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Administration News

| Message From the Executive Committee

Hello to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame **honorees swimmers, administrators, organizations, pilots, coaches, and guests.**

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter. We plan on publishing a Quarterly Newsletter so the next edition will be mid-October 2015. This will give you the opportunity to send to us any news items, local event information and photographs.

You can forward your news and event updates to: christine@totalstorynow.com and the Executive Committee will let you know if it makes the next edition.

If you haven't already looked at the new website you may wish to start by [clicking here](#). The website is a living beast and it is regularly updated. It will serve as a primary source of annual news. Apologies in advance for only issuing this newsletter in English- we are looking into language conversions.

With our best wishes,
IMSHOF Executive Committee

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| Committee Organizational Structure

As of January 1, 2015, the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF) remains an autonomous, self-governing entity, but it will move under the umbrella of the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF).

ISHOF has the resources to help IMSHOF operate more efficiently with financial governance and the strategic insight to move the IMSHOF into the future. We very much look forward to working with the ISHOF's CEO, Mr. Bruce Wigo and his staff, as well as you, the marathon swimming community.

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Voting Panel Now Accepting Nominations

| Voting Panel Ready for New Nominations

The IMSHOF inductees shared another common experience in that a coach, fellow swimmer, competitor or friend nominated them.

Please think about the great marathon swimmers, coaches, organizations and pilots who influenced your experience. The real joy is looking through the list - you can read their biographies online - [read more here](#).

Members of the Voting Panel for 2015

Ned Denison	Chris Guesdon	Dale Petranech	Beth Yudovin	Nick Adams
Peter Bales	Lynn Blouin	Richard Broer	Tamara Bruce	Sid Cassidy
Melissa Cunningham	Penny Dean	Sylvia Dalotto	Diego Degano	Tim Johnson

Kathrin Lammers	Stephane Lecat	Yuko Matzusaki	Vojislav Mijic	Mike Read
Phillip Rush	Dan Simonelli	Neville Smith	Skip Storch	Petar Stoychev
Greg Streppel	Christof Wandratsch	Ronnie Wong		

Now Taking Nominations

Want to be nominated? Believe a swimmer should be nominated? We are sure you can find a reason to get together for lunch, a phone call, or an email to touch base.

[Nomination Forms and Instructions Here.](#)

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| IMSHOF Shop Coming Soon

We are in the process of developing promotional products and apparel to represent the IMSHOF. This will be similar to the **shop on the ISHOF**. Soon there will be ball caps, t-shirts and other merchandise available for online purchase.

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Honoree Inductees News

| 2015 New Honoree Inductees

[Please welcome the new group of inductees!](#)

Swimmers

Forrest Nelson (USA)
Antonio Argüelles Díaz-González (MEX)
Martin Strel (SVN)
George Park (CAN) 1978

Administrators

Marty Veen (NED)

Organizations

Varne Ridge Channel Swim Park (GBR)
Jersey Long Distance Swimming Club (GBR)

Memorial Award - The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler

Dennis Miller (FJI)

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Read More About The Inductee Class of 2015

Swimmer Photos are with the compliments of [WOWSA](#).

Forrest Nelson

Forrest Nelson does his swims quietly and under the cloak of darkness.

Newly voted in the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honour Swimmer, the MIT graduate is a member of the 24-hour Club, president of the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation.

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Antonio Argüelles Díaz-González

A Mexican business leader and endurance athlete was voted into the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honor Swimmer in the Class of 2014.

Argüelles was born in Mexico City in 1959 and is a 1982 graduate from Stanford University.

He became the first two-time member of the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming and founded the Mexican Triathlon Federation in 1989 where he served as its honorary president since 1995.

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Martin Strel

Martin Strel is a legendary Slovenian long-distance swimmer. Strel was born in the town of Mokronog, in the Slovenian region of Lower Carniola, then part of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

He is best known for completing Stage swims along the entire length of the Danube River, the Mississippi River, the Yangtze River, and the Amazon River. He is a member of the 24-hour club.

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George Park (1978)

For more than 35 years, the official IMSHOF records, due to an oversight, omitted George Park - the third of this talented family to be inducted.

George Park was a Canadian pool and marathon swimmer and water polo player for the Hamilton Aquatic Club.

He set Canadian records in the 50 and 100m freestyle and butterfly and qualified to be a member of the 1954 and 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games.

He anchored two 2nd place finish relays and came 4th in the 100m freestyle. He won a silver medal in the 1955 Pan American Games in Mexico City in 100m freestyle and qualified for the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.

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Marty Veen

Veen was voted into the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honour Administrator in its Class of 2014.

He not only founded the **Scheerwolde Classic Swim** but also served as a member of the **Dutch Technical Open Water Committee** for over 20 years.

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Varne Ridge Channel Swim Park

Evelyn and David Frantzeskou operates a small and secluded family-owned, award-winning holiday park in Folkestone, England.

Varne Ridge Holiday Park, well known among English Channel swimmers, sits near to the cliffs with panoramic views over the English Channel stretching out towards the coastline of France. These views welcome swimmers from around the world who gather to test themselves in the open water world's most well-known stretch of water.

However, it is the hospitality and passion generously and genuinely poured out from the hearts of the Frantzeskou over the decades that led to their induction in the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honour Organisation for the Class of 2014

[Check out the Varne Ridge website here.](#)

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Jersey Long Distance Swimming Club

The Jersey Long Distance Swimming Club, located on the isle of Jersey in the middle of the English Channel, is touted as "possibly the best little swimming club in the world".

While the reputation is well-deserved and well-known among the channel swimming community, the Jersey Long Distance Swimming Club is now formally acknowledged as an Honour Organisation by the International Marathon Swimming

Hall of Fame

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Dennis Miller

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