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Dedication

Esther Williams

On the long list of Honorees who have been inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame, none have done more to promote the benefits of swimming and the International Swimming Hall of Fame than Esther Williams.

Esther, who passed away on June 6, 2013 at the age of 91, was the last of the athletic legends from “golden age of sports” — who made the transition from star athlete to STAR, and they were all swimmers: Johnny Weissmuller, Eleanor Holm, Buster Crabbe and Esther.

Born in Los Angeles, she grew up swimming in playground pools and surfing at local beaches. In 1939 she became the U.S. National Champion in the 100m freestyle. She was a favorite for the 1940 U.S. Olympic Team, but World War II intervened, canceling the Games and her hopes for gold and fame.

With no Olympics to train for, Esther showed up for a test with 75 girls applying for the female lead opposite Johnny Weissmuller in the 1940 San Francisco World’s Fair Aquacade, a Broadway musical of swimmers, divers, singing and special effects. With her stunning good looks and tall, muscular frame, it’s easy to see why Johnny picked her; she was a standout! MGM executives soon offered her a screen test paired with Clark Gable. She signed her first contract and debuted with Mickey Rooney in “Andy Hardy’s Double Life”. Audience response was phenomenal and her movie career soared into high gear. For more than 18 years, she was America’s sweetheart and one of the most popular actresses in the world.

It was no mere coincidence that Esther’s film career coincided with an explosive growth in female participation in age group swimming programs and a general demand for backyard pools. She made swimming glamorous and the sport culturally acceptable for parents who were afraid that athletics would make their girls look “masculine.” If swimming would make his daughter grow up to look like Esther Williams, fathers reasoned, they were even willing to pay for the lessons.

Esther was also a savvy business woman and entrepreneur. Following her stellar movie career, she put her name on the Esther Williams Above Ground Swimming Pool. Before Jacqueline Smith, she sold her Esther Williams swim suit collection, in department stores.

Esther remained very down to earth and used her fame to promote swimming and swimmers throughout her life, whether appearing at El Segundo High School for a fundraiser to send the water polo team to the 1948 Olympic Trials, performing at Bob Kiphuth’s Yale Water Carnival or taking an active role to promote synchronized swimming as an Olympic sport.

She was one of the Fabulous Four and like them, she was totally dedicated to the Hall of Fame, from appearing on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1965 with Buck Dawson to announce the opening of the Hall right up to the creation of the “Esther Award” in 2013. It is with a tremendous sense of gratitude that we dedicate this yearbook to you. Thank you for all you did for swimming. We’ll miss you.
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1965-2013 Honorees By Country
International Swimming Hall of Fame

ALGERIA (ALG)
Larfaoui, Mustapha (1998) Contributor

ARGENTINA (ARG)
• Campbell, Jeanette (1991) Swimmer
• Iglesias, Horatio (2003) Open Water Swimmer

AUSTRALIA (AUS)
Armstrong, Duncan (1996) Swimmer
• Beavers, Sue Fern (1987) Swimmer
• Berry, Kevin (1980) Swimmer
• Cail, Forbes (1976) Coach
• Cavill Family (1970) Contributors (6)
• Charlton, Andrew "Boy" (1972) Swimmer
• Cooper, Brad (1994) Swimmer
• Cotton, Frank (1989) Pioneer Contributor
• Crapp, Lorraine (1972) Swimmer
• Davies, John (1984) Swimmer
• Dennis, Clare (1982) Swimmer
• Devitt, John (1979) Swimmer
• Durack, Fanny (1907) Swimmer
• Eke, Richmond Cavill (1991) Pioneer Coach
• Ford, Michelle (1994) Swimmer
• Frazer, Dawn (1965) Swimmer
• Gathercole, Terry (1984) Swimmer
• Gould, Shane (1977) Swimmer
• Guthrie, Frank (1991) Coach
• Healy, Cecil (1968) Swimmer
• Henrici, Joe (1973) Swimmer
• Herford, Sam (1992) Coach
• Hoad, Thomas (2011) Contributor
• Holland, Steve (1989) Swimmer
• Kellerman, Annette (1974) Contributor
• Kieran, Barney (1969) Swimmer
• Kosrado, John & Ilsa (1971) Swimmers
• Lane, Freddy (1969) Swimmer
• Lawrence, Laurie (1996) Coach
• Marshall, John (1973) Swimmer
• Montgomery, Peter (2013) Contributor
• Neail, Gail (1996) Swimmer
• O'Brien, Ian (1985) Swimmer
• O'Neill, Susan (2000) Swimmer
• Perkins, Kieres (2006) Swimmer
• Phillips, William (1997) Contributor
• Rose, Murray (1965) Swimmer
• Steedman, Charles (2000) Pioneer Contributor, GBRAUS
• Talbot, Don (1979) Coach
• Taylor-Smith, Shirley (2008) Open Water Swimmer
• Thiele, David (1968) Swimmer
• Thomas, Petria (2010) Swimmer
• Thorspe, Ian (2011) Swimmer
• Watts, Debbie (2008) Water Polo Player
• Wendon, Michael (1979) Swimmer
• Whitefield, Beverley (1995) Swimmer
• Wickham, Tracy (1992) Swimmer
• Windle, Robert (1990) Swimmer
• Wyller, Mina (1975) Swimmer

AUSTRIA (AUT)
• Neumann, Dr. Paul (1986) Pioneer Swimmer
• Scheffer, Otto (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
• Wakle, Otto (1996) Pioneer Swimmer, AUST/USA

BELGIUM (BEL)
• Blote, Gerard (1969) Pioneer Water Polo
• Deboersmaeckers, Fred (2008) Swimmer
• Plentzeer, Joseph (1988) Pioneer Water Polo

BRASIL (BRA)
Branco, Werner (2012) Swimmer

CANADA (CAN)
Bunnan, Alex (1992) Swimmer
• Berg, Paul (1996) Coach, USA/CAN
• Bernier, Sylvie (1996) Driver

CZECHOSLOVAKIA (TCH)
Duchkova, Milena (1993) Swimmer

CROATIA (CRO)
Buick, Perica (2008) Water Polo Player

DENMARK (DEN)
• Andersen, Grete (1969) Swimmer
• Clausen-Fryland, Stefani (1988) Pioneer Driver
• Hveger, Ragnhild (1966) Swimmer

EGYPT (EGY)
• Aboelnaga, Abdelatiff (1998) Open Water Swimmer

FRANCE (FRA)
• Boitier, Jean (1982) Swimmer
• Caron, Christine "Kiki" (1998) Swimmer

GERMANY & FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (GER/FRG)
• Bathe, Walter (1970) Swimmer

HUNGARY (HUN)
• Barany, Dr. Istvan (1978) Swimmer
• Cik, Ferenc (1983) Swimmer
• Danyi, Tamas (2000) Swimmer

BRITISH GUAMAYA (GYV)
• Spence Bros, Walter, Leonard, Wallace (1967) Swimmers

IBERIAN PENINSULA (ESP)
• Porta, Joan (1955) Swimmer

ITALY (ITA)
• Moroni, Enrico (1955) Swimmer

JAPAN (JPN)
• Harada, Tadao (1952) Swimmer

KOREA (KOR)

LATINO AMERICA (LAT)

MEXICO (MEX)

NORWAY (NOR)

PORTUGAL (PRT)

RUSSIA (RUS)

SWITZERLAND (SUI)

UNITED KINGDOM (GBR)

UNITED STATES (USA)

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Peter Ueberroth (USA)

2013 Gold Medallion Recipient

It is perhaps no coincidence that Peter V. Ueberroth was born on September 2, 1937, the same date that the founder of the modern Olympic Games, Pierre Baron de Coubertin passed away – for many credit Peter with saving the Olympic movement from the financial calamities of the 1970’s and the boycotts of the 1980’s. Peter was born in Evanston, Illinois, but grew up in Sunnyvale, California, where he excelled in high school as an athlete, participating in football, baseball and swimming. Although he had never seen a game of water polo before attending college, he was recruited by Ed Rudloff to play at San Jose State University. He quickly fell in love with the game, became a star player and caught the spark of the Olympic Games when he participated in the 1956 Water Polo Olympic Trials. After graduating with a business degree in 1959, he moved to Hawaii and at the age of 22, became a shareholder and Vice President of Trans International Airline. In 1963, he founded his first company, the First Travel Corporation, which by 1978 had 1,500 employees in 200 offices worldwide and was the second largest travel company in North America.

