

ROMA 1994

The seventh World Swimming Championships took place in Rome from the 1st to 11th September 1994. At this edition have participated 1400 athletes and this was the Championship that got into history because the Italian National Team of Ratko Rudic's won the gold medal bringing to the end the Big Slam of water polo: Olympic Games, European Championships and World Championships in three years. After overreaching Hungary, in a tough game with a rumble in the pool, the Italian Team proceeds toward the final against Spain winning 15 – 10. The other Italian medals: in the 200 backstroke Lorenza Vigarani gives to Italy a bronze medal, also Setterosa does well conquering the third place and starting a sequence of victories that lead to the gold medal of Athen 2004.

Rome has three stars: "The Czar" Aleksandr Popov, who gets two gold medals (50 m and 100 m Freestyle) and two silver medals, won with relays; Jingyi Le, three gold medals in Freestyle and Franziska van Almsick (picture) who triumphs in 200 free style with world record.