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## PRESS RELEASE

# Triple Whammy, 47 Medals and European Swimming Champions!

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**Doing it in style, swimmers from Great Britain bring home 47 medals and are crowned 2006 European Swimming Champions!**

A staggering 22 Gold, 12 Silver and 13 Bronze medals, firmly secures their place as one of the most successful British Swimming Squads for years, beating their own tally of 25 medals when they were crowned 2005 World Champions.

Top of the Medal Table, ahead of Hungary and Spain, British swimmers outclassed their competitors from the 12 other

Photos courtesy of Varai Mihaly, Budapest

nations competing at the recent INAS-FID Open European Swimming Championships in Budapest during 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2006.

With a host of individual and team performances, the squad were a force to be reckoned with and once again took the sporting world by storm. Taking gold, silver and bronze, in 3 events, the British triple whammy performances left their competitors in awe as they claimed all 9 medals in the men's 400 free, 200 butterfly and 1500 freestyle – the competitors - Chris Pugh, Craig Moate, Adrian Dyer, David Vaughan and Nicholas Boylan, were simply unstoppable.

Outstanding performances from each swimmer saw GB's medal tally soar with British Swimmers seizing gold medals in every male and female relay race over the course of the entire Championships.

*“What an absolutely amazing result – I’m lost for words”* says Carol Halpin, Team Manager, *“they performed well last year as World Champions, but this year they have*

*impressed me again. Everything they did demonstrated an incredible team spirit. Each member of the squad, from swimmers, to staff and escorts supported one another through the competition. I'm so very proud of each one of them. I really couldn't single out one performance because they all contributed in their own way and each swimmer demonstrated unique qualities"*

*"I think Carol Halpin has said it all", comments Tracey McCillen, National Director, UK Sports Association, "this Squad has again shown that they are without doubt world class swimmers and incredible sportsmen and women in their own right. This is one of the strongest swimming squads we have had the pleasure and privilege of working with. It is simply tragic that these swimmers are being denied the opportunity of taking their rightful place amongst Britain's Paralympic Team in Beijing. I hope that the Sports Governing Body at home continues to work with us to ensure that irrespective of the ongoing Paralympic debate, this truly talented group of swimmers are fully supported and can continue to put Great Britain in the international sporting spotlight.*



*This is clearly a* Chris Pugh in action and on course for gold!

*tough act to follow, but the Squad are ready for the challenge and are already eagerly anticipating training and selection for next years World Championships".*

The impressive line up - Chris Pugh (Leigh), Louisa Eames (Worthing), Andrew Hart (Bracknell), Rebecca Lee (Fife), Bryan Wibberley (Reading), Nick Boylan (Ashford), Craig Moate (Barking), David Vaughan (Swansea), Zoe Clayton (Doncaster), Stephanie Bird (Lowestoft), Adrian Dyer (Reading) and Ben Procter (Oldham). Competitors were supported by GB staff Carol Halpin (Team Manager), Gerwyn Owen (Head Coach), Steve Critchley (Coach), Chris Lineker (Coach), Mark Thomas (Coach), Elaine Matthews (Escort/Coach) and George Eames (Team Support Officer).

Discussions continue between the International Sports Federation (INAS-FID) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) as INAS-FID continues to pursue the lifting of the ban on athletes with learning disability from IPC sanctioned events including the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games.

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#### **NOTES TO EDITOR**

1. The UK Sports Association for People with Learning Disability is the national body that coordinates sport for people with learning disability in the UK and is the organisation responsible for the selection and management of Team GB to international events. It is also the officially recognised GB representative on INAS-FID.
2. The event was hosted by the Hungarian Sports Federation for Persons with Intellectual Disability, under the auspices of FINA rules and INAS-FID, the Intellectual Sports Federation for Persons with Intellectual Disability. INAS-FID, founded in 1986, is a member of the International Paralympic Committee. See further information at [www.inas-fid.org](http://www.inas-fid.org)
3. Medal Winners – full details attached

**BRITISH MEDAL TALLY –  
INAS-FID European Open Swimming Championships, 15-21 August Budapest Hungary**

**GOLD**

1)	Rebecca Lee	50m Freestyle
2)	Chris Pugh	400m Freestyle
3)	Chris Pugh	50m Breaststroke
4)	4 x 100m Medley Relay Women	
5)	4 x 100m Freestyle Relay Men	
6)	Chris Pugh	200m Fly
7)	Ben Procter	100m Freestyle
8)	Nicholas Boylan	200m Breaststroke
9)	Craig Moate	1,500m Freestyle
10)	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay Women	
11)	4 x 50m Medley Relay Men	
12)	Chris Pugh	100m Fly
13)	Chris Pugh	200m Individual Medley
14)	Nicholas Boylan	200m Backstroke
15)	4 x 100m Medley Relay Men	
16)	4 x 100m Freestyle Women	
17)	Stephanie Bird	50m Backstroke
18)	Craig Moate	200m Freestyle
19)	Chris Pugh	100m Breaststroke
20)	Rebecca Lee	100m Freestyle
21)	4 x 50m Medley Relay Women	
22)	4 x 50m Free Relay Men (British Record – subject to ratification)	

**SILVER**

1)	Craig Moate	400m Freestyle
2)	Ben Procter	100m Backstroke
3)	Zoë Clayton	200m Backstroke
4)	Craig Moate	200m Fly
5)	Stephanie Bird	50m Fly
6)	Ben Procter	50m Backstroke
7)	Nicholas Boylan	1,500m Freestyle
8)	Stephanie Bird	100m Backstroke
9)	Ben Procter	100m Fly
10)	Ben Procter	200m Individual Medley
11)	Rebecca Lee	200m Fly
12)	Ben Procter	50m Fly (British Record – subject to ratification)

**BRONZE**

1)	Adrian Dyer	400m Freestyle
2)	Rebecca Lee	50m Freestyle
3)	Nicholas Boylan	100m Backstroke
4)	David Vaughan	200m Fly
5)	Rebecca Lee	50m Fly
6)	David Vaughan	1,500m Freestyle
7)	Zoë Clayton	100m Backstroke
8)	Craig Moate	100m Fly
9)	Zoë Clayton	400m Freestyle
10)	Ben Procter	50m Freestyle
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