In 1979, when the Los Angeles Committee for the Olympic Games was looking for a person to take charge of the Games, a “head-hunting” firm suggested Peter Ueberroth. At first he declined, but pressed a second time changed his mind and the rest is history.

Under Ueberroth’s leadership and management, the first privately financed Olympic Games became the genesis for the current International and US Olympic sponsorship programs and recorded a surplus of nearly $240 million dollars. The unprecedented profits were used by Peter to endow the U.S. Olympic Committee, the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles and each of the national governing bodies. For the operational, political and financial success of the Games, he was named 1984 Man of the Year by Time Magazine.

For the next five years he served as the Commissioner of Major League Baseball. When he began this assignment, 22 of the League’s teams were losing money. At the end of his term, all of the baseball teams were profitable. With a proven track record of taking on a crisis and turning it into success, Peter was appointed by Mayor Tom Bradley and Governor Pete Wilson to lead the Rebuild LA Project in the aftermath of the 1992 Los Angeles riots.

In 2004, the Olympic movement called him back, to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United States Olympic Committee. Beset by financial mismanagement, poor international relations, ethics scandals and revolving door leadership, Peter restored financial accountability, credibility and respect to the USOC during his four-year term.

In addition to these examples of crisis management success stories, Peter currently leads successful ventures through his company the Contrarian Group which included the purchase of the Pebble Beach Company, bringing it back to U.S. ownership.

Peter and his wife, Ginny, have four children and eight grandchildren. They live in Laguna Beach.
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1983-2013 International Swimming Hall of Fame

The International Swimming Hall of Fame Gold Medallion Award is presented each year to a former competitive swimmer for his or her national or international significant achievement in the field of science, entertainment, art, business, education or government. There are no restrictions other than the recipient must be an outstanding adult whose life has served as an inspiration for youth.

1983
Barry Goldwater
U.S. Senator, Swimmer

1984
Art Linkletter
Entertainer, Swimmer

1985
William E. Simon
U.S. Treasury Secretary,
U.S. Olympic Committee
President, Swimmer

1986
Capt. David McCampbell
U.S. Congressional
Medal of Honor, Diver

1985
Willard Garvey
Entrepreneur, Swimmer

1988
Ronald Reagan
U.S. President, Swimmer

1989
Fred M. Kirby II
Industrialist, Swimmer

1990
James E. "Doc" Counselman
Educator, Swimmer

1991
Donna de Varona
T.V. Spokeswoman,
Swimmer

1992
Andrew Young
U.S. Ambassador,
Swimmer

1993
Paul Tsongas
U.S. Senator, Swimmer

1994
Jim Moran
Entrepreneur, Swimmer

1995
Buddy Epsen
Entertainer, Swimmer

1996
Joao Havelange
FIFA President, Brazil
IOC Life Member,
Swimmer, Water Polo

1997
Paul W. Bucha
U.S. Congressional Medal
of Honor, Entrepreneur,
Swimmer
1998
Rogers B. “Tiger” Holmes
Entrepreneur, Swimmer

1999
James Whelan
City Mayor, Swimmer

2000
Gregory J. Bonann
Executive Producer
Baywatch Hawai‘i, Swimmer

2001
Sandra Baldwin
U.S. Olympic Committee President, Swimmer

2002
Richard Pound
V.P., International Olympic Committee, Swimmer

2003
Julian “Tex” Robertson
Coach, Ambassador, Camp Entrepreneur, Swimmer

2004
Cirque du Soleil “O”

2005
E. Clay Shaw, Jr.
U.S. Congressman, Swimmer

2006
Jim Press
COO Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Swimmer

2007
Adolph Kiefer
Entrepreneur, Philanthropist & Olympic Swimming Champion

2007
Esther Williams
Movie Actress, Four-time National Swimming Champion

2008
Giovanni “Nannì” Moretti
Film Director, Producer, Screenwriter, Actor, Water polo

2009
William R. Timken, Jr.
Businessman, Ambassador, Swimmer

2010
Dr. Guy Harvey
Artist, Marine Biologist, Swimmer

2010
Zlatko Matesa
Prime Minister, Parliamentarian, Pres. Croatia Olympic Committee, Water Polo

2011
H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco
Swimmer

2012
Milton Gray Campbell
Olympian, Swimmer

2013
Peter Ueberroth
Entrepreneur, Water Polo Player

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Milivoj Bebic (YUG, CRO)

2013 Honor Water Polo Player


At the age of ten, Milivoj Bebic joined the Pošk water polo club. A prodigy almost from the start, he was asked to join the Yugoslavian national team at the age of 17. It was playing with experienced veterans, like Hall of Famer Ratko Rudic and playing under the legendary coach, Vahlo Orlic, father of the modern Yugoslavian water polo system and Miro Circovic, that Bebic developed the skills that made him one of the greatest offensive water polo players of all time.

From 1979 to 1985 none was better than Milivoj. He helped the Yugoslavian national team and Pošk reach the top of the podium in nearly every tournament they entered. In 1980, at the Moscow Olympics, Yugoslavia won the silver, losing to the Soviet Union by a single goal in the decisive game of the round-robin tournament. Four years later in Los Angeles, Yugoslavia again faced the home team in the deciding match and it looked like history would favor the home team once again, as the Americans held a five to three lead heading into the fourth quarter. But after Deni Lusic brought Yugoslavia to within one, it was Bebic’s goal with three minutes three seconds that tied the score and allowed Yugoslavia to win the gold medal on the basis of Yugoslavia’s better goal differential in the round-robin tournament.

During his career on the Yugoslavian national team, Bebic scored a record 620 goals in just 300 games and in 1982-1984, he was judged by “International Swimming” and “Water Polo Magazine” as the best player in the world. In 1991, he made history by becoming the first water polo player to sign a pro contract in excess of one million Deutsche Mark.

After his competition years, he coached water polo for Club Pošk and in 1996, he was appointed director, guiding the team in winning Croatian team cups and national championships. He was also instrumental in reviving women’s water polo in his country.

He remains an executive in Croatian water polo and is a member of the LEN Technical Water Polo Committee. He has received the highest recognition in Yugoslavia, the “Zlatan Jakuka” and the Medal of Order “Danica Hrvatska” from the President of Croatia.
Alberto Castagnetti (ITA)  
2013 Honor Coach 

FOR THE RECORD: ITALIAN NATIONAL TEAM SWIMMING 
COACH (1987-2009); COACH OF GIORGIO LAMBERTI, DOMENICO 
FIORAVANTI, FEDERICA PELLEGRINI, ROSOLINO MASSIMILIANO, 
DAVID RUMOLO, STEFANO BATTISTELLI; DESCRIBED AS 
"THE WIZARD OF SWIMMING"; COMPETITOR AT 1972 OLYMPIC 
GAMES AND 1973 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. 

Considered a coaching genius, Alberto Castagnetti was a “wizard of swimming” who made the Italian colors shine on the world stage. But he did not do magic. The reality was that he obtained magnificent results through hard work and unsurpassed professionalism. These were the talents that allowed him to write his name on the greatest chapter of Italian swimming history.

Alberto Castagnetti was born in 1943 in Verona, Italy, to a father who instilled in him not only his love for sports - swimming, skiing, water polo, diving, tennis, triathlon and basketball - but also a passion for learning. As a swimmer, he won numerous Italian championships and he competed in the Munich Olympic Games in 1972 and the first FINA World Championships, in Belgrade in 1973. Apart from the success of Novella Calgaris in the early 1970’s, Italy had played a small role in international swimming until Castagnetti took the helm of Italian swimming in 1987. He was a natural-born coach who got even better by attending clinics conducted by the American Swimming Coaches Association and studying Doc Councilman’s “Science of Swimming”.

His first big international swimmer was Giorgio Lamberti, who broke the world record in the 200 meter freestyle in 1989 and won a gold medal in the same event at the 1991 Perth World Championships. After this, national and foreign swimmers began to join his team. Among them, future Olympic champions Massimiliano Rosolino, Domenico Fioravanti and Federica Pellegrini. During the Castagnetti era, Italy won 264 medals in major international competition with 31 of the 34 gold medals ever won by Italy, including 11 Olympic medals: four gold, two silver and seven bronze medals, making it one of the most important world swimming powers. Pellegrini alone set nine world records in the 200 and 400 meter freestyle.

He was making plans to build on the Italian success of Pellegrini and Filippo Mangini at the 2009 FNA World Championships in Rome, when he died of complications following heart surgery on October 12, 2009.

