

The Dream...The Goal...The Journey

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| Chris Guesdon, Chairman

Firstly, thank you for your interest in reading our March newsletter. Our communications have been beefed up and during the year we will keep you updated on the latest happenings at IMSHOF via our newsletters.

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Innovate, Connect and Prosper

The challenge for marathon swimming in 2016 is to have open water swimming connect with our pool cousins around the globe who administer and operate the 209 national swimming federations that are affiliated with [FINA](#).

Talking it up but never engaging! If you want to change the world you have to have lived in it first.

Open Water Swimming attracts approximately 20% of those who swim in pool events run by the Federations to the open water competitions at World Titles and at the Olympic Games. This is unfortunate. The percentage should be so much higher.

Instead, there are many organizations all around the world starting to pop up and cater for open water swimming; most are not affiliated in any way to a National Swimming Federation.

We are talking about the hundreds of organizations that are setting up and hundreds of thousands of swimmers from the four corners of the globe swimming under their banners.

The big question is why the lack of interest in open water swimming by the National Federations?

This ennui is epidemic throughout the pool-centric governing bodies.

Whilst Open Water numbers are growing around the world at a shade over 100% in five years, FINA's affiliated bodies still do not have a plan to capture some of these Open Water events along with their multitudinal ocean and marathon competitors

If we don't respect the past then we will find it difficult to build a future.

With the final 10k marathon Olympic trial for Rio coming up this June hopefully more countries will have swimmers line up at the start.

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Announcement - 2016 Awards Ceremony

IMSHOF Awards Ceremony Friday November 4, 2016

It is confirmed that the annual IMSHOF award ceremony will be held at San Pedro, Los Angeles, USA. The weekend of November, 4,5 & 6 will bring together honorees, members, family and friends of [IMSHOF](#), [ISHOF](#), [Catalina Channel Swimming Federation](#), the [Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Federation](#) and [The Marathon Swimmers Federation](#)

[View the venue here.](#)

And the 2016 IMSHOF Awards Go To...

Attila Mányoki (HUN)

Honoree Swimmer

Attila Mányoki is an award winning, prolific World Cup swimmer active in major marathons since 1991 and continues with the Seven Oceans as his next goal.

While most of his competitions were in the warmer waters, he also proved himself in the colder waters of the USA, Canada and UK.

[View video here.](#)

Chloë McCardel (AUS)

Honoree Swimmer

Chloë McCardel (born 10 May 1985) is an accomplished open water swimmer from Australia who has completed a total of 13 English Channel crossings, including 2 two-way crossings and one three-way crossing.

In 2010, she won the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim in 7:53, winning in a dramatic 5-second victory over second-place Jaime Caballero of Spain.

She was nominated for the 2014 and 2015 World Open Water Swimming Woman of the Year and was featured in the 2016 Marathon Swimmers Federation Calendar.

Chloë won the Marathon Swimmers Federation Solo Swim of the Year award for the most outstanding solo marathon swim of 2015..

[Read extensive biography here](#)

Tomi Stefanovski (MAC)

Honoree Swimmer

Tomi's marathon career spans four decades and he has achieved 30 podium marathon finishes (16 wins).

Incredibly his best years came after turning 40 - 2 wins; 2 second places; 3 third places in the FINA Grand Prix series. At 43, Tomi set the record as the oldest ever winner of a Grand Prix marathon *and* he was ranked 2nd in the series.

[Read more here](#)

Charlie Gravett (UK)

Honoree Contributor

Charlie Gravett is an escort pilot and Vice President of the [Jersey Long Distance Swimming Club](#) located on the isle of Jersey.

He is affiliated to the Amateur Swimming Association SER, British Long Distance Swimming Association and the Channel Swimming & Piloting Federation.

He is the swim coordinator for Round Jersey and Jersey-to-France crossings.

[Learn more here](#)

David Yudovin (USA)

Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award

David Yudovin is recognized as one of the most prolific open water marathon swimmers in history. He is known for pioneering channel swimming firsts that span the globe.

An American marathon swimmer, Yudovin is 1999 Honour Swimmer in the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame; 2014 Honor Open Water Swimmer in the International Swimming Hall of Fame; a lifetime member of the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation; a lifetime member of the Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association, and a member of the Half Century Club.

[Read more here](#)

Chloë McCardel

(AUS)

Poseidon Award

In a single calendar year, Chloë posted an unprecedented set of marathon swimming accomplishments:

2015: Triple crossing of the English Channel - 36 hours 12 minutes

This has not been accomplished in the previous 25 years. Chloë became the fourth swimmer to accomplish this feat joining IMSHOF honour swimmers: Alison Streeter, Philip Rush and Jon Erikson.

2015: Established record for fastest female. Three solo crossings (making a total 6 crossings for the season) of the English Channel in one week (no other swimmer has accomplished the same) - all under 10 hours.

She has been active in marathon swimming since 2009 with other noted accomplishments

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