

IMSHOF NEWS MAY 2017



IN ATTENDANCE - IMSHOF CLASS OF 2017

Dear Bruce,

The 2017 IMSHOF Induction Ceremony was held in a beautiful converted Chapel (see picture below). A total attendance of eighty-eight included the largest ever gathering of Honorees (24), plus official representatives from seven Honor Organizations.

They came from as far afield as Australia, California, and Brazil.

Friends reunited and new friendships were formed. Attendees met their heroes and that included many Honorees meeting their heroes! Stories were told and old lessons passed along during the drinks reception.

A fabulous dinner allowed guests to get acquainted with the Honorees as each honoree was seated at one of the table.

After dinner, Dale Petranec received the overdue round of applause as his health did not permit him to attend the 2016 Ceremony as the first recipient of The Dale Petranec Award for Services to the International Marathon Swimming Hall Of Fame. Introductions of all current Honorees and a few others followed.

Then the nine new inductees took to the stage together to hear the introductions and get an intimate appreciation of the accomplishments and contributors of their fellow Class of 2017 Inductees.

After the end of the formal program, socializing continued well into the early hours.

We are pleased to announce the the same venue is booked for the 2018 Induction Ceremony to be held on Saturday evening, March 31, 2018.

The Executive encourages you to book early.

Cheers,
Ned

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Saturday, March 31, 2018

**DE VERE BEAUMONT ESTATE, Windsor,
United Kingdom**



LARGEST GROUP OF INDUCTEES IN ATTENDANCE TO HONOR THE CLASS OF 2017



Front Row (L to R)

Graham & Margaret Smith - Official Representatives of the British Long Distance Swimming Association (GBR 2002), Ned Denison (IRE 2012), Beth Yudovin - IMSHOF Executive Committee

Kneeling (L to R)

Tamara Bruce (AUS 2017) and Stephen Millar - Official Representative of the Irish Long Distance Swimming Association (IRE 2012)

Standing (L to R)

Merv Sharp (GBR 2006), Ricardo Ratto (BRA 2017), David O'Brien (AUS 2017), Dr. Jane Katz (USA 2014), Nick Adams (GBR 2013), Roger Parsons (GBR 1997), Valerie Parsons (GBR 1990), Vojislav Mijić (SRB 2014), John York (USA 1989), Irene van der Laan (NED 1985), Colin Hill (GBR 2017), Carol Sing (USA 2000), Jacques Tuset - IMSHOF Voter, Dr. Chris Stockdale, MBE (GBR 1991), Ger Carty - Official Representative of the Irish Long Distance Swimming Association (IRE 2012), Richard Broer (NED 2017), Sally Minty-Gravett, MBE (GBR 2005), John Pittman (USA 2017), Christopher Guesdon (AUS 2009), Partial view - Forrest Nelson (USA 2015), Dale Petranech (USA 1995), Michael P. Read, MBE (GBR 1978), Stephen Redmond (IRE 2017), Captain Tim Johnson (USA 2006), David Barra (USA 2017)
Hands at the far right taking a picture: Kathrin Lammers - IMSHOF Voter

Note: All other Honor Organizations Official Representatives were also Honorees identified above.



Ned Denison MC reflects on the evening.

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The ISHOF Award followed to end the formal program with socializing continuing well into the early hours of the evening.

Did You Know?

The IMSHOF Induction Ceremony is the largest annual expense and a special thanks to those who joined as lifetime members. Also a big thank you to those who continue to pay their annual membership.

Individual Lifetime Members

- James Anderson (USA 2014)
- Ned Denison (IRL 2012)
- Tina Neill,
- Petar Stoychev (BUL 2008)
- Beth Yudovin

Organizations

- Channel Swimming Association (GBR 1996)
- Cork Distance Week

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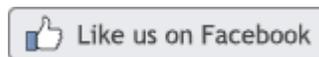
Then Sunday morning - The 2017 IMSHOF Congress

The following morning an informal Congress was held. About 40 attended including most of the Honorees. It was a chance to meet the members of the Executive Committee and hear about the workings of the IMSHOF:

- Nominations
- Voting
- Where the Committee focuses (and the areas outside the remit of the IMSHOF), and the big tough decisions.

The biggest decisions have been in the areas of "togs vs wetsuits/compression suits."

Comments? Opinions? Recommendations?
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The recent decision by FINA, for safety reasons, to mandate wetsuits below 18C and optional between 18 and 20C have greatly changed the sport. Eighteen months ago the Executive Committee policy was to bar (in nominations) all swims done in wetsuits/compression suits. This had the impact of excluding all contemporary elite racers from the ballot in 2017 (which was not desirable).

The funds help offset the expenses related to our primary event - the annual induction ceremony and dinner.

Additionally, the financial resources cover fees and subscriptions associated to the website, newsletters and social media Facebook , plus and an annual contribution to the ISHOF under which we operate.

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Recently the Executive Committee changed the policy to recognise the costume as governed by the swim organisers.

For example, if the next Olympic 10k is mandated to be in wetsuit - these swims will be recognised in future nominations.

There followed a passionate discussion. From "well done with the new policy", to "*make a new category Honor Swimmer - Assisted*" to "*add an **", to "*...bar them.*"

The topic remains open and others are invited to comment and the plea was to "make a suggestion - it doesn't help just to complain about the changes in the sport". With a final reminder that the IMSHOF's role is not to run the sport - but rather to select, honor and enshrine Honor Swimmers and Honor Contributors.





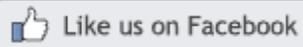
The IMSHOF 2017 Induction Ceremony Opening Address by Christopher Guesdon, AUS 2009, IMSHOF Chair 2017.

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