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Review – 2024 Induction & Awards Ceremony Cancun México

The Ceremony met and exceeded our success criteria:

23 Honorees and 4 of 5 Executive Committee members attended – see list on [Notes and Ceremony Attendees | IMSHOF](#)

8 Inductees (plus a representative for Pauline Jackson RIP) and 1 Award winner attended

Dinner attendees – 100+

It WAS a full weekend

Wednesday – Friday tours, casual meals, pool/bar time & ocean dips

Saturday - 1.9 km and 3.8 km races, Congress, Ceremony & “afters”

Sunday 10 km race (1,000 participated - Honorees won 4 of the age groups), casual meals & pool/bar time

Several organizations paid for promotional pages in the booklet & many new Patrons.

The website has been updated to include the booklet, photos, videos (actual Ceremony – 3 parts, Introductory Rolling Slide Show, and slide show for each Inductee and Award winner). New video links are included on all Biography links. Please let us know if you find any issues with hundreds of changes, links, and additions. The 2023 Ceremony took place in a professionally outfitted room and hence the video quality was excellent. The Cancun Ceremony was in a room open on two sides – with very strong wind – so quality was not to the same standard. To understand the wind, see this 17 second [video](#). We’ll do better in 2025.

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Alice Dearing joins the Executive Committee



Alice Dearing joins the Executive Committee of the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF). She represented Great Britain for more than a decade on the World Aquatics circuit as a 10k marathon racer. This included participation in the 2021 Tokyo Olympics and gold medalist in 2016 at the World Junior Open Water Swimming Championships in Hoorn, Netherlands.

Alice brings a master's degree in social media and political communication and a younger perspective to help further develop IMSHOF's communications offering. She also broke barriers as the first female Black swimmer to represent Great Britain at the Olympics since their first involvement more than 100 years ago. She plans to make a career in broadcast journalism and continue her advocacy work.

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2025 Induction & Awards Ceremony – Jersey Saturday 17th May

The event will be hosted by Honorees: Sally Anne Minty-Gravett, MBE; and Jersey Long Distance Swimming Club. They have a history of hosting annual local dinners with 100+ attendees. The island (between France and England) has the highest percentage of marathon swimmers/1,000 population of any location in the world. Many Honorees may choose to drive/rail/ferry (as opposed to fly). For those who fly the airport code is JER. Many will tour the small island and go further afield to Normandy.

New Patrons & Special Thanks

Please see the description of the program on [Patrons & Special Thanks | IMSHOF](#)

Gold Patron Individual: Richard Broer (NED 2017) upgraded from Silver

Gold Patron Individual: Nora Toledano Cadena (MEX 2006) upgraded from Silver

Platinum Patron Individual: Richard Clifford

Silver Patron Individual: Alice Dearing

Gold Patron Individual: Madhu Nagaraja topped up on the way to Platinum

Gold Patron Individual: Loren King

New Videos (now 98 on file) and Articles

[Erdal Acet](#) (not an Honoree) – 1976 English Channel male speed record

[Oldest English Channel Relay](#) – Honorees Dr. Chris Stockdale, MBE & Kevin Murphy

21 Ceremony videos [Class of 2024 México | IMSHOF](#)

Biographies Updated for Speed Records

IMSHOF Major Swims (pages) and Honoree biographies have been updated to reflect setting firsts, speed and “most” records in the following key races and swims: English Channel, Catalina, Capri-Naples, Lac St. Jean, Gibraltar, and Manhattan. All Honorees – if you held one of these records, please check your biography and reach out if you find anything missing/in error.

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