

## CALI 1975

Two years after the Swimming Championships will move from Belgrade to Cali, but more than the country changing what really impressed was the changing of the pools. Novella Calligaris wasn't anymore present, since she retired at the age of only 20 and the Italian Swimming Federation lived this for a period of general strain. This time the participant countries are less than those in Belgrade, 39 against 47, but the competitions became more, 37 instead of 29 of the first edition. The Italian Team trusts on Klaus Di Biasi, and although he was at his last Championship he won a gold medal diving from the 10 m platform and a silver medal from the 3 m trampoline. Italy gained at the end four medals in total: two from Di Biasi, a bronze one from the man water polo team and another one from the medley relay composed by Barelli, Guarducci, Pangaro and Zei (in the picture). The third place of the medley relay represented the first medal in man swimming at the Championships. In regard of woman swimming, real leader was once more Kornelia Ender that doubled the Belgrade poker, preparing in this way for the one year after extraordinary Olympic performance in Montreal: again four gold medals and as much world records. Kornelia Ender has been one of the best swimmer than ever. Her daughter Franziska, born from the relationship with another great talent of swimming, Roland Matthes nicknamed cork for his weightlessness in water, tried to do as her mother. The USA ruled the medal collection with east Germany and Hungary at it's side of the podium.