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Presenting the July 2010 edition of the EU Swim Newsletter! This month's publication features articles from England and Belgium. Kingsbury Aquarius Swimming Club present their accomplishments at the final round of the Nuneaton & District Junior League in late June, which secured them a spot in the Division Two final. In early July, the Aarschotse Zwemclub Schoonhoven, hosts of the 2009 EU Swimming Invitational in Belgium, had the honor of being invited to the inauguration of Belgium to the European Union Council presidency. We describe the inauguration here.

As always, your contributions to the Newsletter are warmly welcomed. Feel free to contact newsletter@euswim.org with articles, stories and photos about your swimming club! Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Meet Director
EU Swimming Invitational*

Win for Kingsbury Aquarius Swimming Club takes them to the Final

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Kingsbury Aquarius Swimming Club competed in the final round of the Nuneaton and District Junior Swimming League at Stechford Cascades on the 26th June 2010 and won emphatically by a clear margin of 46 points putting the club into the Division Two final at Wolverhampton pool in September looking for promotion to the first Division.

The others teams involved in the first round were Oakengates, Shrewsbury, Burntwood, Bromsgrove and Worcester City swimming clubs

There were a number of first places for Beth Morrin Girls 10 year Freestyle and Breaststroke, Brian Strugnell Boys 10 year Freestyle, Girls 11 year Medley Relay Team, Boys 11 year Freestyle and Medley Relay Team, Boys 9 year Medley Relay Team, Girls 10 year Freestyle and Medley Relay Team, Boys 10 year Freestyle and Medley Relay Team, Alex Rogers Boys 2l Butterfly, Mathew Tongue 10 year Backstroke and Butterfly, Alysia Bumpass Girls 10 year Butterfly, Kate Rainsford Girls 9 year Backstroke

The team swam with confidence and all the team should be praised with special acknowledgments to Joseph Asser, Lewis Brett-Iveson, Rachel Burnham, Joe Chawner, Zoe Downes, Tom Ellis-Moore, Megan Gough, Amelia Hughes, David Jenkins, Joshua Kenny, Emily Kendrick, Liam McGurk, Lucy Manton, Jack Moulton, Tabatha Neal, Tom Rainsford, Kirsty Shaw, Jamie Smith, Hannah Trivett, Charlotte Turrall, Ben Wright, Chelsea Wright, Imogen Wright and Sophie Wright. There have been a number of swimmers, far too many to mention, who have been involved in previous rounds that have helped the club achieve its current position and the coaching staff would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support.

During the gala there were 28 personal bests achieved by the swimmers and a great deal of thanks needs to be given to the coaching and poolside staff who prepared the swimmers so well for the gala and ensured that they achieved the best performance on the night and they were Brian Rainsford, Stuart Rainsford, Alison Rainsford and Lorraine Jenkins.

The magnificent wins now gives the club an opportunity to take part in the Division 2 final in September looking for promotion to Division 1 which would be a fantastic achievement for a club continuing to improve and attracting new swimmers a receiving great deal of support from local businesses. A great deal of thanks needs to be given to the clubs sponsors Envirocall Ltd for their continuing support. We would also like to thank the parents of the all the swimmers who take the time to attend training sessions and galas to support the club and this is greatly appreciated by all coaches and the club committee members.

The club is actively looking for new swimmers to join the club where we can provide a high standard of training for all age groups. If you are interested in joining our very successful team, check out our web site on www.kingsburysc.co.uk. «

AZS Swimmers Invited to European Council Inauguration of the Belgian Presidency

On July 2nd, 2010, a select group of swimmers from the Aarschotse Zwemclub Schoonhoven were invited to take part in the formal inauguration of the Belgian Presidency of the European Council, which was held at the Royal Castle and Greenhouses of Laeken. Belgium will take over the six-month rotating presidency of the European Union Council in the context of the new legal framework following the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon. This will be a major responsibility and Belgium has prepared for its new leadership role for the past several years.



The inauguration, to which the swimmers were invited, featured a formal dinner, in addition to a unique and prestigious concert by Belgian singer José van Dam, who is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his career. Given against the fairytale backdrop of the Royal Castle's beautiful park, the concert was of a symbolic nature. José van Dam was supported by artists from each of the three Communities in Belgium. They were also joined by two singers representing Spain and Hungary, in order to symbolize the passing of the Presidential torch from Spain to Belgium and from Belgium to Hungary. The concert was backed by the La Monnaie orchestra and choirs, conducted by Patrick Davin.

The invitation-only inaugural event provided the perfect introduction of Belgium into the EU Presidency. Congratulations to the AZS swimmers who were invited to take part in this very special and symbolic event!

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