

TIM MOVES ON AND UP

CES HEAD COACH ACCEPTS NEW ROLE IN SCOTTISH SWIMMING

It was announced today that Tim Jones has been appointed as the new Performance Manager of Scottish Swimming. This is a new position that focuses specifically on the high performance end of swimming in Scotland.

Clearly, this has come as a significant event in the development of City of Edinburgh Swimming. But Chief Executive Jamie Edgar was quick to note the positive aspects and summarised the situation in saying: "CES would never wish to part company with a person who has played such an important role in propelling CES to its prominent position in British swimming. However, we are delighted that Tim's unique skills have been recognised, enabling him to play a wider role within performance swimming in Scotland. If Tim had said to me that he was leaving Scotland to pursue a career elsewhere, then I would have been very concerned at the loss of such a talented individual. But in his new role as Performance Manager, we will have the continuity of his expertise and we look forward to working under his direction from his position in the governing body. Tim's wider remit within performance swimming in Scotland combined with his focus on programmes such as ours in Edinburgh will be to the benefit of all our top athletes"

Tim brings a wealth of experience to this strategically important role within Scottish Swimming. Under his guidance, CES has achieved top UK senior club status from a standing start in just seven years. Together with his experience as an Olympic swimming finalist and GB Olympic team coach in Atlanta and Sydney, it would be difficult to find an individual with this collective expertise.

The announcement was made today at **sportscotland** and emphasises the willingness of the Achieving Excellence Team at **sportscotland** to invest in sports that show the potential, and have the plans in place, to achieve at top international level.

Tim joined CES in 1996 immediately after the Atlanta Olympic Games. In his seven years as Head Coach,



he has set an example of professionalism that has been emulated in Scotland and GB, and has brought him a number of top coaching awards. Tim will be with CES until 1st September when he takes up his new position.

The Swimming Strategy plan for Edinburgh will continue uninterrupted and we look forward to recruiting a new Head Coach of equal calibre to Tim. The new coach at CES will work with Tim to ensure that CES and swimming in Scotland continues its growth in world rankings. Tim will therefore still be providing a valuable input to the Edinburgh programme, albeit not directly from the poolside, though it may prove difficult to keep him away! Commenting on his appointment, Tim said: "This post will give me an opportunity to work alongside a wider group of coaches and athletes. Together I am sure that we can build on some encouraging recent successes and take our performance to the next level". I am sure that we all agree and wish him the very best in this challenging new position.