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The volunteers are getting ready

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The volunteers' programme is about to reach full gear soon, the future protagonists of the FINA World Championships - in fact, they are protagonists - are already taking part in many activities.

Since the opening of the official volunteer recruitment site (June 24, 2015), already more than 4500 aquatics enthusiasts signed up to support the 2017 FINA World Championships, starting in less than 220 days.

Some days ago, Budapest's University of Physical Education and the Organising Committee [have officially signed the contract](#) guaranteeing the high standard recruitment and education of the World Championships' volunteers.

We asked two volunteers how they wait for this huge sport event.

Ágoston Péter: „The whole country is in full excitement”

„It would be really hard to find a sport event more appropriate than the FINA World Championships to gain experiences and develop your skills. Fortunately I have already had the chance to volunteer at home sport events, however all of them were of less large-scale ones. I am pleased that Hungary hosts more and more events, thus allowing the volunteer movement to gain round. The FINA World Championships is an extraordinary opportunity as we are talking about Olympic sport disciplines Hungary is especially successful in, so Hungarians are looking forward to the event even more. What am I looking forward to? The inspiration, getting to know new people, and the differences between cultures, making new friends. I think, I'll have to be in touch with a lot of people, it is a great challenge, a responsible job. Being a student at the University of P.E., the World Champs will be a superb practise for me, and the same time as a sport enthusiast, I am eager to see performances of the Hungarian as well as those of the foreign top athletes. I am especially excited about how the newly formed Hungarian Water Polo National will play.

Krisztina Szabó: „Pleasure to cheer my own teammates”

„At first I should say that I'm so happy cause I'm in the volunteers group. These guys help each other. I'm glad that we can finally organize such a large scale event. It's an enormous opportunity to this country. Most Hungarian people just sit in front of the TV and cheer for their favorites which is also exciting in itself, but i think watching the world famous athletes

would be among the top three or at least the top five greatest experiences.

The World Championships stands close to my heart as the main places are Budapest and Balatonfüred. These two cities play an important role in my life: in sport, growing up, making friends and studies.

Since I was a swimmer I pray that I can cheer my own teammates (like Kristóf Rasovszky or Patrik Rákos) in the future at such a worldwide competition. Based on my experiences at previous events our job had to be taken very seriously, but of course we had easier days.

I expect similar experiences from this world champion: lots of work and more great times.”

What happens next? It is time for those who already signed up to prove their abilities in the selection process.

Registration is still open however, with the training process starting in the early spring of 2017.