

Statement taken from the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) website on October 2022: [Poseidon Award - ISHOF](#)

The 2013 Poseidon Award was awarded to The Organising Committee of the Global Open Water Swimming Conference – Cork Ireland 2013 led by (left to right) Paschal Horgan and Oswald Schmidt in the front. Other members included Finbarr Hedderman, Ned Denison, Ciaran O'Connor and Captain Tom McCarthy, behind.

The International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF) Induction Dinner & Ceremonies followed a full day of lectures and presentations. This was the first time the IMSHOF Inductions were held outside of the United States and resulted in a record number of two hundred plus in attendance.

This brought the finest group of swimmers ever to Cork. One young attendee commented to his friend after the induction of Coach Don Watson: "He must have been some coach – the guy introducing him (John Kinsella) flew over from the USA and was an Olympic champion, former world record-holder in multiple events and set the English Channel speed record."

The awardees are a group of passionate organisers also involved in establishing the Lee Swim and Sandycove Island Challenge Swim as mass participations swims (400+) drawing swimmers from around the world, GaddinAbtGarnish of 3, 5 and 7km, Paddle in the Park 2k, Cork to Cobh 16k and the Cork Distance Week.

As swimmers they logged English Channel solo, double relay and single relay swims plus other marathons around the world.

Following the conference, Inductions and typically short sleeps, the attendees headed down to swim around the famous Sandycove Island which now boasts laps by 117 English Channel solo swimmers.