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IMSHOF NEWSLETTER - Class of 2020 and Awards

All the 2020 Honor and Award announcements have NOW been made on Facebook

<u>International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame – 2020 Honors:</u>

Cameron Bellamy	ZAF	HONOR SWIMMER
Damián Blaum	ARG	HONOR SWIMMER
Marcia Cleveland	USA	HONOR SWIMMER
Captain Nabil Elshazly	EGY	HONOR SWIMMER
Bryan Finlay	CAN	HONOR ADMINSTRATOR
Spiros Gianniotis	CDE	HONOD CWINANAED

Spiros Gianniotis GRE HONOR SWIMMER
Massimo Giuliani ITA HONOR COACH

Ijsselmeer ZwemmarathonNEDHONOR ORGANIZATIONEsther Nuñez MoreraESPHONOR SWIMMERWalter PoenischUSAHONOR SWIMMERÉva RisztovHUNHONOR SWIMMERDoug WoodringHKGHONOR ADMINSTRATOR

<u>International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame – 2020 Award:</u>

Beth Yudovin USA

Dale Petranech Award for Services to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame.

<u>International Swimming Hall of Fame – 2020 Awards:</u>

Petar Stoychev BUL Poseidon Award

S.A. "Sid" Cassidy USA

Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award

This was the first year that we did all the announcements in a one-week period on Facebook. This gave our our best response ever: a post reach of 112,000. This means that the news/details of the Honors and Awards and significance on IMSHOF reached far beyond the normal folks interested in marathon swimming. A special thanks to the friends of Spiros who shared, commented and liked his announcement an amazing 25,000 times! He was the second ever Honoree from Greece. The first Honoree gave his life for the sport (see https://imshof.org/honorees-by-country/ to see the history).



The Induction and Awards dinner will be held in New York City on Saturday 2nd May 2020 at: Fordham University at Lincoln Center, 150 West 62nd Street. New York, NY 10023 USA Tickets are available at:

https://ishof.org/shop.html...

If you are booking for 2 attendees: select number 2 and either select one entrée (if both want the same) or select 2 different entrees. We are working on a list of nearby hotels – which will follow.

Ten years ago, IMSHOF inductions were small lunches in the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) in Florida and no Facebook/Instagram or newsletters.

Today we have formal/well attended Inductions/Awards Ceremonies held in different locations around the world (5 different countries in the last 7 years); the website is better; we have local language translations and we have Facebook, Instagram and Newsletters. IMSHOF is growing stronger each year – in many ways in line with the growth of the sport.

New York will be a very special event – we hope to see you there! Perhaps more importantly, we hope you get to experience seven decades of marathon swimming history in one place at the same time!

Kind Regards,

Ned Denison

For the Executive Committee