

IMSHOF NEWSLETTER

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**2022 Induction &
Awards Ceremony**
7th May, Naples, Italy

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Class of 2022 Induction & Awards Ceremony

The plans for the Ceremony weekend in Naples are well advanced including a tour of Pompei and swim races on Sunday morning. Details and tickets are available on [Home | IMSHOF](#).

Join us in the historic Castel Dell Ovo on May 7th.



Executive Committee Changes

The IMSHOF Executive Committee welcomes two new members.

Madhu Nagaraja

Canadian (born in India)

Great Lakes swim administrator and marathon historian

Marathon Swimmer

Nora Toledano Cadena

Honor Swimmer, Mexico, 2006

Oceans Seven, Triple Crown, FINA World Cup racer, 2-way English Channel and World Masters gold

Coach, author and FINA World Cup race organizer

IMSHOF continue to strengthen our international emphasis and Madhu and Nora expand our geographic coverage and now English is the second language of three of the six members Executive Committee member.

See more details on the Executive Committee on [Executive Committee | IMSHOF](#)

Other Honoree Videos/Interviews

Click on the links to see these recent interviews: [Drury Gallagher](#); [Yuri Kudinov](#) and [Grandson of Francis “Frank” Pritchard](#).

Interviews have been completed with the following and will be published on the IMSHOF Facebook page in the coming weeks: Daughter of Antonio Albertondo; Diego Degano; Gustavo Oriozabala and Hugh Tucker.

Honorees - if you haven't been interviewed YET > please volunteer.

World and Other Records

IMSHOF requested your input in the October 2021 – thank you to all who replied. The revised policy has been published on [Records - Nomenclature | IMSHOF](#)

Other Awards to Honorees

Honorees receive additional awards literally every month. These range from national social awards (example: Sally Anne Minty-Gravett, MBE) to induction into other halls of fame (example: [Australian Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame](#)). These are too numerous to report. One set of recent awards was quite special:

FINA Dennis Miller Award – this new award named after Dennis Miller, Honor Administrator, Fiji, 2013 (passed away 24 May 2019) will be presented annually to an outstanding open water organizer. The recipient will be determined by the FINA executive and approved by the FINA Awards Committee. The first recipient was S.A. "Sid" Cassidy, Honor Administrator, United States of America, 2005.

In parallel, Cassidy presented the R. Max Ritter award to Miller posthumously. He presented the award to Miller's widow, Glynnis, and their children over Zoom. The R. Max Ritter Award is donated by the Ritter Family and is presented by United States Aquatic Sports to the organization or individual of a FINA member country who has contributed the most to the advancement of understanding and goodwill among nations through international participation in amateur aquatic sports.

Swimmers with Physical Disabilities > ILDSA

The International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF) has a formal initiative to Identify and Promote Swimmers/Contributors with Physical Disabilities and Honorees who Assisted. Below is a great example of a common-sense adjustment of marathon swimming rules to assist swimmers with physical disabilities.

IMSHOF APPLAUDS THIS APPROACH.

The Irish Long Distance Swimming Association (ILDSA), Honor Organization, Ireland, 2012 is one of two groups which ratify swims across the North Channel – between Northern Ireland and Scotland. The ILDSA makes accommodations for swimmers with physical disabilities. One recent example - Colostomy: allowed the swimmer to wear stretch band or light swim vest to support colostomy bag in situ.

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