



Dennis Miller, Honor Administrator, Fiji, 2013



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Dennis Miller as an administrator working behind the scenes, rose in FINA to the highest echelon in aquatic administration. He became a FINA Bureau member while overseeing FINA's newest aquatic discipline, open water swimming. As he worked on the details of integrating open water swimming into the FINA framework, Miller was instrumental in getting marathon swimming into the Olympics in 2008. He lobbied, he refereed, he explained, he presented and was the constant in the FINA camp when it came to open water swimming. Credited as one of the three people who formulated and pushed forward the current racing format used at the Olympic 10 km marathon swim, together with IMSHOF Honorees Christopher Guesdon and S.A. "Sid" Cassidy, his legacy was acknowledged by his peers. There wasn't anyone in the world who has attended more world-class FINA open water swimming competitions than Miller during his time in FINA.

He was a constant with an encyclopedic knowledge of the history, rules, and operations of competitive open water swimming world. He wasn't brash, he wasn't egotistical. He just got the job done administratively. Paperwork, procedures, protocols and reports – those little things that need to get done to put on world-class events in countries around the world – that was where Miller excelled. His work laid the foundation that has allowed marathon swimming to reach its Olympic status.

He received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2015 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming.

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