Alberto Castagnetti will always be remembered as a man of vision, passion and ideas. One of the great modern European coaches, he was notable for his work directly with athletes, his willingness to speak out and to represent his fellow coaches and his profession.
Gary Hall, Jr. (USA)

2013 Honor Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: FOR THE RECORD: 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (4x100m freestyle, 4x100m medley), silver (50m freestyle, 100m freestyle); 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (50m freestyle, 4x100m medley), silver (4x100m freestyle), bronze (100m freestyle); 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (50m freestyle), bronze (4x100m freestyle); 1994 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (4x100m freestyle, 4x100m medley), silver (50m freestyle, 100m freestyle); 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (100m freestyle), silver (4x100m medley); 1995 PAN AMERICAN GAMES: gold (4x100m freestyle); 2003 PAN AMERICAN GAMES: bronze (50m freestyle); 1995 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle, 4x100m medley); 1999 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (50m freestyle); FIVE U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1-50y freestyle, 1-100y freestyle, 2-50m freestyle, 1-100m freestyle.

As a two year old, his dad carried him on to the pool deck of the Montreal Olympic swim stadium. Five years later, he was in Fort Lauderdale to see his dad’s induction into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Gary Hall, Jr. learned to swim at age three, but didn’t start competitively until he was 16. He grew to be six feet six inches tall, weighing 218 pounds and became known not only for his pre-race antics but for being one of the world’s fastest swimmers.

His Olympic career began in 1996 with two gold medals in the 4x100 meter freestyle and medley relays and two individual silver medals in the 50 and 100 meter freestyle, only .13 seconds behind Russia’s Alexander Popov in the 50 and .07 seconds in the 100.

Then, in March of 1999, he was diagnosed with type one diabetes. Doctors initially told him that his Olympic career was over. However, after consulting with Dr. Anne Peters Harmel, he resumed training for the Sydney Games in a new way. In addition to checking his insulin levels up to ten times a day, Gary and his Dad started the Race Club, a club concept for elite athletes in 2002. Training under coach Mike Bottom during this time in Islamorada, Florida, Gary went on to tie for the individual gold medal in the 50 meter freestyle with fellow American Anthony Ervin. He also won a bronze in the 100 meter freestyle along with gold and silver medals in the relays.

Four years later at the age of 29, the oldest American Olympic swimmer since Duke Kahanamoku in 1924, he capped off his Olympic career in Athens by standing on top of the 50 meter freestyle podium alone as Olympic champion.

Gary has ten Olympic medals to his name and joins his father as the only father and son duo to each win Olympic medals in three Olympic Games.

Gary’s relaxed ability to accept challenges head-on and conquer them is what won him countless awards and fans. His fans were always on the edge of their seats to see how he would emerge and perform in his next race. By achieving his dreams despite health challenges, he has been a great inspiration to the millions of people living with diabetes and would personally return calls, no matter the hour.
Dagmar Hase (GER)

2013 Honor Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (400m freestyle), silver (200m backstroke, 4x100 medley relay); 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES: silver (400m freestyle, 800m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle), bronze (200m freestyle); 1991 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (4x200m freestyle); 1994 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (200m backstroke); 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (4x200m freestyle), silver (200m backstroke), bronze (400m freestyle); 1995 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m): silver (200m backstroke, 4x100m freestyle); 1991 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (4x100m medley, 4x100m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle), bronze (100m backstroke, 200m backstroke); 1993 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (400m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle); 1995 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (4x200m freestyle), silver (200m backstroke); 1997 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (400m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle); NINE GERMAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1-50m backstroke, 2-100m backstroke, 2-200m backstroke, 4-400m freestyle.

She was born in Thale, a small town in East Germany into a family that wasn’t interested in sports. However, at age seven under the East German sport system, she was discovered by talent scouts, learned to swim, started to compete and was soon sent to a centralized sports academy away from home to further develop her talent.

Maybe it was her stubbornness that made her so ambitious as an athlete, for she soon began to rise to the top. Her first big success came at age ten, winning three gold medals at the National Championships in Leipzig.

She had to wait another ten years to celebrate her first big international success, when at age 20, she won the gold medal in the 200 meter backstroke at the European Championships, beating Hungary’s all-time great Kristina Egerszegi. In 1990, she switched teams to Magdeburg under Coach Bernd Henneberg, staying with him until retirement.

A great middle distance freestyle swimmer, she won seven Olympic medals, the first a gold in the 400 meter freestyle at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, when she upset world record holder Janet Evans and silver medals in the 200 meter backstroke and the 4x100 meter medley relay. At the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, she won another four medals - three silver in the 400 meter freestyle, 800 meter freestyle, 4x200 meter freestyle relay and a bronze in the 200 meter freestyle.

Competing in three World Championships, Dagmar earned two gold, three silver and one bronze medal. At the 1994 World Championships, she gave up her spot in the 200 meter freestyle to the up and coming Franziska van Almsick who qualified ninth, failing to make the finals, but went on to win the gold medal in world record time. For her ultimate act of sportsmanship, Dagmar received Germany’s prestigious fair play award in 1995. At the European Championships from 1989 to 1997, she earned six gold, four silver and two bronze medals.

After her retirement, she couldn’t stay away from the water for long, playing water polo and coaching age group swimmers on her hometown Magdeburg team since 2002.
Hu Jia (CHN)
2013 Honor Diver

FOR THE RECORD: 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: silver (10m platform, 10m platform synchro); 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (10m platform); 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (10m platform synchro); 2005 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: gold (10m platform); 2002 ASIAN GAMES: gold (10m platform synchro).

Diving is a quiet, precise sport. The actual take-off jump happens within a split second and the meditative moment before the jump determines the dives success or failure.

This platform diver performs with artistry, concentration and a personal story of will, dedication and drive. From Wuhan in the Hubei Province of Central China, he barely saw his parents after entering the national diving program at the age of nine like most of China’s prodigies. He had been spotted by a former diver and sent to train with a coach in Guangdong.

Considered relatively untalented by some, Hu Jia proved them all wrong when he won the platform gold medal at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, distinguishing himself through unrelenting hard work and beating out the favorite, teammate Tian Liang, for the gold medal.

But it was not without a price to pay, as he developed a detached retina from doing repeated dives from the 10 meter tower, almost going blind. He had also developed severe shoulder problems, but in Athens, he scored 748.08 points to secure his place in diving history, earning nine’s and ten’s on most of his dives.

Four years earlier, at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, he won silver medals on the 10 meter platform in the individual and synchronized diving event with partner Tian Liang.

Hu also had gold medal performances at the 2001 Fukuoka World Championship (10m platform synchro), 2005 Montreal World Championship (10m platform) and the 2002 Busan Asian Games (10m platform synchro).

His coaches were Tan Liangde and his wife, Li Qing, both silver medalists in the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games. Tan also won silver medals in 1984 and 1992 and was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2000.
Yana Klochkova (UKR)
2013 Honor Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (200m individual medley, 400m individual medley), silver (800m freestyle); 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (200m individual medley, 400m individual medley); TWO WORLD RECORDS: (50m); 400m individual medley, (25m) 400m individual medley; 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (400m individual medley); 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (400m individual medley, 400m freestyle), silver (200m individual medley); 2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (200m individual medley, 400m individual medley); 1999 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m): gold (400m individual medley), silver (200m individual medley); 2000 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m): gold (200m individual medley, 400m individual medley) silver (400m freestyle); 2002 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m): gold (400m freestyle, 200m individual medley, 400 individual medley); EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (50m): 10 gold, 2 silver, 4 bronze; (25m): 8 gold, 1 silver; WORLD AND EUROPEAN SWIMMER OF THE YEAR: 2004.

She was born into an athletic minded family in 1982, in Simferopol, Ukraine, when it was the capital of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea within the old Soviet Union. Because of the Soviet Union’s emphasis on physical education, the Ukraine was left with hundreds of stadiums and swimming pools. This little girl picked the swimming pool to excel. She first started in gymnastics, but once she started swimming at age seven, she never looked back.

By age eight, she was training four hours daily with an hour a day of dry-land. Her hard work paid off as Yana Klochkova became the greatest individual medley swimmer in the first decade of the 21st century and maybe of all-time.

At the 2000 Sydney Olympics, she won gold medals in the 200 meter and the 400 meter individual medley, the latter in world record time, lasting seven years. She also won the silver medal in the 800 meter freestyle behind Hall of Fame swimmer Brooke Bennet of the United States.

Between 2000 and 2004, she lost only one individual medley race at the short course European Championships in Antwerp, 2001.

