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15 editions couldn’t be taken for granted. It is turning into a tradition, with the pride to host athletes of an almost unknown sport (Underwater Rugby), from 13 different countries. Few contests can claim such numbers, and this is maybe the funniest and most popular UWR event in Europe. The environment is almost unique: the “Paolo Costoli” public pool in Firenze, with its 3 large pools surrounded by the beautiful park, which, for this event only, becomes an international camping for teams and supporters.

Few important news should be highlighted for this year’s tournament. 1) For the first time, a dedicated Android App was developed. 2) Two important local sponsors, Mukki (milk supplier) and Publiacqua (water distribution authority), funded the event. 3) Greece participated for the first time, with both a male and a female team. 4) (last but not least) an UWR functional training was executed on Friday night for all teams. As usual, a “match in the dark” was held after Saturday night dinner, with the players wearing yellow and blue starlights.
Saturday was the perfect day: 30 deg-C air temperature, sunny, with possibility to have inter-games rests under the trees' shadows.

In the night, the dinner all together close to the pool, followed by the Saturday night party, dancing with music from the '80s all night long (no matter if the day after we were supposed to play some more games...)

On Sunday, few showers occurred, but this didn’t affect the games schedule. At the end, the mixed tournament was won by the U25 German team, followed by the Amager Danish team and the Finnish team from Kupla. The Switzerland team ranked forth, while the local Florence team reached the fifth place, just before the Wien team, that is now used to have to deal with Florence in the final phases of every tournament.

Follow the Turkish team from EGE Uni, the Pure OWR English team, De Lux from Luxenburg, Trelleborg from Sweden, Fysalis from Athens and the Bordeaux French team.

The female tournament has been won, once again, by the local team, who has determined its success after an even match that has been resolved only after penalties. The Finnish team from Najadit ranked second and Copenhagen third. Last two places were taken by the Austrian girls, who ranked forth, and the newly participating Greek female team at the fifth place.