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## A Message From The Chair

We at the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame acknowledge and congratulate our IMSHOF inductee class of 2018.

Each member of this outstanding year emulates those exceptional 269 forerunners enshrined in the Hall of Fame.

Since the class of 1963, our marathon swimming inductees from around the world have received the ultimate marathon swimming recognition. They have been immortalized with their names inscribed on the IMSHOF Sea Goddess, our 'symbol of the sea'.

Our website has the details of the previous Inductees' achievements.

The 2018 IMSHOF Induction Ceremony will be held at Windsor England. When Captain Matthew Webb RN conquered the English Channel in 1875 nobody would have thought such a worldwide movement of marathon swimming would be born and where ethics and morals are paramount in pursuit of a successful marathon.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 31st March at our Induction Ceremony at The Chapel, Beaumont Estate, Old Windsor, UK. This impressive venue is just 10 kilometres from London Heathrow. Details of the inductee ceremony are posted on the [IMSHOF official Facebook page](#), and on [our website](#).

Congratulations and welcome to you all.

Chris Guesdon  
Chair IMSHOF

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Presenting the IMSHOF Class of 2018

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## IMSHOF Class of 2018 Honoree Biographies

### IMSHOF Honor Swimmers - Female

#### **Cindy Cleveland (USA)**

Cindy Cleveland (USA) - 1970s/1980s pioneering swims in California.

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#### **Pilar Geigo (ARG)**

Pilar Geigo (ARG) - Dominated the FINA Grand Prix professional circuit for 10 years

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#### **Martina Grimaldi (ITA)**

Martina Grimaldi (ITA) - Olympic medallist, world champion and podium finisher 24 times

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#### **Kathrin Lammers (GER)**

Kathrin Lammers (GER) - Elite racer 1993-2002 with 25 podium finishes.

[Ready Biography Here](#)

### **Jaimie Monahan (USA)**

Jaimie Monahan (USA) - Pioneered new swims in Lakes Geneva/Maggiore plus speed record for double Manhattan.

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### **Anna-Carin Nordin (SWE)**

Anna-Carin Nordin (SWE) - First Swede in the IMSHOF and first female to complete Oceans Seven.

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### **Poliana Okimoto (BRA)**

Poliana Okimoto (BRA) - Olympic medallist, world champion and podium finisher 28 times

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### **Sarah Thomas (USA)**

Sarah Thomas (USA) - Set then broke the records for the longest lake swim.

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## **IMSHOF Honor Contributors**

### **Linda Kaiser (USA)**

Linda Kaiser (USA) - Administrator- 30+ years Hawaiian swim director and Molokai channel association co-founder.

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### **Hugh Tucker (RSA)**

Hugh Tucker (RSA) - Coach - 40+ years of helping South African (and visiting) marathoners with 300+ swim escorts.

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## **IMSHOF Honor Swimmers - Male**

### **Albert Coward (GBR)**

Albert Coward (GBR) - 1970/1980s pioneering swims in the Bay of Naples.

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### **Zhang Jian (CHN)**

Zhang Jian (CHN) - Pioneering swims in China and first Chinese swimmer to complete the English Channel.

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### **Mohamed Ahmed Marouf (EGY)**

Mohamed Ahmed Marouf (EGY) - Elite racer 1985-2001 and his Lake Zurich records still unbeaten after 24 years.

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### **Rohan Dattatrey More (IDN)**

Rohan Dattatrey More (IDN) - Marathon swimmer from age 11 with six of the Oceans Sevens completed.

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### **Jacques Tuset (FRA)**

Jacques Tuset (FRA) - Global marathon career and 25 prison island escapes.

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### **Trent Grimsey (AUS)**

Trent Grimsey (AUS) - World champion and set the English Channel speed record.

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## **Presenting the ISHOF Award Recipients**

### **ISHOF Poseidon Award**

#### **Christopher Guesdon (AUS)**

Chris Guesdon (AUS) - 56 years in the sport, from marathon swimmer to the designer of the Olympic 10k, and he currently chairs the IMSHOF.

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### **ISHOF Irving Davids/Captain Roger**

## W. Wheeler Memorial Award

### Stéphane Lecat (FRA)

Former world champion swimmer now leads the medal winning French National Team.

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**CLICK HERE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS**  
IMSHOF Induction Ceremony

### 2018 IMSHOF Host City, London, UK

Saturday, 31st March 2018

Windsor, UK.

GBP 60.00 Per Ticket

DINNER TICKETS AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE BOOKED SEPARATELY

## Sponsorship Packages

### Opportunity

### Inaugural Sponsorship

The International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF) is open to discussion with potential sponsors.

**Access to Global, National and Local Market Audiences**

We offer prestige and status with opportunities in global national or local markets, our induction ceremony, worldwide communication channels, database and event coverage.

The International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame is an online virtual shrine dedicated to the history and recognition of Honour Swimmers and Honour Contributors involved in marathon swimming around the world. [www.imshof.org](http://www.imshof.org)

Several factors fuel the recent massive growth in marathon swimming. The sport rejoined the Olympics in 2008 after an absence of 104 years.

Forty years of modern triathlon have brought millions of new competitors into open water races. In parallel, during the last decade thousands of short open water swimming events/races have been launched.

Global media have greatly increased their coverage of marathon races and epic swims.

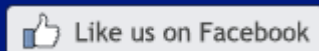
## Sponsor Recognition at the Annual Induction Ceremony

Our hallmark event is our prestigious annual Induction Ceremony with over 100 international attendees. This will be held on 31 March in London offering numerous sponsorship opportunities.

If you are interested in sponsorship, or can make an introduction please contact [ned.denison@corkopenwater.com](mailto:ned.denison@corkopenwater.com)

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