

In May 2027 in Dublin, IMSHOF will formally present Dr. Michael P. Read, MBE with The Dale Petranech Award for Services to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame.

He attended many IMSHOF Induction and Awards Ceremonies: 2012 Queen Mary, 2013 Cork, 2013 Bute, 2017 and 2018 (pictured standing above Dale) Windsor, 2024 Cancun, and 2026 San Diego. No other dual IMSHOF/ISHOF Honoree has attended more Ceremonies. Read

represented the sport at numerous ISHOF Ceremonies including personally welcoming “in” Jon Erickson and Sandra Bucha Kerscher in 2014.

Second, he has been generous in sharing his memories and knowledge as IMSHOF created and edited biographies and other historic records. This is important because far too much of the history of the sport has been lost (hopefully temporarily) with the passing of swimmers and contributors. Along the way Read was a passionate and appropriate lobbyist for recognition of individuals “from the past” and your efforts paid off with a record setting four inducted in the Class of 2026.

Third, the IMSHOF Honor Organization the Channel Swimming Association (CSA), and members of the management team, are the most generous Patrons which helps IMSHOF host Ceremonies.

Finally, and very importantly, he has been, and continues to be, a role model in the sport. As a swimmer you won races including a Major and set records while completing more than 200 marathons over 50+ years.

Unlike many open water swimmers, Read contributed greatly to the administration of the sport. He was elected to the committee at the Brighton Swimming club in 1956, the British Long Distance Swimming Association in the 1970s and served on the committee of the IMSHOF Honor Organizations: The Channel Swimming Association in 1974, becoming vice chairperson in 1978, chairperson from 1993 to 2007, and president from 1993 to 2024 (and beyond). Read built an effective and sustainable management team model and was previously awarded the ISHOF’s Irving Davids and Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award and Poseidon Award. He also qualified and served as a FINA judge, timekeeper, referee and starter between 1969 and 1973 whilst working in Scotland.