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# Ready for 2017: Tamás Márcz appointed as head coach of the Hungarian men's water polo team

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*The Hungarian Water Polo Federation elected the new head coach for the men's national team: from January 1, 2017, Tamás Márcz leads the elite squad of Hungary.*

There could not be a greater challenge and introduction on the world field for the new head coach than a World Championships in front of home crowds next year: during the 17th FINA World Championships Tamás Márcz will lead the men's team of the host country.

After the disappointing Olympic Games in Rio (5th place for Hungary) Tibor Benedek resigned from his position. His tally as head coach includes a World Championships title (2013, Barcelona), silver and bronze medals at the European Championships (2014, Budapest and 2016, Belgrade).

There was a huge interest in connection with the freshly available position, 13 professional trainers handed in applications officially: Sándor Cseh, Norbert Dabrowski, Rajmund Fodor, András Gyöngyösi, Teodoro Hadziteodorou, Dénes Lukács, Tamás Márcz, Igor Milanovic, Zoltán Szécsi, Gyula Tóth, Lajos Vad, László Vidumanszky and Balázs Vincze.

As a player, the final winner, now 42-year-old Tamás Márcz won the Olympic gold in Sydney (2000), has a silver medal from the World Championships (1998), two gold (1997, 1999), one silver and one bronze medals from the European Championships, as well as a World Cup-win. In Hungary he played for the club „BVSC”, won several national championships and cup titles, but played in Italy since 2000. He reached the Euroleague final with the Pro Recco, and won LEN Cup with the Savona, too.

The new national head coach has been managing his former club, BVSC's men's team since 2013, also having worked for a period as assistant coach to the Hungarian national women's team from 2014.

At the last World Championships, held in Kazan, the Hungarian men's national team finished sixth - the new head coach now takes on a great, beautiful challenge in leading the Hungarian team all the way to the top in front of home-crowds in Budapest next year.

