



**A Greeting
from
the President of Iceland
Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson**

Swimming has represented both a competitive sport and a healthy form of exercise for us Icelanders. Every day, thousands of Icelanders seek energy and enjoyment at swimming pools, and the nation has admired the achievements of our athletes at international swimming tournaments.

Now we celebrate an important milestone. The dream of a fully equipped, competitive standard indoor pool has been realised, thereby opening the way for international swimming events at the highest level.

We thank everyone who has contributed to realising this project and congratulate swimmers, athletes and the whole community on their impressive pool.

Ægir Swimming Club has been a leading force for decades, an innovator in the Icelandic swimming movement. It is highly apt that it is Ægir that has now organised the first international tournament in this new facility.

Reykjavík International promises to be an exciting contest and we welcome our guests from other countries who are participating in this event.

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