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Update on the annual Induction/Awards Ceremonies

The ceremony scheduled for next month in New York City has been rescheduled for Saturday 1st May 2021, in the center of Manhattan - Fordham Center, 150 West 62nd Street. All of you who purchased 2020 tickets will receive additional communication.

The year following New York the ceremony goes back to Europe: Saturday 7th May 2022 in Naples, Italy. This will be a full weekend: a warm sea and a visit to nearby Pompeii which should be on everyone's life bucket list.

Please mark your calendars and plan your future holidays around these events.



INDUCTION CEREMONY
Saturday 2nd May 2020

New IMSHOF Website

IMSHOF's new website is now live. The address remains the same: <http://IMSHOF.org>
Thank you for your patience with the old professionally commissioned website as custom elements, spacing and fonts were failing over the last year.

The new website uses a standard (off-the-shelf) webtool, done by volunteers, while keeping the invaluable content. Please check out the improvements: individual IMSHOF Honoree biographies with pictures/logos/local language translations and additional links; nomination forms/process; booklets and pictures from previous celebrations plus lists of major marathons completed; ISHOF Honorees and Award winners and reference newsletters.

For IMSHOF Honorees, please check your biography. Others please check the biography of your friends/parent/heroes. Go to the tab "Honorees" and click on the name listed in alphabetical order (based on last name). See attached the biography of IMSHOF Honoree Mohamed Ahmed Marouf to help explain:

Top Line

Country flags just one country used: of birth, citizenship and living location during the "heart" of the marathon swimming or contributor career. Country determined by how the media (or IMSHOF Honoree) described it during their marathon career. Current flags used with a few exceptions: IMSHOF Honoree Veljko Rogošić gets the old Yugoslavia flag – all others in the Balkans get the flag of their newly formed countries, IMSHOF Honoree Brojen Das gets Pakistan as opposed to West Bengal and the Island of Ireland flag featuring the emblems of the four provinces. Sorry, flags with white sections do not display well (we are adding shading behind all flags – expected to be complete by June 2020).

Title: full name, category, country, induction year. Input of name spellings and titles welcome. Sensibly shortened country names are used: example "Egypt" as opposed "Arab Republic of Egypt"

Symbol to indicate Honoree's status



alive or active in the case of an organization



deceased or inactive in the case of an organization

Picture or logo (in case of an organization)

- Ideally this shows the face without goggles or sunglasses. Grandchildren should recognize a face and a swimmer can show their friends the IMSHOF Honoree they met in the past. Please help if you have a better photo especially for the following: Lyndon Dunsbee, David Morgan, Joe Grossman, Reg Brickell Sr. and Francis "Frank" Pritchard.
- **Please send us a better/different photo of yourself or others** if the photo in the biography is low resolution, can't see the face, too many others in the photo or the rights are owned by a photographic image agency. Even use your smart phone to take a picture of a photo in your scrapbook.
- Some good photo examples: Mohamed with another IMSHOF Honoree and look at the website for these IMSHOF Honoree biographies: Maarten van der Weijden, Val Parsons and Petar Stoychev.
- Photo sizes sometimes adjusted to get a single page biography or create a better break between the pages. The minimum description used: which one was the IMSHOF Honoree (left and right as you are looking at the photo), the only others identified are IMSHOF

Honorees or IMSHOF Patrons and the setting not described (one more thing to get wrong). Please let us know if we need to credit the photographer.

- For IMSHOF Honor Organizations – please make sure we have your current logo.

Website – a link to your Personal or Organization website is given when available. **Please advise us if you have a website (we'll add it) or do not have a website.** We guessed with notes such as “Personal Website (April 2020 to be checked)” and “Personal Website (None known)”.

Biography in the English language

An overview of your career – not every swim/contribution. **Please suggest additions, deletions, edits, etc.**

Most biographies underwent a quick edit in moving between the websites. Hopefully, a few style changes were implemented. American English spellings used except where there were local titles in England such as Honourable Secretary. Each section should start with the Honoree name in **14 point Arial Bold**. For consistency and to help those from outside the sport, distances shown in the style 10 km (not 10K) and times as 14 hours and 11 minutes (not 14:11 or 14hr 11min).

Very few swims of less than 10 km listed and relays only where significant: record, involving disabled swimmers, etc. Tenses were modified (from “He is the Chairperson...” to “He was the Chairperson...”). Mentions of records were modified to “set the record” versus “holds the record”. In the case of Mohamed, as he has held the Zurich record for decades, it says “remains unbeaten still in 2019”.

Note to all – **please suggest updates (after induction)** for new big swims (like IMSHOF Honoree Sarah Thomas’ 4- way English Channel), receipt of new awards or contributions to the sport (like a FINA position, raised money for charity, etc.)

As part of a broader branding campaign we describe others using the style “IMSHOF Honoree Attila Molnar”. We are proud of the sport’s inclusion of swimmers with “disabilities” – so we ensure consistent use of this descriptive word. Finally, the IMSHOF’s mission is to maintain a dynamic shrine dedicated to the history and recognition of marathon swimmers and contributors - not the place for controversy so we omitted most disputed swims – as an example a claimed swim from Catalina which was not ratified by the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation.

