

## MEETING CHANGING NEEDS

TEAM SELECTION and funding issues for the World Class Performance and Potential programmes have been debated and decided by the Technical Swimming Committee. The committee, with help from National Performance Director Bill Sweetenham and National Youth Coach John Atkinson, has also defined selection policies and guidelines to develop elite performance swimming. With future events in mind, dialogue has begun with BUSA regarding the World Student Games 2003, and the British Olympic Association regarding selection standards for the 2004 Olympic Games.

The British Swimming calendar is developing to meet the changing needs of elite level swimming. At the same time the committee is mindful of the needs of the media and potential sponsors that will enhance the profile of the sport.

In the water, the highlights of the year were the outstanding performances of the small team competing at the World Short Course Championships in Moscow in April and the home country teams at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester. The year ahead will be full of challenges, most notably for our teams selected to compete at the World Championships in Barcelona and at the European Junior Championships in Glasgow.

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