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It is with great pleasure that we welcome Darin Muma as the new Executive Director for Swim Manitoba.

Darin brings with him over 24 years of expertise in the technical development and management of swimming for novice to elite national swimmers. Darin believes in a cooperative approach to program planning to most effectively build on swim performance and swimmer numbers across the province.

Darin will be moving to Manitoba from Hastings, New Zealand where he has been the Director of Coaching for Swim Heretaunga since 2007. Darin in addition to being responsible for their technical program has also been responsible for the education development of their coaches and swimmers. Darin was Head Coach of the Saskatoon Goldfins from 1998 to 2007, and Head Coach of Scarborough Swim Club from 1998 to 1998.

Darin's career highlights include:

Member of the FISU Games Canada coaching staff - 2003

Coach of the Canadian National Jr All Star team – 1994

Asst Coach for Canada Jr Nat 8 Motions Team – 1993

Head Coach of Nat Jr All Star Team at US Open – 1995

Coached silver medalist Liz Warden at Commonwealth Games – 1998

Developed and coached 3 "Top 15" World swims – SC – 1995, 1997

Three "Top 60" in World swims – 1995, 2006

Coached a FISU Games Consolation Finalist – 2003-2005

Top Six team placing (men) at Sr. Nats – 2006

Saskatchewan High Performance Coach 2003-2007

Canada Games Head Coach Team Sask – 2001

Canada Games Assistant Coach Team Sask – 2005

Man-Sask Team Champions – SC – 2001, 2003-2006

Coached swimmers to 15 Sr. Nat podium performances (2 gold, 4 silver, 9 bronze)

Sr. Nat finalists every year – 1989-1998 and 2000-2007

Coached over 85 Saskatchewan provincial record breakers – 1999-2007

Darin's credentials include:

Swim NZ Level 3 Development Coach

Certified Special Olympics Coach

Complete NCCP Level 111

Certified I Can Swim Instructor

Swim Manitoba wishes to extend a special thank you to both Mark Hahto and

Ken McKinnon of Swimming Canada for their support throughout this hiring process.

Congratulations Darin on your successful hire into this progressive position. The entire swim community looks forward to new opportunities on the horizon for Manitoba swimmers and coaches.

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