At the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Klochkova became the first swimmer to win consecutive pairs of Olympic gold medals in the 200 meter and the 400 meter individual medley and was dubbed the “Medley Queen”.

She was both the “European Swimmer of the Year” and the “World Swimmer of the Year” in 2004.

At the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, she was the flag bearer for her country. With her successive Olympic wins, she will always be remembered as the greatest individual medley swimmer in the history of the Olympic Games.
Cliff Lumsdon (CAN)
2013 Honor Open Water Swimmer


Perhaps it was something in the water that drew him to it. At the young age of 16, he turned professional, becoming one of the world’s greatest professional marathon swimmers in the world.

At 18, he won the World Marathon Championship, his first of four wins in the Canadian National Exposition (CNE), beating 46 other world class competitors in this 15 mile Lake Ontario race. That same year he received the Lou Marsh Trophy as Canada’s outstanding athlete of the year. Swimming for the Lake Shore Swim Club and coached by the famed Gus Ryder, he made over $150,000.00 in prize money from 1949 to 1967, a consistent winner of marathon races.

He was known for his ability to swim in cold water, once going 32 miles in 18 hours with water temperatures ranging between 48 and 52 degrees Fahrenheit, the only finisher in the 1955 Lake Ontario CNE Swim. In 1956, he swam 11 hours 35 minutes crossing the Straits of Juan de Fuca between Washington State and Vancouver Island, where the water temperature is 48 degrees.

Between 1949 and 1954, Cliff Lumsdon was the undisputed world professional marathon swimming champion, winning a total of five Marathon World Championships. From 1954 to 1964, he swam ten 23 mile swims around Atlantic City, finishing first or second in most of them. His swimming created a big chested, burly man who was well liked by everyone.

His wife Joan said that he hated to swim alone — he loved to race. He trained in the Credit River with his close friend Marilyn Bell, the first swimmer to cross Lake Ontario.

As a 30 year employee of the City of Etobicoke Recreation Department, he taught thousands of children to swim, including his daughter Kim, who swam across Lake Ontario herself in 1976.

He died young at age 60, but is remembered as a fierce, hard-to-beat competitor, yet a stellar human being and a gentle man.
Chi Lieh Yung (CHN)
2013 Honor Pioneer Swimmer

His talent for swimming was recognized while playing at a beach in Hong Kong, by coaches of the Lai Tsun Swimming Union of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Under the guidance of his coaches, Chan and Huang, he was shown how frogs leapt great distances by releasing explosive power in their legs and learned to swim the breaststroke. Taking this cue from nature and with the dream of becoming the “King of the Frogs,” Chi became the most celebrated swimmer in Hong Kong. Having the option to represent Hong Kong, Formosa or the New China in international competition, Chi chose the latter and crossed the border on April 8, 1954 to join the training camp in Guangdong.

Coached by a collaborative of Hungarian, Russian and Chinese coaches, and from his own observations and studies, Chi developed a unique style of swimming that came to be known as “the high sailing position,” that utilized his powerful kick. During the national swimming championships in 1955, his efforts paid off as he won first place in the men’s 100 and 200 meter breaststroke.

In October of 1956, Chi Lieh Yung was one of 12 swimmers, 11 male and 1 female, selected to represent the People’s Republic at the 16th Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia. The only female swimmer, Dai Lihua, later became Chi’s wife. Unfortunately, politics intervened and China did not send its team.

The following year, on May 1st, a swimming competition was organized to commemorate the International Labor Day. Chi was in his prime, and all the best breaststrokers were entered. He broke the world record in the men’s 100 meter breaststroke with a time of 1:11.6. This was the first world record by a Chinese swimmer recognized by FINA. His accomplishment was an immense source of pride and an inspiration for the new nation. Although Chi never got the chance to compete in the Olympics, he did realize his childhood dream of becoming “The King of Frogs” and he will forever be remembered as China’s first world record setter in swimming.

After retiring, he and his wife devoted themselves to coaching the national swimming team until 1976 when they returned to Hong Kong, where Chi started his own successful business. His interest has always been swimming and music, even now he spends more than one hour a day in the pool.
Peter Montgomery (AUS)
2013 Honor Contributor

FOR THE RECORD: FINA TECHNICAL WATER POLO COMMITTEE

He was raised on the Northern Beaches of Sydney, where he played water polo and swam competitively in addition to being a surf lifesaver and junior rugby league player.

As one of Australia’s greatest water polo players, Peter competed in 404 international matches, serving as captain on 167 occasions. He played in the first FINA Water Polo World Cup, four FINA World Championships and in four Olympic Games from Munich in 1972, to Los Angeles in 1984.

Peter Guy Montgomery’s accomplishments were not just in the pool. He has been a solicitor of the New South Wales Supreme Court since 1972 and has been successful as a real estate investor, property developer and public company director for over 35 years. His business success has provided him with the resources to serve the Australian and International Olympic movement ceaselessly since his retirement as a world-class athlete.

He has served Australian Water Polo continuously since 1982 as Treasurer, Vice President and Patron. In 1984, after playing his last Olympic match, Peter was appointed Honorary Secretary of FINA’s Technical Water Polo Committee, a position he held for eight years. In 1985 he was appointed the first Chairman of the Australian Olympic Committee’s Athletes Commission. As a member of the Sydney 2000 bid team, he was instrumental in women’s water polo being added to the Olympic program. In 2001, he was elected Vice President of the AOC, a position he still holds. He was Deputy Chef de Mission for Australia at four successive Olympic Games from 1996 to 2008 and was the first President of the World Olympians Association.

Within the International Olympic Committee he has served in many positions including the Athletes Commission, Olympic Academy Commission, Cultural Sport and Law Commission and Olympic Bid Evaluation Committee. Along with other awards, he has received the Olympic Order bestowed by IOC President Jacques Rogge, the IOC Universality in Sports Award and the University of Sydney’s Aquatic Center is named in his honor.

For over fifty years, Peter has lived the Olympic ideal of developing both his mind and body and giving back to the sport he loves.
Nathalie Schneyder (USA)
2013 Honor Synchronized Swimmer


When Nathalie fell into the swimming pool at the age of four and almost drowned, her mother decided she needed swimming lessons to keep her safe. Within four years, she was competing in synchro as a member of the Walnut Creek Synchronized Swimming Team.

Like in any sport, a number of coaches helped her along the way. Linda Kreiger started her synchronized swimming career; Betty Hazel coached her when she was twelve; Joan Marie Vanaski was her junior team coach who taught her to dance; Hall of Famer Gail Johnson Pucci brought her from the junior team to the club’s “A” team, developing her creativity; Lynn Virglio provided most of the 3,000 to 6,000 yards training before they started synchro training each day; Karen Babb worked tirelessly to get her figures up to par; and Chris Carver, National Team Coach gave her the final touch. But it was Hall of Fame coach Gail Emery who served as her club coach and developed her into the Olympic champion she would become.

As member of the United States National Team for nine years, she and her team rarely missed the top of the podium, winning five FINA World Cups and two FINA World Championships. Winning the 1994 French Open Team Championship in front of her family was special to Nathalie, because her mom and dad had both emigrated from France to the USA. At the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games, Nathalie reached every athlete’s dream when she helped the USA win the gold medal with a perfect score of “10” in the freestyle event. This was the first and only perfect score of “10” in Olympic synchronized swimming history until Russia received the same award in Beijing for their freestyle routine. But for all of her accomplishments in the pool, she is also famous for the perfect pose with teammate Margo Thien that appeared in “Life Magazines” Celebration of the Olympic Body.

Since retiring from the sport, she has coached, been a consultant and choreographed for teams in China, Great Britain, Argentina and the Netherlands, as well as the U.S. Junior National Team and helped Stanford to their first synchronized swimming Collegiate National Championship.
Sue Albrecht Johnson
2013 Paragon Award Winner

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Congratulations Sue!

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Nathalie Schneyder
2013 Hall of Fame Inductee

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Pieter van den Hoogenband (NED)

2013 Honor Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES: 4th (100m freestyle, 200m freestyle); 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (100m freestyle, 200m freestyle), bronze (50m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle); 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (100m freestyle), silver (200m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle); 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES: 5th (100m freestyle); THREE WORLD RECORDS: 100m freestyle, 2-200m freestyle; 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (4x200m freestyle), bronze (200m freestyle); 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 200m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle); 2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (100m freestyle, 200m freestyle), bronze (50m freestyle); 2007 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (200m freestyle); 1999 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m): gold (4x200m freestyle), silver (4x100m freestyle), bronze (200m freestyle); EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: (50m) 10 gold, 5 silver, 4 bronze; (25m) 6 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze; 1998 GOODWILL GAMES: 2 gold; 2001 GOODWILL GAMES: 2 bronze; (4x100m medley); WORLD SWIMMER OF THE YEAR: 2000; EUROPEAN SWIMMER OF THE YEAR: 1999, 2000, 2004.

