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Beth Yudovin was selected as the fourth recipient of the Dale Petranec Award for Services to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame. She will be presented with the honor and award at the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF) Induction/Award ceremony in New York City on May 2nd.

Beth helped guide the organization through a difficult transition. She took over as Chair of the Executive Committee when David Yudovin passed away in March of 2015. Chris Guesdon took over as Chair in 2016 and Beth took over finance and hosting the 2015 and 2016 Induction and Awards Ceremonies in San Pedro California.

Ned Denison, Chair of the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame, explains the reasoning behind his selection. "Beth brought class and dignity to the organization, showed masterful diplomatic skills and kept us heading upmarket - especially with generous contributions including attending the last six Induction and Awards Ceremonies. Because of her commitment and dedication, the organization is in a much better place. Dale asked that Beth be notified in advance and pose with the award while the three of us were together at the ISHOF ceremonies in Florida in May this year (see attached picture). Dale passed away shortly after the event."

Beth's prior 30+ years involvement in the sport was generally as her husband's (David Yudovin Honor Swimmer in IMSHOF and ISHOF) manager and crew chief. Together they completed first ever marathon swims in Japan, Mexico, Indonesia, New Zealand, Portugal, California's Channel Islands and in Africa: Cape Verde plus São Tomé and Príncipe. They also completed previously established marathon swims in Tahiti, Hawaii and across the English Channel and Straits of Gibraltar.

This award was created in 2016 to honor Dale Petranec for decades of service to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame. Petranec is a dual inductee in both the IMSHOF and the International Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honor Contributor. As a marathon swimmer, Petranec previously held the record as the oldest solo swimmer across the Catalina Channel. He served for nearly 50 years in various capacities at all levels of the sport, local, regional, national and international.