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PERFORMANCE GYM
CENTRE FOR SPORT & EXERCISE (CSE)
46 PLEASANCE, EDINBURGH, EH8 9TJ

World class swimmers set to make splash at international meet

Leading swimmers from Europe and the US will compete at the Edinburgh International Long Course Swim Meet which opens on Friday (13 March).

More than 600 swimmers will compete in 14 disciplines during the three-day event at the Royal Commonwealth Pool.

Ahead of the meet, journalists, photographers and camera crews are invited to a photo call at the University of Edinburgh's Centre for Sport & Exercise at 10:30am tomorrow (Wednesday 11 March).

Three World and Olympic champions from the US – alongside Team Scotland swimmers Caitlin McClatchey, Lucy Hope and Callum Tait – will be among those attending the photo call.

The meet, organised by SASA East District Swimming – in association with the University of Edinburgh and supporting sponsors Finis and Active Edinburgh – will attract competitors from 21 countries.

Spectators can expect three exciting days of competition. Scotland's 200m Commonwealth champion Ross Murdoch will go head to head with 2012 Olympic silver medalist Michael Jamieson and Commonwealth and European champion Adam Peaty will compete in the men's 100m breaststroke.

The University will be represented by a number of athletes, including 2014 Commonwealth Games bronze medallist breast-stroker, Corrie Scott, and fellow Team Scotland members Callum Tait, Katherine Johnston and Jack Thorp.

Also taking part are Olympic medal winning athletes from the US and Europe, including Natalie Coughlin, Anthony Ervin and Fabio Scozzoli.

The meet has attracted teams from Austria, Switzerland and Denmark.

Ranked among the top universities in the world

They will compete alongside four other Commonwealth Games medalists who represented Team Scotland in Glasgow – Hannah Miley, Stephen Milne, Duncan Scott and Robbie Renwick.

The event was first held 25 years ago and was last staged in 2011, prior to the refurbishment of the Commonwealth Pool. The first race on Friday is at 5.15pm.

Jim Aitken, Director of Sport and Exercise at Edinburgh said: “The University is delighted to sponsor the Edinburgh International Swim meet. We extend the warmest of welcomes to everyone taking part. Edinburgh is a university with a rich heritage and success in international sport.

“The Edinburgh International has attracted a star-studded field, which will be sure to fuel some super-fast times and personal best performances. Our best wishes go to everyone involved over the next few days – the sport of swimming is bound to be the winner.”

The meet will be streamed live at <http://new.livestream.com/streamscene>.

Journalists, photographers and camera crews should make their way to the Performance Gym at the Centre for Sport & Exercise, 46 Pleasance, at 10:30am tomorrow (Wednesday).

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