His mother, Astrid Verner, is a former 800 meter freestyle silver medalist of the European Championships. His father Cees is the team doctor with the PSV Eindhoven professional football team and a FINA doctor. Astrid became coach of the Dutch swimming team and Cees provided the foundation to secure a financial base to keep the team operating.

Pieter van den Hoogenband was well on his way to become Holland's greatest male swimmer alongside female swimmer Inge de Bruin. His international breakthrough came at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics when at 18, he exceeded expectations by finishing fourth in the 100 meter and 200 meter freestyle.

After winning six gold medals at the 1999 European Championships, he was one of the favorites at the 2000 Olympic Games. But in Sydney, he faced hometown favorite Ian Thorpe in the 200 and two time Russian Olympic Champion Alexander Popov in the 100 meter freestyle. "Hoogie" beat them both in world record time. His 100 meter freestyle record of 47.84 stood for a phenomenal eight years, longer than any other swimmers since Johnny Weissmuller in 1924. Pieter earned bronze medals in the 50 meter and 4 x 200 meter freestyle. At the 2004 Olympics in Athens, he won another gold medal in the 100 meter freestyle and silver in the 200 meter freestyle and 4 x 100 meter freestyle. In 2008, by finishing 5th in the 100 meter freestyle he became the first-ever swimmer to make the finals in four consecutive Olympics in the same event.

Throughout his career he received many prestigious awards, the most distinctive being World Swimmer of the Year in 2000.
Mu Chengkuan & Mu Xiangxiong (CHN)
*2013 Honor Pioneer Swimmer*

Growing up in Tianjin, China Mu Chengkuan thrived in an era when China was adopting the western culture of physical fitness. He was a champion cyclist, a Kung-fu master and excelled as a swimmer. In 1941, he dared to challenge foreigners in a swimming match, which was the basis of a scene in the famous movie that was based on his life, “Enter the Water Dragon.” His victories over Western athletes boosted Chinese patriotism and Mu became a household name almost over night. With a vision to help the nation form a new national identity by training Olympic champions, he taught his children and others in his village a variety of sports. Noticing the dominance of Japanese and Filipino swimmers at the 1936 Olympics, particularly in the breaststroke - and their physical characteristics were similar to the Chinese - he focused on swimming. In 1952, when China held their first national swimming meet, three of his sons and one daughter all won national titles. The most promising was the second son, Mu Xiangxiong.

Born in 1935, Mu Xiangxiong was a swimming prodigy, winning provincial titles at the age of 13 and setting national records in the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke in 1952. A diligent and hard working athlete, capable of swimming 40 to 50 meters underwater, he achieved amazing results and was considered by many to be a gold medal favorite at the Olympic Games in 1956. Unfortunately, a political dispute with the International Olympic Committee kept Mu and other Chinese athletes from competing in Melbourne. Following those Olympic Games, FINA banned underwater breaststroke. This was a big upset to Mu. Yet, under the watchful eye of his father, other coaches and with the help of his teammates, he made a successful adjustment to swimming on the surface. On December 20, 1958, at a swimming competition in Beijing, he set a new world record in the 100 meter breaststroke. In 1959, he lowered the record to 1:11.1, a time not achieved outside of China until 1961, when Hall of Famer Chet Jastrenski tied the mark. However, because China had withdrawn from the IOC and FINA, Mu’s records were never recognized.

After his retirement from competition, young Mu joined his father coaching in Hebei Province. His brothers also followed in their father’s wake, working to promote swimming in China. First son, Mu Xiangying became an administrator in the Swimming Department of the State Administration of Sports. Third son Mu Xianghao, was the head coach for the Chinese national swimming team and is now a coach in the USA. A fourth son became the head coach for the Beijing swimming team.

The Mu family had come a long way from a brave fishing village family to the most renown swimming family in China. Although away from international competition for many years, Mu Xiangxiong is still active, teaching hundreds of children a year to swim in the swim center named after him in his hometown.
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Head Coach, New Trier Township High School
2013 Paragon Award / Competitive Swimming

Since 1975, Mark Onstott has been coaching boys and girls high school swimming, now in his 38th year. He has coached swimming in Iowa, Texas, and Illinois.

He coached at Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa starting as the assistant coach for three years and moving to the head coach position for four years. He earned the Conference Coach of the Year title three times. As a member of the Iowa High School Swimming Coaches Association, he served as Secretary-Treasurer and was the Clinic Director of the 1981 Conference. He was State Coach of the Year in 1981 for both boys and girls.

In 1982, he moved to Texas earning State Coach of the Year honors in 1989 and Region Coach of the Year honors six times at Cy-Fair High School where he served as a member of the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association from 1985 to 1994, serving as its president and other offices.

In 1994, Onstott moved to Illinois where his high school boys coaching career continued to excel, winning eleven state high school swimming championships including every year from 2004 to 2013. From 1994 to 2001, he was the girls head swimming coach winning two girls Illinois State Championships. Since 2006, he has served as assistant girls coach. He was selected District or Sectional Coach of the Year 16 times. His New Trier High School teams have won over 900 dual meets and he has developed over 182 High School All American Swimmers.

Mark has left an indelible impression as a 38 year member of NISCA, the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association. He served as President from 2005 to 2007, fulfilling the role as President-Elect and Past President the two years preceding and past. He was a Zone Director for six years from 1997 to 2003 and has been a member of the Audit Committee from 2007 to the present. He continues to serve on the Professional Awards and Marketing Committees and has been the All-America Coordinator since 2007.

Mark has been a NISCA Clinic Speaker on three occasions, a National High School Athletic Coaches Convention speaker and has made presentations in New Jersey, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and at the ASCA World Clinic three times. He has published articles for the “Athletic Journal”, “NISCA Journal” and developed a set of four DVD’s on Championship Sports for the High School Coaching Academy.

Among his honors, Mark was elected National Coach of the Year for the National High School Coaches Association (2005), the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (2005) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (2010). In 2009, he was inducted into the University of Northern Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame as an Athlete/Coach.
Chuck Hines
YMCA National Championship Coach / Player & Author
2013 Paragon Award / Water Polo

In 1956 Chuck began his aquatic career with the YMCA. In 1958, he assumed the position of Director of Aquatics at the Minneapolis YMCA. He continued throughout his professional life as director of three cities, Minneapolis, Des Moines and Asheville, retiring after 40 years in 1996.

He started playing water polo in 1958, at age 25, shortly after becoming the Director of the Minneapolis Y and continued as player/coach at the Des Moines YMCA in Iowa from 1962 to 1966. He was named “Y All-American” player two times and an A.A.U. Honorable Mention All-American player once.

Chuck served as Director of Aquatics at the Asheville YMCA from 1969 to 1996, starting from scratch in a small dilapidated 40 year old basement pool with one ball, no goals and a bunch of young kids who had never heard of water polo. He developed a program that in the 1970’s won ten national A.A.U. and YMCA tournament titles and posted an 80 - 8 - 1 record in dual swim meets.

Chuck discovered and developed water polo expert Bob Helmick, who went on to serve as President of FINA. He also coached six high school All-American players and won the 1966 YMCA Junior National Water Polo Championships. In April 1977, his Y girls were selected to represent the East Coast in the initial World Woman’s Water Polo Club Championships at Montreal and Quebec City in Canada, being the first U.S. team to take on the number one women’s team in the world from Holland. In July of that year, he hosted the International Women’s Tournament with his team taking second place.

In 1961, Chuck started publishing a bimonthly water polo newsletter that went out to subscribers coast to coast. In 1962, he used the newsletter to announce the first-ever High School and College All-American Teams. This was done annually until the newsletter was taken over by the American Swimming Coaches Association.

During the 1960’s, working with Al Schoenfield, he served as the water polo editor for “Swimming World” magazine and also wrote several coaching articles for “Swimming Technique”. During this time period, he served as Chairman of the A.A.U. National Woman’s Water Polo Committee and as Vice Chairman of the A.A.U. National Men’s Water Polo Committee. In the late 60’s, he served as Secretary Treasurer of the American Swimming Coaches Association and as editor of the ASCA newsletter. He was Chairman of the ASCA Water Polo Committee, when it conducted the first World Swimming Coaches Conference at ISHOF in 1969.

