



December 2019 - IMSHOF NEWSLETTER

Season's Greetings

Enjoy your free time with family and friends. For those of you still marathon swimming – some 2020 events are full and others filling fast. Take time over the next weeks to decide your goals, get your medical checks completed and registrations confirmed. Then you'll know the required training – which might be the easy part!

The Executive Committee is looking for more help

If you have time and interest, please contact me and we'll find you a project/role. We plan in January to increase the size of the Executive Committee – expressions of interest are sought. The responsibility/role is described as follows:

- a. Driving interest in the sport of marathon swimming and dedication to advance the IMSHOF
- b. Ability and willingness to put in monthly hours (reading, calls, small projects, etc.) to advance the goals of the IMSHOF
- c. Volunteer, take responsibility and delivered major projects/areas of responsibility such as annual ceremonies, nominations/voting, website, Facebook, Instagram, finance, ISHOF liaisons, press announcements, creation of new materials, etc.
- d. Attend most of the annual ceremonies

Note - there are no paid stipends/expenses, so the Executive Committee members must fund their own travel.

The Induction and Awards dinner

This will take place in New York City on Saturday 2nd May 2020 at: Fordham University at Lincoln Center, 150 West 62nd Street. New York, NY 10023 USA. Tickets are available at:

<https://ishof.org/shop.html#!/Induction-Tickets/c/39574046/offset=0&sort=normal>

We have 48 registered/committed so far. ***Please register early.*** If you are booking for 2 attendees: select number 2 and either select one entrée (if both want the same) or select 2 different entrees.

New York will be a very special event – we hope to see you there! Perhaps more importantly, we hope you get to experience seven decades of marathon swimming history in one place at the same time!

Just a reminder new inductees: Cameron Bellamy ZAF, Damián Blaum ARG, Marcia Cleveland USA, Captain Nabil Elshazly EGY, Bryan Finlay CAN, Spiros Gianniotis GRE, Massimo Giuliani ITA, Ijsselmeer Zwemmarathon NED, Esther Nuñez Morera ESP, Walter Poenisch USA, Éva Risztov HUN and Doug Woodring HKG and award winners: S.A. "Sid" Cassidy USA, Petar Stoychev BUL and Beth Yudovin USA

Changes to the Nomination/Selection/Notification process

Previously nominations ranged from ½ pages with 10 websites referenced to 10 pages with very little focus on the sport of marathon swimming. These could be submitted by friends and did not require the involvement of the person being nominated – this left the facts “unchecked”. The Selectors faced a difficult task in reading all the material for nearly fifty nominations, applying a quality check and then making judgements.

As a solution, we have produced standardized nomination forms to improve the quality and help the focus. Nominated swimmers/contributors will sign and Executive Committee members will get involved in each nomination (commenting and approving a final nomination) to execute a high-level fact check. The other big change is all nominators and nominees will be contacted after the annual voting.

We are trialing these new forms on a group of new nominees and will make them available by mid-February. If you have a name in mind and don't want to wait – contact us.

A nomination is NOT an honor and hence the nomination and selection processes are not public. Please do not mention these on social media or try to lobby for individual candidates.

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