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# Extreme swimmer among the referees in Balatonfüred

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*Hungarian long distance swimmer Attila Mányoki has a key role in the open water competition of the FINA World Masters Championships in Balatonfüred. The 44-year-old athlete, who is member of the Hall of Fame of Marathon Swimmers, works as a referee during the races, and he also takes part in the medal ceremonies.*

*'The organisers asked me a couple of months ago to be member of the referees' committee, since I know open water swimming quite well. I have been a referee some other occasions before, but not in a major event like this. It is a great experience to take part in a domestic World Championships, it is really an honour for me.'*

*'The difference between the FINA World Championships and the Masters World Championships is not significant, our job is very similar. However, the number of the competitors is much bigger now, and it is more difficult to follow them. Their security is the most important thing, we have to react as quick as possible, if somebody needs help. The wind, the big waves and the sparkling sunshine have all made the orientation of the athletes difficult.'*

*'Regarding my next tasks, I start at the Mediterranean Cup on 9 September, where I have to swim 35 km. After that I try to accomplish the sixth leg of the Ocean Seven Series by swim through the Strait of Gibraltar.' - Attila Mányoki said.*