



Johnny Weissmuller, Honor Administrator, United States of America, 1970



Johnny in the center with IMSHOF Honorees Regent Lacoursiere (on left) and Abdellatif Abou Heif

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Johnny Weissmuller was as the inaugural international commissioner World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation starting in 1970. His public image, as an Olympic champion and Tarzan in the movies, gave the sport of marathon swimming a large media boost in these years. He was born Johann Weißmüller, however this name was not used as during his open water career and hence it is not used on this website.

He was a 5-time Olympic champion at the 1924 and 1928 Olympics and was undefeated in freestyle between 1921 and 1929 with his longest swim being the 3.2K Chicago River Race.

He is also an inductee in the International Swimming Hall of Fame (1965).

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