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Key note speaker



Ex-Olympic Swimmer and
European Champion

STA Conference 2017 Bookings Now Open!

Bookings are now live for STA's 2017 National Conference, which will be held at the state-of-the-art Warwick Conferences Oculus Building on Saturday 2nd September. We are also delighted to confirm that ex-Olympic champion Mark Foster will be opening the event. Book your place today - tickets are £50!

[Book Your Place Today](#)

New Technical Manager for Lifesaving

STA is delighted confirm the appointment of Ian Prosser to the role of Technical Manager for Lifesaving. Ian, who joins the Association from IQL UK (Royal Life Saving Society) where he was a Technical Officer, brings more than 20 years sports and leisure sector experience to STA's Technical Manager role.



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Aquatic Enquiries

To help with aquatic enquiries, Kay Messinger, STA's new Technical Support Officer for Aquatics, has created an FAQ page to give members and customers instant answers to some of the most common questions we're asked about becoming a swimming teacher and jobs in swimming teaching.

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East Riding Leisure Launches Across Nine Sites

The new STA East Riding Leisure Swim Academy has now been integrated into all nine of East Riding of Yorkshire's local authority pools; to mark the occasion representatives from all the sites were presented with certificates certifying their status as East Riding Leisure Swim Academies by STA.

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More Students Take On the Diploma

Congratulations to the teachers (pictured here) who successfully attended the STA Level 3 Baby and Pre-School Diploma course in Wales, tutored by STA's Kaylë Burgham.

Kaylë said: *"The learning for these and all our other Diploma candidates has not ended yet though, as part of the course requires them to complete post course case studies over the next nine months. In this time, they reflect upon their teaching practices and how the knowledge and skills learnt on the course have impacted their teaching. It is these in depth reflective practices which help the Diploma teachers understand the theories and take their lessons to the next level."*

Code of Practice

As a reminder, our free Swimming Teaching Code of Practice (published 11th April 2016) has been designed to support and clarify every aspect of what our members need to know when teaching swimming - from safeguarding, qualification competencies, teaching in the water, teaching ratios, lifesaving cover, pool temperature and lots more.

This is essential reading for every STA swimming teacher – please download a free copy here!

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STA Swimming Gala

STA recently posted on Facebook: "Would you like to see STA organise its own Gala event?" What do you think? Let us know over on Facebook!

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Sri Lankan Women's Swimming Project Takes First Steps to Self-Sufficiency

STA continues to support the Sri Lankan Women's Swimming Project, which was set-up after the 2004 tsunami where 80% of those who drowned were women and children. The project's founder Christina Fonfé and husband Mike share their latest developments here as they take their first steps to self-sufficiency.

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Information Alert: Swimming Pool Overhead Lighting

Following an incident at a public swimming pool, the Department of Health NI have issued a safety alert for pool owners and operators regarding overhead lighting.

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Brrr!

The STA team had an amazing time at the Cold Water Championships in January at South London Swimming Club! Well done to STA's CEO, Dave Candler (pictured here) on coming 2nd in his 90m swim with the water temperature being as cold as 1.5°C!



Octo-Cadet Fun at Alton Towers

Hundreds of Octo-cadets visited Alton Towers Resort's Splash Landings Waterpark this half-term and had lots of fun taking part with STA's Octonauts swimming programme.

[Learn More About Octonauts Awards](#)

Quick Links: Partner Information and Member Offers

- [Octonauts Awards Series](#) - Explore, Rescue, Protect – motivate and reward this Summer
- [CIMSPA](#) - Find out more about our Awarding Organisation endorsement
- [Water Fitness](#) - Diversify your aquatic fitness classes, teaching programme and training portfolio
- [The Scout Association](#) - Free Swim Scout Assessors CPD to support the Swimmer Staged Activity Badge series
- [MOR Solutions](#) - Discount on SwimSoft Online for STA members
- [YMCA Awards](#) - Discounts on YMCA Awards' e-learning portfolio

And Finally...

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