

## **Hello to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF) honoree: Swimmers, Administrators, Organizations, Pilots and Coaches – 3 June 2014**

We hope this first formal IMSHOF newsletter reaches you. It contains important news, gives you the opportunity to meet and seeks information.

You may wish to start by looking at our website located at:  
<http://www.internationalmarathonswimminghalloffame.com/>

The website is constantly updated and should serve as a primary source of annual news. Apologies for only issuing this newsletter in English – we'll add additional languages going forward.

Kind regards,

IMSHOF Executive Committee

## **2014 – Large induction of marathon swimmers into the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF)**

There are two international organizations which honor the sport. This newsletter is directed to the IMSHOF inductees from the open water marathon swimming world. Our organization was founded first in 1961 and became an affiliated organization of the ISHOF in 1962. See <http://imshof.org/organization/history/>

The ISHOF has a web site located at: <http://www.ishof.org/>

During the period of 1970 to 1996 when the Open water classification was established and Penny Dean installed, there were no open water swimmers inducted into the ISHOF. By special election the following will be honored this year:

Honor Open Water Swimmers: Sandra Bucha (U.S.A.), Jon Erikson (U.S.A.), Claudio Plit (Argentina), Judith van Berkel-de Njis (Netherlands), David Yudovin (U.S.A.), Mercedes Gleitze (Great Britain) and George Young (Canada)

Honor Open Water Swimming Contributor Dale Petranec (U.S.A.)

We thank Dale Petranec, IMSHOF secretary since 1998 and ISHOF Selection Committee since 2000 for his long campaign to right this historic "oversight".

## **The 2014 Global Open Water Swimming Conference – Scotland**

The largest assembly ever of IMSHOF honorees is expected in Mount Stuart House on the Island of Bute (near Glasgow) on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – pictured below:



Met your old friends, meet some heroes, allow others to meet you (their hero!) and enjoy the conference. For those resident in Europe, Middle East and Africa – it presents you with a short(ish) trip compared to previous conferences in the United States. See attached for the draft conference program – most will come for the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.....but there is an option for a longer visit to Scotland.

The above individuals will be inducted into the ISHOF as part of a special IMSHOF evening on the 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition the class of 2014 will be inducted into the IMSHOF. Book your place on: <http://www.vigourevents.com/#!wowsa-conference/c1yp3>

We look forward to seeing you in Scotland proudly wearing your honoree sash!

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Long Beach, California**

September 21-22, 2012



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## Please help us update YOUR information

A brief description of your contribution to marathon swimming appears in the website:  
<http://imshof.org/honourees/>

In addition, you are included in "Where Are They Now?" <http://imshof.org/honourees/where-are-they-now/>

Please read these sections and we invite changes and additions – make sure your name is spelled correctly!. You are a key part of the success of the sport and the website captures this

for generations to come. If not for yourself, do it for your relatives and the thousands of young swimmers from your country who will find inspiration in these pages.

### **Please help us find/update information on others**

We are missing any type of description on two honorees:

General Sabry (Egypt) and Magda Molnar (Hungary)

In addition, we do not have contact details for the following. Some of these individuals were born more than 100 years ago and perhaps are no longer with us.

John Sigmund (USA), Jose Cortinas (Cuba), James Toomey (USA), Helge Jensen (Denmark), Feng Yao-Hsein (China), Alawi Makki (United Arab Emirates), Annemie Landmeters (Belgium), Brenda Sherratt (Great Britain), Carole Hunt (Great Britain), Chad Hundebly (USA), Cynthia Nicholas (Canada), Jerry Kerschner (USA), Johanes "John" Schans (Netherlands), Marty Sinn (USA), Patty Thompson (Canada), Sarah Hunt, (Great Britain) and Tina Bischoff (USA)

### **Nominate possible new honorees**

There are many fantastic swimmers, administrator, pilots and coaches who would be worthy of a nomination. Please think about those involved in YOUR open water career.

The criteria is available at: <http://imshof.org/organization/selection-criteria/>

Then please follow the nomination process at: <http://imshof.org/organization/nominations/>

These will then be included on the annual ballot for the Board of Directors voting process.

### **Many have asked about buying caps or polo shirts (for example) with the IMSHOF name**

Let us know if you are interested and we'll order some for sale.

**Please reply to: [ned.denison@corkopenwater.com](mailto:ned.denison@corkopenwater.com) with the following:**

1. Will you come to the conference (we need to order your green sashes 6 weeks in advance)
2. Update your information
3. Help us find information on others
4. Interest in buying caps, polo shirts, other merchandise

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