Chuck served on the U.S. Olympic Water Polo Committees for the 1968, 1972 and 1976 Games, which included a term as Secretary of the U.S. Men’s Team, which brought home a bronze medal in 1972 - Munich. He continued to serve as Chairman of the A.A.U. National Women’s Water Polo Committee through 1976 and was elected Chairman of the inaugural International Women’s Water Polo Committee in 1977. During this time, he continued to serve as Chairman of the YMCA National Water Polo Committee.

His 230 page book titled “Water Polo, The Y’s Way” was published on the evolution of the sport. Working with “Water Polo Planet”, he organized and chaired a committee that developed the U.S. Women’s Water Polo Hall of Fame.

Chuck has been serving as historian for “American Water Polo” magazine, writing over a dozen history articles about the sport that have been posted on the internet as well as editing another dozen articles.

He has received numerous major awards for water polo coaching and other endeavors, including the YMCA Coach of the Year in 1969 and 1973 and YMCA Distinguished Director of Physical Education Award.

He coached ten national championship teams and more than 20 All-American players.
USA Diving salutes
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Hu Jia - Diver

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Steve Foley  
USA Diving High Performance Director  
2013 Paragon Award / Competitive Diving

USA Diving High Performance Director Steve Foley is one of the best in the world at his job. Foley joined the USA Diving staff after the 2008 Olympics and was charged with developing a plan to return the U.S. to international prominence and to the Olympic podium. The U.S. had not medaled at an Olympics since 2000 and USA Diving was looking to change that in London.

The U.S. came home from the 2012 Olympic Games with four medals, one gold, one silver and two bronze, for its best showing since 1988.

Foley, who has nearly 40 years of experience as an athlete, coach and administrator, shifted the U.S. focus from medals to performance, saying too much emphasis on medals causes extra pressure. He encouraged athletes simply to focus on performing their best and let the results fall where they may.

He placed increased importance on synchronized diving and three of the four U.S. medals won in London came in the synchronized diving events. They were the first Olympic synchronized diving medals won by U.S. divers. He also recognized the importance of looking ahead and began developing plans for 2016, 2020 and beyond, well before the 2012 Olympic Team was selected. Foley implemented a Junior Elite Performance Squad, holding training camps and creating other opportunities for junior divers.

Prior to coming to the U.S., Foley had served as the National Performance Director for British Diving since 2002. As a consultant for British Diving beginning in 1999, he created the organization’s strategic plans, selection procedures and training workouts. He began a full-time role as National Performance Director in 2002 and his leadership helped guide Great Britain to its first Olympic diving medal in 44 years with a silver medal in men’s synchronized platform at the 2004 Games in Athens.

His responsibilities with British Diving included managing the elite diving program and overseeing coach training programs as well as Junior Olympic and Junior Talent programs. Through the successful junior program, 2012 Olympic bronze medalist Tom Daley was identified.

Foley got his start in diving in Australia, where he was a three-time Olympian (1976, 1980 and 1984) and the first Australian male diver to final in both springboard and platform at the Games (1984). He served as Head Diving Coach and Australian National Coach at the Australian Institute of Sport from 1989 to 1995 and was Head Coach of Australia’s 1992 Olympic Team after attending the 1988 Games as an Assistant Coach. In all, Foley has attended the past 10 Olympic Games in a number of capacities. Foley has coached 15 Olympic finalists, including two medalists and 37 national champions.

From 1979 to 1982, Foley trained under Dr. Ron O’Brien, an eight-time Olympic coach who retired as USA Diving’s High Performance Director in July 2008. In 1983 and 1984, he trained under Steve McFarland while training and working as an age group coach at the University of Miami.

Foley also has a number of years of broadcasting and media experience, working as a diving commentator at the World Championships, World Cup, Commonwealth Games, Goodwill Games and the Olympic Games for a variety of media outlets. His broadcast experience also includes golf and tennis, as he has done radio reporting for the Masters, British Open and Australian Open. Steve has made regular appearances as the diving judge on the new television show “SPLASH” (ABC), starring Greg Louganis as coach of the celebrities.
Joost Bierens, MD, PhD
International Facilitator, Researcher & Author
2013 Paragon Award / Aquatic Safety

Professor Joost Bierens of the Netherlands has been involved in aquatic safety as a lifeguard, key member of major organizations, author, researcher, academic professor, congress chairman and international facilitator. His name is linked with some of the contemporary greatest achievements in the history of world lifesaving.

His first experience with water safety was working as a beach lifeguard during medical school vacations, from 1974 to 1980, when he became interested in drowning, other aquatic emergencies and water safety. It was during this time that he finished his first epidemiological study: “Drowning Along the Dutch Beaches”. He continued drowning related research while he was a resident in anaesthesiology from 1984 to 1989 in emergency medicine. In 1996, he completed his PhD thesis: “Drowning in the Netherlands, Pathophysiology, Epidemiology and Clinical Studies”. Inspired by the observation that very little had improved since his lifeguard period, he coordinated, on behalf of the Maatschappij tot Redding van Drenklingen (Society to Rescue People from Drowning, established in 1767), the multi-disciplinary, international and interactive World Congress on Drowning from 1996 to 2002. 174 co-authors contributed to the first version of the “Handbook on Drowning”. He was the coordinating editor of the standard work on drowning, “The Handbook on Drowning, Prevention, Rescue and Treatment” (2006), in which he brought over 179 contributors from over 40 countries. This was the single, most important written initiative on this topic and is considered to be the “Bible” of water safety. In 2008, he contributed to the second most comprehensive book, the “Handbook on Water Safety and Lifesaving”, with 144 contributors from 22 countries. He has published over 130 scientific peer-reviewed articles and chapters on lifeguarding, drowning, hypothermia and water safety.

Joost is also a regular national and international keynote speaker and teacher on water safety related subjects, from a practical rescue level to the clinical intensive care level. Since the origin of the idea to obtain a global focus on the issue of drowning in 1996, he orchestrated, as Project Coordinator and Co-Chairman, the World Drowning Congress in 2002 - Amsterdam. This was the most comprehensive and organized initiative in the history of water safety which brought together over 450 experts from 40 countries. Unlike other initiatives up to that point, this Congress was open to everyone interested in sharing ideas and research without limiting its audience to specific membership. A few years later, at the World Water Safety Congress in Portugal- 2007 and the World Drowning Congress on Drowning Prevention in 2011 - Vietnam, Joost served in a more inspirational role and presented numerous water safety studies. Joost was again one of the key people in the World Water Safety Congress in 2007 - Portugal and in the World Congress on Drowning Prevention in 2011 - Vietnam, where he presented numerous water safety studies. Speaking fluent English, Dutch and Spanish, he has the talent to motivate and engage the interest of his audience, who almost hold their breath during his lectures, both because of his knowledge and because of his marvellous sense of humor.

Not mentioned prior is Joost’s professional involvement in emergency and disaster medicine. He was appointed “First Professor in Emergency Medicine” in the Netherlands at the Department of Anaesthesiology of the VU University Medical Center until his term ended in 2009. During this time, he published research articles and books on a variety of issues in the domains of emergency and disaster medicine.

Joost has not only worked for several decades in the fields of drowning prevention, rescue and treatment, but he also remains a brilliant example of modesty. As a husband and father who manages to find time between family, work and voluntarism in the field of international lifesaving, he serves as inspiration for young researchers and lifesavers around the world.
Sue Johnson
Chief Recorder & Scoring Chair, Olympic Games/FINA World Championships
2013 Paragon Award / Synchronized Swimming

Sue Johnson (USA) is being recognized for synchronized swimming as having been the
Chief Recorder and Scoring Chairperson for synchronized swimming in six Olympic Games;
four FINA World Championships; three FINA World Cups; five FINA World Masters
Championships; four Pan American Games; four USA Olympic Trials; six American Cup
Championships; one Goodwill Game and several National Synchronized Swimming Championships (1975 to 1988
and 2005 to present).

She was the Chief Recorder and Scoring Chairperson at the Olympic Games in 1984 - Los Angeles, 1996 – Atlanta,
2000 – Sydney, 2004 – Athens, 2008 – Beijing and 2012 – London. She was Head Recorder of the World FINA
the FINA Masters World Championships in 2002 – Indianapolis, 2002 – Christchurch, 2006 – Stanford University,
and 2006 – Yokohama. She was the Head Recorder at the Pan American Games of 1983 – Caracas, 1987 – Indianapolis,

She has scored four U.S. Olympic Trials, six American Cup competitions and U.S. Synchronized Swimming 1975
to 1988 and from 2005 to the present.

