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**Happy Holidays &
Best Wishes for the New Year**



Happy Holidays! The IMSHOF Executive Committee sends their best wishes to you and your loved ones for a wonderful New Year.

IMSHOF Executive News

| Introducing IMSHOF 2016 Chairman



Chris Guesdon of Australia is the new Chair of the IMSHOF.

Mr Guesdon said he was pleased to accept the leadership position with the Executive Team.

He went on to say what a privilege it is to serve with such a distinguished group of our sport's Luminaries on the Executive Committee with Beth Yudovin, Ned Denison and Dale Petranech.

It is a pleasure to be involved in such a prestigious organization honoring those amazing marathoners whose citations come before us each year. We thank our global Voting Panel from the five continents of the world for their expertise and contribution.

Chris, the mastermind behind the vision of the Olympic 10K Marathon Swim, has been involved in the sport as a

swimmer, event organizer, administrator, technical official, escort, lobbyist, historian and documenter extraordinaire. He was a FINA Open Water Swimming Technical Committee member.

He also completely understood the perspective of the athletes. He competed in 20 International marathons across the globe and was Australian Marathon Swimming Champion in 1977 & 1981.

But his legacy will be as the architect of the Olympic 10K Marathon Swim which he designed to be acceptable as an Olympic Games marathon swimming event. He initially presented the plan - the idea to the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee in 1998.

In his home country of Australia, Chris was the manager of the Australian all conquering Open Water Swimming Team during the period 1991-1996, was the Secretary of Australian Open Water Swimming Committee 1988-2001 and a bureau member of the International Long Distance Swimming Federation, which existed between its founding in Paris in 1953 until 1974.

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| IMSHOF 2016 Executive Committee



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You Can Nominate Your Hero!

NOMINATIONS

ARE OPEN

Click the link to download a PDF version of Nomination Form

[IMSHOF Nomination Form](#)

INTERNATIONAL MARATHON SWIMMING HALL OF FAME

NOMINATION FORM

- Honouree Swimmer Honouree Contributor
 Poseidon Award Davids-Wheeler Award

Before completing your nomination, please make sure that you address the selection criteria on the website.

PERSONAL DETAILS OF THE NOMINEE

Full details of the name, address(es), occupation, date of birth and date of death (if applicable) are required to identify the person clearly for the contact purposes should the nomination be successful.

Family Name Given Name(s) Honours (if any)

Home Address (street, suburb, city, state, country and postcode)

Home Phone (inc International Code) Business Phone Mobile

Fax (inc International Code) Email Address

____/____/____ ____/____/____ Current Occupation
Date of Birth Date of Death (if applicable)

____/____/____
Date of Retirement from Top Level Competition

please attach a CV with the biographical information to explain the reason this person should be inducted into the IMSHOF together with a photograph and the nominee's website (URL) if they have one.

Nominated By Organisation

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POSEIDON AWARD NOMINATIONS

Poseidon Award Policy

The International Swimming Hall of Fame gives formal status to the Poseidon Award and ISHOF will include this award as part of the ISHOF annual awards event.

The International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame provides administrative assistance with all received nominations and utilizes the IMSHOF Voting Committee to forward the result to ISHOF.

The criteria and nomination process is noted below.



Only 4 Weeks Remaining for Nominations!

1. **Anyone can nominate a person or organization.**
2. **Nominations for the Poseidon Award close on December 31, 2015**
3. **Ballot closes February 28, 2016.**
4. **Announcements March 31, 2016.**

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|Criteria For Poseidon Award Nominations

Would you like to nominate a person for the IMSHOF Poseidon Award? Do they meet the criteria?

1. Outstanding Marathon Swimming achievement as a Swimmer or Contributor that warrants special recognition.
2. Must be superior achiever at the highest level.
3. Have the support of their peers.
4. Integrity, sportsmanship and character will be considered along with other achievements.
5. Any person or organization can make nominations for consideration by the selection committee.
6. The primary consideration for selection is high level achievement from personal effort or initiative in a field of endeavor that contributes to the performance of marathon swimmers, or to the development and status of Marathon Swimming to the world.
7. Nominees should have made a major contribution at the international level to Marathon Swimming.
8. Whichever area of involvement. Nominees will be:
 - Competitors
 - Initiators
 - Sport developers
 - Achievers at the highest level of office or appointment that is available
 - Contributors to the sport in general at the highest level
9. Mere long term service by a nominee is not sufficient justification for selection without having satisfied the primary requirements listed above or demonstrated outstanding achievement arising from personal initiative or innovation.
10. This award is to be awarded to someone who is a leader, or has lead and has

done or been instrumental in a major thing or programme that either changed

the world of marathon swimming forever or did something during a year as a

competitor that either no one has ever done or not many, i.e. won many gold

medals at one competition.

|Poseidon Award Submission Guidelines

Get started by answering the criteria questions above. Write a brief paragraph in response to Items 1-10 above as your supporting document.

1. Download the Nomination Form and complete the necessary details.
2. Write a 200-300 word supporting narrative that answers each of the Criteria questions above.
3. Keep it brief and to the point.
4. Submit by email your Nomination Form and supporting one page document to [Chris Guesdon, Chairman IMSHOF](#)

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Congratulations to Marathon Swimmers Inducted into ISHOF Class of 2016

There are 3 International Swimming Halls of Fame... with some honorees inducted to more than one.

