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New IMSHOF email address

IMSHOF have a new email address: INFO@IMSHOF.ORG. Please make sure these emails are not going into your spam folder.

Emails to and from ned.denison@corkopenwater.com will taper off over the coming months.

Class of 2021 Inductees and Award Winners Announced

Many thanks to the Nominators, Nominees, Selectors and Election Chair Melissa Cunningham for all their help with the annual selection process. The results are below - click to see the congratulatory interview on zoom.

Class of 2021 Inductees into the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame

Capri-Napoli	Honor Organization	Italy
Gabriel Chaillou	Honor Swimmer	Argentina
Julian Critchlow	Honor Administrator	Great Britain
Stéphane Gomez	Honor Swimmer	France

Yveta Hlaváčová	Honor Swimmer	Czech Republic
Neville Smith	Honor Administrator	South Africa
Viola Valli	Honor Swimmer	Italy
Ronnie Man Chiu Wong, BBS, JP	Honor Administrator	Hong Kong

Awards from the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF)

Sarah Thomas	Poseidon Award	USA
Colin Hill	Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award	Great Britain

The Dale Petranec Award for Services to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame

Commander Gerald Forsberg, OBE, Master Mariner, FNI, Royal Navy (Retired)	Great Britain
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Other Honoree Video/Interviews

Honorees Antonio Argüelles Díaz-González, Ned Denison, and Steven Muñatones have been conducting interviews with Honorees for the past months. These are shown on the [IMSHOF Facebook page](#) and WOWSA with links to YouTube. Interviews since the last newsletter (click to access the hyperlink) and a few more include:

Antonio Argüelles Díaz-González – one of a series	Dr. Osama Ahmed Momtaz 1	Marty Sinn
Fran Crippen Legacy	Dr. Osama Ahmed Momtaz 2	Petar Stoychev
Chris Guesdon – Australia Marathon Hall of Fame	Steven Muñatones – Penny Palfrey Hawaii story	Sarah Thomas & Steven Muñatones – Lake Powell
	Steven Muñatones – Penny Palfrey Cayman story	

Marathon Races – the “Majors”

Thank you for all who commented on the previous World Champions proposals.

The final version is on the website (see <https://www.imshof.org/the-majors-description> and <https://www.imshof.org/the-majors-winners>).

Record of “Majors” have been added to the appropriate Honoree Biographies on the website [IMSHOF.ORG](https://www.imshof.org) – Danish, Dutch and Flemish are coming soon.

IMSHOF Initiatives, IMSHOF Facebook, Scrapbooks and Marathon Statistics

IMSHOF has three formal **initiatives – to Identify and Promote**: Black swimmers and contributors; Disabled and assistance from Honorees; Women and LGBTQIA. We continue to research, record, and make progress on addressing all three initiatives. Thank you for your interest and assistance. We posted three items in IMSHOF Facebook that recorded some of the highest “reach” in October:

12-year-old Black marathon swimmer – reach 852

Trans swimmer does first marathon – reach 605

Disabled swimmer (used snorkel) during his Channel swim ratified by CSA – reach 3,700

In addition, two of our Class of 2021 Honor Administrators have contributed as well:

Julian Critchlow records any swimmer disability on his English Channel spreadsheet

Neville Smith has coach disabled swimmers and has been part of the long running South African initiative to increase the number of Black swimmers

Continue checking the IMSHOF **Facebook** page – we generally have a daily post: Honoree interviews, birthday or news, sport history and a few to make you laugh. Please feel free to share any posts on the IMSHOF Facebook page to your friends. Please also let us know if you have a story and would like to be included or have any interesting audio/video.

Many thanks to Honoree Herman Willemse who has donated the first 5 of 15 of his **scrapbooks** to be digitized and given to the ISHOF Museum in Florida. Don't let your old memories die in a box in your attic, shed or garage.

As a special offer to Honorees, Evan Morrison (LongSwimsDatabase) evan@marathonswimmers.org is offering a quick review on your 2010 and earlier epic/solo 10 km + swims. He needs, at a minimum: date, body of water, start/finish location, swim time, confirmation that the swim was "unassisted (English Channel equivalent rules) AND some documentation (witness statement at the time, local press coverage, charts, pictures, etc.). He has recently done an independent review of press coverage of Honoree Pedro A. Candiotti and added many of his old swims. For some (many?) of you – you will want to be correctly represented in future **statistics** “Insights” generated real time from this database. A recent

example in the number of years that you completed a marathon swim (listed in the database). If you cite these statistics, please include the URL (because it is a real time list) and credit “LongSwims Database”. See [link](#)

Many Thanks

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