She was Chief of the FINA Synchronized Trophy Meets of 2007 - Rio de Janeiro and of 2012 – Mexico City, the
FINA Junior Worlds of 2010 - Indianapolis and the Brazil Open of 2010.

With IBM, Sue developed scoring programs, created scoring forms for the FINA Handbook and developed a section
“scoring resource” for the USA Synchronized Swimming website. She was a FINA presenter at the 2002 Chief
Recorder Clinic in Dallas.

Sue received the FINA Certificate of Merit in 2005 and was a contributor to the Synchronized Swimming Hall of
Fame in 1991.

Sue has also been very involved with volunteering for professional golf tournaments. She has been in charge of
“Scoring Central” and helps with scoring volunteer training for all USGA events (U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, U.S.
Women’s Open) from 1996 to the present. In addition, she has been Scoring Chair for several PGA tour events.

Sue is a teacher of mathematics at a school in Ohio and was named “Elementary Classroom Teacher” for the NE
District in Ohio in 1992. In 1993, she was named Math Teacher of the Year, West District in Cleveland.
Theodore “Ted” Boyett, BS, MS
Aquatic Director, Coach & Teacher
2013 Paragon Award / Recreational Swimming

Ted Boyett has been involved in recreational swimming for over 50 years, currently serving as the Pool Manager for the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District in Wisconsin. In this position, he oversees the entire aquatic operation: budgeting, personnel, programs, marketing and maintenance. Under his auspices the pool has increased revenue through increased programming and participation while reducing expenditures to achieve approximately 10% budget surplus in his first year. It appears his second year will be a repeat performance.

He assists the Physical Education Department Coordinator teaching Lifeguard Training and Water Safety Instructor classes. As part of the W.S.I. class, the instructor candidates teach 3rd and 5th grade students from the six district elementary schools for five lessons throughout the school year. Third graders focus on learn to swim while the 5th grade students learn life long skills including kayaking, basic rescue skills, and self-rescue skills. This is a model program. Approximately 1,000 - 1,200 elementary students are reached each year, in addition to the hundreds of middle and high school students.

Ted served as the coordinator of Aquatics and managed the Tootell Aquatic Center at the University of Rhode Island for 13 years from 1995 to 2007. During that time, there were many accomplishments set by the Tootell Aquatic Program under his guidance and the aegis of the office of Recreational Services within the Department of Athletics. Several significant achievements include an increase in participation by 5% per year and a 682% increase in non student recreation fee revenues.

While at URI, Ted received, among other awards, the United States Water Fitness Association’s Top Aquatic Program in the Nation 1998 to 1999, 2003, 2005; the Top University Program in the Nation 1997 to 2006; and the Top 100 Aquatic Directors in the Nation 1997 to 2006.

Ted spent 13 years as Assistant Director of Student Affairs and Aquatic Director at Georgia State University. He taught Physical Education, Continuing Education and Recreational Services. He ended his collegiate swimming and diving team coaching career with a lifetime record of 143 wins and 87 losses, built one of the strongest recreational scuba programs in the Southeast and initiated sports groups for individuals with and without disabilities in addition to his duties as Aquatics Director.

During the previous four years, from 1979 to 1982, at Josephine County Parks Department, Grants Pass, Oregon, Ted established sound operations at both of the county’s two new aquatic complexes, which he helped design. He built strong programs in collaboration with local schools along with offering sound recreational opportunities and varied swimming lessons for the general public. Swim World, one of the two complexes, was considered to offer one of the regions premiere infant and toddler programs.

Prior to the Josephine County position, 1975 to 1979, Ted was the first District Administrator for North Humboldt Recreation and Park District, a special purpose California tax district in Arcata California, home of his alma mater Humboldt State. He received his Bachelor’s degree in physical education just five years earlier at Humboldt State University. As District Administrator he supervised the completion of the Arcata Natatorium and served as the Administrative agent for the Arcata-North Humboldt Recreation Authority. He wrote and administered several CETA grants. The recreation area is used by thirteen school districts, Humboldt State University and the College of Redwoods used the N.H.R.P.D. facilities in addition to local residents.

Ted began his full time aquatic career at Lewis and Clark College, in Portland, Oregon, after receiving his Masters degree from Stanford University in 1971. During his four year tenure at Lewis and Clark, the women’s swim team, which he initiated, took two league championships and the water polo team, with Ted as a player/coach, finished second in the Oregon Water Polo League. Lewis and Clark was host for the Portland Interscholastic League swimming meets, hosted regional A.A.U. synchronized swim meets and sponsored both water polo and synchronized swimming clinics. In addition, he served on staff at the American Red Cross National Aquatic School in Seaside Oregon for three years.

In his storied career, Ted has received numerous professional awards from the American Red Cross, the U.S. Water Fitness Association, Aquatics International, American Association for Leisure and Recreation and Who’s Who in Aquatic Leadership.
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Melanie Beck (GBR)  
2013 ISHOF President’s Award

The ISHOF Presidential Award is conferred in recognition of an extraordinary or exceptional achievement to promote the mission of the International Swimming Hall of Fame. This year’s recipient, Melanie Beck, went above and beyond the call of duty when she arranged for ISHOF to present an exhibition of swimming history at “thecentre:mk”, in Milton Keynes, UK, in 2012. Not only did this exhibit provide fantastic exposure for ISHOF, but it helped develop a model for future traveling exhibitions and also added to the bottom line. But Melanie is not just a marketing genius, she is an extraordinary person, from an exceptional family who is passionate about aquatics.

Melanie started her volunteer service at 18 when she began coaching, gained her national judging certification and took up the voluntary post of Hertfordshire County Diving Secretary. Over the next few years, she brought up her own young family and was a willing bystander as her father, Jeff Cook, worked countless hours organizing diving events throughout the UK and enjoyed many lively family lunch debates on the development of diving worldwide. Fast forward to the year of the Athens Olympics when Melanie suffered the unexpected loss of her father. At the time, he had just enjoyed a year as President of the ASA, had been an active member of the LEN and FINA Technical Diving Committees. The loss of her father affected her profoundly and a chance meeting with David Sparkes, Chief Executive of British Swimming, reignited her enthusiasm and motivated her to continue his work. With ISHOF Board Member and family friend Eldon Godfrey serving as confidante and unwavering supporter, Melanie accepted the position of Chair of British Swimming’s Technical Diving Committee. In 2008, she was appointed to the post of Director of the prestigious FINA Diving World Series and currently sits on the FINA Technical Diving Committee. She also was one of 14 women in British Sport selected for a key “Women in Sport” development program run by the British Olympic Federation from which she graduated in 2011. That, of course, was preparation for the London Olympics.

At home, in addition to full-time employment, Melanie raises funds for a national charity, SportsAid, to support aspiring young athletes in the Eastern Region of England, to date the region has raised almost £1 million and helps 160 pre-podium young people each year.

Melanie, who has worked with countless interesting people and cultures around the globe, says she could never give back as much as diving has given her. We beg to differ, the debt is with the world of aquatics. Thank you, Melanie.
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José Luis Vaquero has been teaching swimming for over thirty years, twenty-five of which have been dedicated to training and working with people with disabilities, particularly those who are blind or visually impaired.

Mr. Vaquero began his career in aquatics as a swimming instructor in schools and swim clubs in Madrid. In 1987, he began to specialize as a swimming coach for the blind at the National Organization of Spanish Blind (ONCE), becoming first the Madrid Swimming Coach and ultimately the National Coach a few years later.

In 1994, Mr. Vaquero was appointed Head Swimming Coach in the Spanish Sports Federation for the Blind (FEDC), and continues to hold this position. For nearly 20 years, he has been the Director of the Spanish Swimming Team participating in all international competitions.

While his main focus has been on education and rehabilitation, much of his work has been dedicated to preparing multiple generations of swimmers for the National and World Championships and the Paralympic Games. He is responsible for the administration and organization of all National Championships and the National Teams’ pre-competition meets, as well as for the recruitment, training and preparation of young swimmers for competition. In addition he has worked in the field of early intervention and access in the aquatic environment for babies born with blindness and visual impairments.

With his professional training as a National Swimming and Water Polo Coach and his High Performance Master status imparted by the Spanish Olympic Committee (COE), Mr. Vaquero has been responsible for 25 swimmers who have earned a total of 83 medals, 21 of them being gold, since the '88 Games in Seoul.