A brief overview:

1. Our organization is The International **Marathon** Swimming Hall of Fame. www.imshof.org (IMSHOF). We honor those involved in races and epic solos in the open water:
 - o Swimmers
 - o Contributor - coaches
 - o Contributor - administrators
 - o Contributor - pilots
 - o Contributor - organisations
2. The International Swimming Hall of Fame is a not-for-profit educational organization located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Its mission is to promote the benefits and importance of swimming as a key to fitness, good health, quality of life, and the water safety of children. This

is accomplished through the operation of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, a dynamic shrine dedicated to the history, memory, and recognition of the famous swimmers, divers, water polo players, synchronized swimmers, open water swimmers and persons involved in lifesaving activities and education, throughout the world, whose lives and accomplishments will serve to inspire, educate, and be role models for all those who participate in the Hall of Fame's experience and programs.

3. Finally, The International **Masters Swimming** Hall of Fame www.usms.org honors master Swimmers, (the word Masters was first applied to adults who participated in track and field and was later adopted in organized adult swimming. In swimming, Masters simply means 18 and older.), and Contributors in Masters Swimming. Drury Gallagher is dual honoree.

We congratulate solo marathon swimmers Des Renford (AUS) and Monique Wildschut (NED), and Long Distance Open Water Swimmer and Racer, Larisa Ilchenko (RUS) on their induction into the International Swimming Hall of Fame, Class of 2016.



Desmond Robert "Des" Renford (AUS) **Solo Marathon Swimmer**

Renford was the King of the Channel® between 1975 and 1979 with 16 successful crossings of the English Channel that included ten records. He was the first person complete three crossings in a year. He was also King of the Channel® briefly in 1980 when he achieved his eighteenth crossing.

Renford was an Australian long distance swimmer who swam the English Channel 19 times from 19 attempts. This is more successful crossings than any other Australian. From 1975-1979 and for a period in 1980 he held the title of King of the Channel®. At the time of his death, only two other people had swum the Channel more often, Alison Streeter (38 times; more since then) and Michael Read (31). He also swam 93 km from Watson's Bay Sydney Harbour to North Wollongong Harbour in Australia in 1974 in 27 hours 29 minutes.

He was also the manager and tactician for the four-way crossing of the English Channel by the Sun Rice Australia relay team in 1993 when they completed the historic swim in 43 hours 7 minutes.

[Learn More About Des Renford \(AUS\)](#)

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Monique Wildschut (NED) Solo Marathon Swimmer

- Wildschut dominated the women's marathon swimming professional circuit from the mid-1980's to the early 1990's when she was the six-time World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation champion from 1983-1988
- She crossed the English Channel twice, in 8 hours 44 minutes in 1982
- She completed the fastest swim of the year in 1984 in 8 hours 19 minutes
- She was the fastest woman at the 32 km (20-mile) Traversée internationale du Lac St-Jean in Canada in 7 hours 46 minutes in 1983
- She was second overall at the 64 km (40-mile) Traversée internationale du Lac St-Jean double-crossing race in 17 hours 28 minutes in 1989
- She won the 1983 Atlantic City Marathon Swim in Absecon Island in New Jersey
- She set the Traversée Internationale du lac Memphrémagog record with a new women's record of 9 hours 41 minutes 11 seconds

[Learn More About Monique Wildschut \(NED\)](#)



Larisa Ilchenko (RUS)

Long Distance Open Water swimmer & Racer

Throughout her remarkable competitive career, the Russian **open water swimming** star won eight **FINA World Championships** between 2005 and 2008 and culminated her career at the 2008 Beijing Olympics at age 19.

She has been named **Swimming World Magazine** 's World Female Open Water Swimmer of the Year.

She dominated long distance swimming since her first FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships in Dubai in 2004, where she won at the age of 16. The next year in Montreal at the 2005 FINA World Swimming Championships, she had a much tougher time as the veterans pushed her under and held her up, but still won with a final

sprint.

In 2006 in Napoli, Italy, she doubled up with victories in the 5 km and 10 km marathon swim, again winning with trademark closing sprint, called The Ilchenko. By 2007 and 2008, the juggernaut was firmly established and she confidently swaggered her way onshore while dominating the last part of every race she swam. Her career culminated at the 2008 Beijing Olympic 10K Marathon Swim when she won the first gold medal in open water swimming in very dramatic fashion.

As a 19-year-old, Ilchenko won the gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics in the Olympic 10K Marathon Swim, using her trademark closing kick (The Ilchenko) after being behind the leaders for 9,900 meters of the 10,000-meter swim.

[Learn More About Larisa Ilchenko \(RUS\)](#)

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IMSHOF 2015 Honorees Award Gallery





Induction & Awards Ceremony

The 2015 Award Ceremony was held at the Doubletree Hilton hotel, San Pedro, California. Ned Denison (IRE), was our Master of Ceremonies and the evening started with lots of laughter and conversation during Happy Hour.

Bruce Wigo (ISHOF) surprised our special guest Greta Andersen (DEN/USA) with an ISHOF Lifetime Achievement award and Ned introduced Marilyn Bell to accept her formal induction into the Class of 1967.

We celebrated the life of David Yudovin and congratulated the 2015 honorees; Swimmers - Forrest Nelson (USA), Antonio Argüelles Diaz Gonzalez (MEX), Martin Strel (SVN) and George Park (CAN) 1978.

The ceremony continued with Marty Veen (NED) awarded an Honor Contributor/Administrator and the Varne Ridge Channel Swim Park (GBR) and Jersey Long Distance Swimming Club (GBR) inducted as Honor Contributor Organizations.

Dennis Miller (FJI) was awarded the ISHOF Irving Davids/Captain Roger M. Wheeler Memorial Award.

Family and friends enjoyed every acceptance speech where honorees delighted the audience with historical anecdotes and personal stories of triumph and commitment.

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Fine Ocean Swimmers

Lots of information on this site.

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| Your Photos and Stories

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