

## **Quattor's swimming team wins the São Paulo Open Water Circuit**

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***For the fourth consecutive year the team takes the gold medal.***

Last week Quattor's swimming team won the championship for the São Paulo Open Water Circuit. The team comprises 36 young athletes from the community around the greater ABC Petrochemical center- where the company has five industrial plants -, as well as children and relatives of employees.

The participants are associated to the company's Professional Class Sporting Association; the team has won this championship for the fourth consecutive year. According to Flavia Molla, swimming teacher and advisor to the athletes, in the last three years the team has thrived, having several achievements. "In last year championships, we won the Gustavo Borges relay race and the 100 meter race in the São Paulo Open Water Swim Circuit", Flavia explains. This year the team welcomed new members, and one of the discoveries was Nathalia de Mello, who is only 9 years old, the daughter of a Quattor employee. "She started training at the beginning of the year and has already won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 25 meter crawl and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 25 meter backstroke in the Aramaçan Athletic Club Swim Festival, in Santo André. In the São Paulo Open Water Swim Circuit, she took 5<sup>th</sup> place", adds the teacher.

The Quattor athletes specialize in open water swimming (in rivers, dams and oceans). In November, three athletes from the team participated in a new circuit: the 14 Bis. The competition took place on a stretch of São Paulo coast and the athletes swam about 25 kilometers. It was around 9 hours of uninterrupted swimming. The Quattor athletes took third and fifth places in the competition. "This competition is in its 41<sup>st</sup> stage; we are training four times a week", adjoins the teacher.

The teacher is optimistic for 2009: "Our objectives for this year were reached. Next year we want to win the São Paulo Open Water Swim Circuit, participate in the Fortes Open Water Competition in Copacabana beach, Rio de Janeiro, and be among the finalists in the Gustavo Borges Relay race".

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