

# IMSHOF NEWSLETTER - end July 2023



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## Class of 2024 Nominations deadline

Nominations must be submitted by Friday 15th September 2023 12pm Australian EST (14th September 2023 10pm USA EST) to allow an adequate period for internal factual, ethics and viability review.

The criteria, process and forms are located on the website – [see subtabs](#). Please feel free to email possible nominee names to [IMSHOFvoting@gmail.com](mailto:IMSHOFvoting@gmail.com) for an initial check: already an Honoree, nomination already submitted, known ethics issues which prevent nomination, etc.

## Class of 2024 Induction & Awards Ceremony – Cancun Mexico on May 18<sup>th</sup>

IMSHOF planning with the local host is underway. We recently surveyed all the Honorees (and representatives of Honor Organizations) who attended at least 2 recent ceremonies to fine tune the success criteria – see below. This drives the 2024 planning and also the submissions from local organizers wishing to host the 2025 and 2026 ceremonies.

## YouTube: Honorees and General Topics Videos

IMSHOF consolidated all videos into a single YouTube channel (and deleted the old channel which many of you subscribed to). Visit the [new channel](#) to see all the videos and ***subscribe to be notified of new videos.***

- [Elaine Howley](#) - Historical Research & Articles
- [Honoree Dr. Mohamed Marouf](#) – motivating young swimmers with Xavier Desharnais
- [Honor Organization - Channel Swimming Association](#) > an international focus
- [Honorees Steven Muñatones, Philip Rush and Monique Wildschut](#) discuss the 64 km races hosted by Honor Organization Traversée internationale du lac St-Jean
- [Honor Organization - Irish Long Distance Swimming Association](#) > the early days
- [Paolo Donaggio](#) – career (an English translation should be announced in the next newsletter)

## Success criteria for IMSHOF ceremonies

A short time ago we asked our selection panel and honorees what preferences they have for the ceremonies. Here are the results:

- A successful ceremony for IMSHOF needs to be at least a 2 day “weekend”
- Near an international airport with good connections
- Review the “lessons learned” from previous ceremonies – and don’t have the same problems
- Casual dinner plans for Friday night – for small groups
- Location to mingle/drink before the ceremony dinner
- Classy dinner (not a buffet) - usually on a Saturday in early May (avoiding Western & Eastern Easter)
- Dress code – men in jackets and long trousers
- Professional presentation stage, audio-visual and video recording
- 80+ attendees
- 15+ individuals wearing sashes – at the end of the ceremony
- Minimum 4 new inductees/award winners in attendance
- Minimum 3 Executive Committee members attending
- Runs for less than 150 minutes (2.5 hours) - starting with the first talk after dinner – presenters practice on Zoom well in advance
- Fewer than 10 individuals leave early
- The next ceremony location announced – and the host in attendance to “learn”
- Plan for an “afters” meeting place – often at the main hotel bar
- A 2-hour “congress/conference” to discuss topics of interest
- A 2- hour Executive Committee meeting – with timing to allow non-attendees to call in
- A local swim
- Possible tourist events/tours

For further reference please see the pictures of the 17 July 2023 [Ceremonies | IMSHOF](#)

## Honoree Melissa Cunningham departs the Executive Committee

Many thanks to Melissa for her service from 2017 to 2023. Her public roles included Election Chair and hosting the first ever ceremony outside of the USA/Europe > Melbourne Australia Class of 2019. Beyond that she was a strong active voice on all the key decisions during these years. Many thanks

– and we'll miss you on the monthly calls and email exchanges. She upgraded from Silver to [Gold Patron](#) as she departed!

## Other items

The [IMSHOF Facebook page](#) has a post EVERY day – and some days several. **Please subscribe** to have this feed more apparent on your view. Likes and positive comments/messages are a great part of the social media channel. If you have questions – please email them to [info@imshof.org](mailto:info@imshof.org) to get a reply – we can't guarantee questions will be caught in Facebook comments.

The family of a departed Honoree was touched to get a copy of the Class of 2023 Ceremony booklet with their profile. IMSHOF honors continue well into the future.

Many thanks - follow us and **subscribe** to our Facebook and YouTube channels):



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