Links to two other data sources – you are encouraged to try and make these as accurate and complete as possible by working directly with these sites:

Expanded Biography (Openwaterpedia)

A WIKI page managed by IMSHOF Honoree Steven Muñatones - email: headCoach@openwatersource.com Steven continually looks for historic information and current activities of IMSHOF Honorees to publish in <https://openwaterswimming.com/> and link to your WIKI page - he welcomes your suggested additions, corrections, stories and contact in general.

Long Swim Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation)

Many IMSHOF Honorees (as well as other swimmers/events) have their marathon swims/events in this database. At a high level the swimmer generally needs to have three or more confirmed swims and elite races needs a have a full race list (it is not enough to know that one swimmer got silver). The general requirements are described in <https://db.marathonswimmers.org/about/> with contact links near the bottom of the page. As an example, IMSHOF Honoree Colin Hill (without a listing) has done three or more marathons. If Colin wants a listing, he needs to contact the swim organizers and make sure his results are on their webpages or to scan/digitize the full swim data and access the contact link.

Translations into the native language of the IMSHOF Honoree

Thank you to the army of volunteers (like Mohamed for Arabic) who did the translations – we have them all completed now! Any mistakes should be blamed on the Executive Committee who migrated the text and did some edits on the English language versions. The editing rules applied to the English language biographies were not (yet) applied to the translations. **When you suggest changes to the English version – you'll also need to supply an updated translation.**

Thank you in advance for your help.

Your check of your biography is a critical part....

Please email any photos, additions, corrections and edits to ned.denison@corkopenwater.com

Finally, a big thanks to IMSHOF Honoree Steven Muñatones who researched and assembled much of the content of the first IMSHOF website and IMSHOF Platinum Patron Christine Owens who set up this new site.

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Mohamed Ahmed Marouf, Honor Swimmer, Egypt, 2018



On left with IMSHOF Honoree Attila Molnar
Personal Website (None known)

Mohamed Ahmed Marouf represented his county in more than 50 international competitions from 1985 to 2001 with many podium finishes. He set speed records in several events. At home, in 1996 he set the record while winning the Suez Canal International Marathon. In Switzerland in 1993 he completed the Lake Zurich Marathon (27.4 km/16.4 miles) in 5 hours, 51 minutes and 41 seconds a record which remains unbeaten still in 2019.

Mohamed participated from 1995 to 2001 in the Traversée Internationale du Lac St-Jean (32 km/19.9 miles) in Roberval, Quebec Canada. He placed first and second in Kalamata Greece (30 km/18.6 miles): in 1993 Mediterranean Swimming Cup Championship and in 1998 Kalamata International Marathon. Mohamed has since successfully coached in Canada, Egypt and as national head coach in Saudi Arabia. In Canada from 2001 to 2014, Mohamed developed many great open water swimmers, including Philippe Dubreuil the top 10 km and Xavier Desharnais, two times winner of the Traversée Internationale du Lac St-Jean (2014-2015). He also took part in creating the first junior national open water team in Canada.

[Expanded Biography \(Openwaterpedia\)](#)

[Long Swims Database \(Marathon Swimmers Federation\)](#)

Arabic Translation

محمد أحمد معروف مصري المولد كندي الجنسية تم إدراجه في قاعة المشاهير الدولية للسباحة في ماراتون. مثل محمد بلده مصر في أكثر من مسابقة دولية من 1985 إلى 2001 مع العديد من السباقات الدولية. حقق كثيرا من الأرقام القياسية الدولية في بطولات السرعات ففي عام 1996 سجل رقما قياسيا في سباق ماراتون قناة السويس الدولي. وفي عام 1993 أنهى ماراتون بحيرة زيورخ (27.4 كم / 16.4 ميل) في 5 1996.

ساعات 51 نقيقة و 41 ثانية وهو رقم قياسي لا يزال قائم باسمه لمدة 24 عاما ويعتبر اقدم رقم عالمي في السباحة . شارك محمد من 1995 إلى في ترافيرزي سانت جان (32 كم / 19.9 ميل في روبرفال، كيبك كندا. وضع الأول والثاني في كالاتا اليونان (30 كم / 18.6 2001 ميل): في عام 1993 و عام ١٩٩٥ . ببطولة كأس البحر الأبيض المتوسط سباحة وفي . وبعد ذلك درب محمد بنجاح في كندا وقام بتطوير منظومه السباحة المفتوحة وبعد ذلك انتقل الي مصر لمدة عام والآن مدرب مدرب وطني في المملكة العربية السعودية. ففي كندا من 2001 إلى وضع محمد العديد من السباحين الكنديين في المياه المفتوحة ، بما في ذلك فيليب دوبروييل أحسن سباح في سباق 10 كم لامريكا وكندا ، 2015 في ان واحد. وكزافييه ديشارنيز ، مرتين الفائز في ترافيرزي إنترناتيونل دو لاك سانت جان (2014-2015). كما شارك في إنشاء أول فريق وطني ناشئين للمياه المفتوحة في كندا وكانت نواه منظومه عالميه مشرفه