply regrets to have to communicate that extraordinary and unfortunate circumstances have coerced it to cancel this year's edition of the ZIMC.

The venue of the meeting, the Oerlikon Swim Arena, a first class olympic pool belonging to and run by the City of Zurich is normally used by the City's general public. In in the last couple of weeks, a prolonged closure of the other 50 m Zurich indoor pool has led to pressure from various sides to keep the Oerlikon pool available as much as possible to the general public. As a consequence, the City has seen itself constrained to limit its use for the ZIMC strictly to the time windows required for an expedient sequence of the events. Apart from shifting the meeting even more into the evening on Friday and starting it earlier on Sunday this entails a Saturday ZIMC use of the pool not beyond noon. The resulting event schedule doesn't allow for the relaxed and easygoing atmosphere with all the necessary breaks to recover so much appreciated by the participants in the 1st and 2nd ZIMC. With the Gothenburg World Masters most athletes have their season peak behind them, which makes it difficult to attract them to another foreign location. The ZIMC OC realizes a "compressed" version of the ZIMC is clearly not an attractive option for them. Against this background a cancellation of this year's ZIMC is unavoidable in order to ensure the attractiveness and good standing of the meeting for the future.

As a matter of course, Limmat Sharks Zurich shall retribute all received registration fees to swimmers. It also shall try to help find solutions for masters swimmers who already registered and who now intend to cancel hotel bookings, flight / travel arrangements.

We hope you will understand the cancellation of the meeting, unavoidable under the given circumstances.

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