

IMSHOF NEWSLETTER

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2023 Induction &
Awards Ceremony
6th May New York

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Ceremony Tickets

Class of 2023 Inductions & Awards > New York City May 6th, 2023

All attendees must show proof of COVID vaccination (and booster when applicable)

Tickets and hotels are now available > [Click here](#)

Evening venue: Fordham University Manhattan Campus located at 113 West 60th Street (corner of Columbus Avenue) New York, NY 10023. We expect to have a 5 km swim (and probably shorter distances) on the 6th or 7th (and will advise in a few weeks) in the sea near Coney Island.

Dinner ticket numbers: 43 sold, 16 complimentary to Inductees/Award Winners & 10 committed > 69 total on the way to a target of 100.

New Videos

[Rita Kovács](#) – Inductee interview

[Philip Rush](#) – life when on the road for months while swimming

[James Kegley](#) – life when on the road for months while swimming

[Rottnest Channel Swim Association](#) – Honor Organization interview

[Pilar Geijo and Marcia Cleveland](#) – visiting the ISHOF museum in their youth > then being Inducted

[Forrest Nelson and Catalina Channel Swimming Federation](#) – focus on safety

[John Kinsella](#) - interview

IMSHOF Ethics Policy in Action

Just a reminder that IMSHOF apply an ethics policy to help maintain and improve our reputation. The policy can be found [here on the website](#). Two Honorees were removed from IMSHOF for violations. In the past and more recently three swimmers have been barred from being nominated in the future: two recently named by FINA (now World Aquatics) for WADA failures and one for swim fraud.

IMSHOF Honorees on the ISHOF Board of Directors

IMSHOF is a part of the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF), and they host our artifacts in the Fort Lauderdale Museum and manage our financial, tax and legal affairs (plus more!). Of the 321 IMSHOF Honorees we proudly list 49 as dual Honorees in ISHOF ([see list](#)).

Ned Denison has now joined Sandra Bucha on the ISHOF Board of Directors.

Revision of all Honoree Biographies

IMSHOF plan to revise all 321 biographies ([see list](#)) on the website over the next year. The main purposes are to correct any errors, drive more language standardization, update recent significant activities, add video links, and move to past tense descriptions.

This will involve changes to our current biography standard ([see link](#)). The new suggestions are listed at the bottom of this newsletter - please and feel free to make suggestions. All Honorees, please check your biography and help:

Is this the picture you want for all times?

If you have a non-English language translation – is it good?

Have you completed swims more significant than those listed? (examples – we updated Sarah Thomas to show her 4-way English Channel swim and Liz Fry's Oceans Seven)).

Have you contributed in very significant ways to the sport or received very significant new honors?



Many thanks - follow us on:

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Suggested biography style changes below. If anyone wants to suggest a different template – PLEASE.

1. The biographies should stand “as is” for 100 years. Avoid: “at present” and today” and use the past tense (had, was). Examples: “President of X from 1999 to 2022 (and beyond), “set the record which stood in 2022 (and beyond). Then every 10 years IMSHOF can search the work “beyond” and revise or add a final year.
2. Honoree Evan Morrison suggested deleting "Personal Website - unknown" and "LongSwims Database - no entry expected".
3. FINA (all caps) – for historic reference.
4. Use km (example 10 km) except where the title of the race/event is different – like “Olympic 10K”.
5. The vast majority of distance in km (and not listing as 33 km/21 miles or 33 km (21 miles). There would still be some exceptions in older race names: example 10-mile (16.1 km) Chicago race in 1929.
6. Move to C and drop F (for temperature) except in rare cases.
7. Make no distinction of swims/contribution before and after Induction.
8. Generally only refer to year (not month/day) – unless these are significant: example earliest crossing at the time on 3rd March.
9. Use “first ever” – not “unprecedented”.
10. Standardize on 2-way, 3-way, 4-way.
11. Standardize on “won gold, silver, bronze” (no caps – and no need to add “medal”).
12. Do not capitalize: open water, championship, marathon – unless we are using the title of the event.
13. Continue to use Lac St. Jean (instead of Traversée internationale du lac St-Jean) and Capri-Naples (instead of Maratona Del Golfo Capri-Napoli).
14. Use 4th, 19th, 23rd instead of typing out the words.

15. Stay flexible with: swam, completed, crossed, etc. to describe successful swims.
16. 200 words seems like a reasonable length for most – but there will be no attempt to shorten any current longer biographies.
17. Keep the paragraph style and avoid bullet lists.
18. Use “IMSHOF” generally not “the IMSHOF”.

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