Mr. Vaquero was appointed as Technical Adviser of the International Paralympic Swimming Committee by Anne Green (Chairman of the IPC Swimming) from 2000 to 2006. During this time, he lent his technical expertise and collaborated in the development of Rules & Regulations for Disabled Swimming and other technical aspects of sport and competition.

Mr. Vaquero has presented as a speaker and instructor at several swimming and educational technical conferences for people with disabilities held in Spain and other countries. He is currently a faculty instructor in the Master’s Degree of Sports Physical Activity for People with Disabilities and Social Integration program at the Autonomous University of Madrid.

Mr. Vaquero has published several articles on the subject of swimming and has co-authored books about swimming and blindness. He authored the script for the video “Aquatic Activity for the Blind and Visually Impaired,” and is currently writing a book on the same subject which covers a range of skills and techniques from beginning to high-performance aquatics for people who are blind and visually impaired.

José Luis Vaquero has dedicated his professional career to teaching, coaching, and cultivating aquatic opportunities for children and adults with disabilities particularly those with blindness and visual impairments. In doing so, he has opened the doors for all of us to be a more inclusive community and has grown and strengthened the field of adapted aquatics.
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Beatriz Esearte Pesqueira (MEX)
2013 Virginia Hunt Newman Award
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Beatriz is an educator who specializes in the role of aquatics in psychomotor development. She is the founder and general director of Acuarel Natación Formativa in Oaxaca, México (Acuarela). The seed for Acuarela was planted in 1988, when Beatriz rehabilitated an abandoned backyard family pool, founded her swim school, Acuarela, Escuela de Natación, and launched her dream with an initial class of 26 students and 3 employees.

Throughout its evolution, Acuarela’s story is one of meeting challenges, confronting obstacles and nurturing and spreading the enduring belief that water can be a very powerful tool in educational development, helping to create better human beings and societies. In developing Acuarela, she has come to learn and appreciate the wisdom and experience of her pre-Hispanic ancestors of hundreds of years ago, who accorded special honor and respect to the water as a being and understood the strength, vitality and emotional and physical health that we can derive from natural, confident and wise movement in the water.

She designed a very unique pool where babies and young children can naturally adapt to water through their own sensations, feelings, thoughts and movements; generating awareness in the parents of the importance of communication in the present moment with the water and their babies.

Acuarela first gained attention as a result of Beatriz’s social work, in which she invited some of Oaxaca’s homeless and abandoned children – street children – to experience water and take swim lessons. In just one year, these children reduced their use of prescription and non-prescription medications to treat various ailments by 75%.

She presented at the 2nd World Aquatic Babies Congress (WABC) in Los Angeles, California in 1993, where she spoke about her social commitment to providing access to swim lessons to children from all economic backgrounds and not only to the privileged members of society.

In 1997, Beatriz was the lead organizer of the 4th World Congress of Baby Aquatic Education attended by 450 professionals from 23 countries, with 26 leaders in the field of baby and child psychomotor development in the aquatics who presented.

Thereafter she has focused on studying and sharing information and knowledge with other professionals as a featured speaker at many conferences and workshops in numerous countries through the reach of the World Aquatic Babies & Children Network, including bringing that knowledge to her beloved country and her city of Oaxaca.
Bob Dillon  
2013 ISHOF Service Award

Bob is a retired high school science educator and swim coach from the Jersey Shore. He is a U.S. Navy veteran. Since his retirement in 2007 after 31 years teaching, he has become a “snowbird” and is now able to spend several months in Fort Lauderdale and at the ISHOF, where he volunteers his time to do whatever is needed. He has been affiliated with the ISHOF since 1966, when he came to visit Fort Lauderdale and the ISHOF where he met Buck Dawson, ISHOF’s founder. His high school swim coach from Trenton Central High School, the late Al Neuschaefer, was inducted into the ISHOF in 1967. Bob was later introduced to ISHOF Director Bob Duenkel by the late Dick Steadman, who Dillon knew from the Jersey Shore. He has made a “pilgrimage” every year to ISHOF, both when he was in the Navy, and when teaching, during his Christmas vacations. Since 1989, he has helped Duenkel set up and run Fort Lauderdale’s “Rough Water Ocean Mile Swim”, including buoy placement, finish chute, departure pens, streamers, and tables. He also helps with airport runs, writing and typing and other requests.

Now that he can spend more time in Ft Lauderdale, Bob has been able to assist in a myriad of ways. In addition to helping with the annual ocean mile swim, he assisted in the organization and running of the “Fran Crippin 10K Swim” two years ago; assists in the preparation of the annual Induction Ceremonies, and last year’s inaugural “Aquatic History Symposium”. Bob is an ISHOF member and feels like he is also “quasi staff” when here and enjoys working with the ISHOF staff.

Bob has presented two plaques along with monetary contributions, one in 1996 on behalf of the late Dick Steadman, member of ISHOF and the Olympic Diving Committee, as well as on behalf of a Monmouth County NJ Water Safety icon, the late Howard Rowland, in 1983.

Bob has been involved with aquatics all of his life which has been his avocation. Swimming in high school and at Gettysburg College; an American Red Cross Instructor; member of the Monmouth County A.R.C. Water Safety Committee; swimming official (1974-1982); founder and first coach of his high school swim team (1995); lifeguard; beach club aquatic director and manager; founder and Past President of the Monmouth County Chapter of the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) for 25 years (now a life member); competition official for the Mid-Atlantic USLA; occasional delegate to the bi-annual national USLA meeting, organizing such a three day meeting in 1991 (Baltimore); organizer and head official of the Monmouth County Lifeguard “tournaments” for over 30 years; past organizer and manager of the Monmouth County Lifeguard Competition Team for the USLA Nationals, which usually places second each year. Bob was awarded the USLA “Sportsmanship Plaque” in 2003. He is still involved with the USLA on all levels, local, regional and national, as well as with the high school swim team.

He was recognized by the “Ashbury Park (NJ) Press” (11/28/11) for the paper’s “2000 Millennium Countdown Project”, being selected as one of the fifteen top/legendary lifeguards of the North Jersey Shore Area for his contributions that had made an impact in this profession. He was also recognized by the Monmouth County (NJ) Parks System, for twenty-five years of leadership in the lifeguarding profession. Most recently, the Wall High School (NJ) Swim Team Parents Association, that Bob founded, have named their annual swim team scholarship after him.
Kim Burgess  
2013 Judge G. Harold Martin Award

Since 2011, Kim Burgess has been the founder and Executive Director of the National Drowning Prevention Alliance, a field in which she has been involved for over twenty years. A graduate of Indiana University, she moved to Fort Lauderdale and in 1990, she became the Membership Director of the Fort Lauderdale YMCA and subsequently was promoted to Director. Five years later she worked for the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Kim’s extensive background in drowning prevention and water safety included developing and implementing SWIM Central for Broward County Florida Parks and Recreation Division in 1999. She researched, developed and co-wrote verbiage for a new Florida state law (HB 1319) requiring swim instructors that work with children that have special needs, to have an adapted aquatics certification. Since SWIM Central began, parents and guardians have enrolled more than 275,000 children in SWIM Central programs and more than a million swim lessons have been provided.

In 2007, she created and founded the International Swim Instructors Association and developed an online certification course for adapted aquatics. In 2009, she became the Drowning Prevention Health Coordinator for the Broward County Health Department, implementing drowning prevention initiatives for Broward County.

Kim is very active in the community providing training in drowning prevention and water safety to investigators, fire rescue, social workers and family strengthening providers. She is also responsible for all of the data collection, tracking and for reporting of all the drowning prevention initiatives and training in Broward County.

As the Executive Director of the National Drowning Prevention Alliance, the NDPA has grown exponentially as a direct result of Kim’s influence and drive within the drowning prevention community. Recently, the NDPA has established local chapters and within the past year, the NDPA has built relationships with a number of entities including the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The NDPA produced a video sponsored by the Consumer Safety commission about the layers of safety measures for swimming pools which have been viewed by 3,361 people in just one year.

In March of 2012, the NDPA earned national recognition for its public education outreach using an extensive social media campaign and won PR Newswire’s “Earnies” Award in the category of ‘Best Outcome Based on Listening, Monitoring, and Measurement.’ Within the first three months of the campaign, NDPA’s Facebook reach grew 140 percent from 848 to 2,031 fans, and Twitter grew from fewer than 100 followers to 435, a 225% percent improvement.

These accolades come as Kim directed the NDPA organization in preparing for the 11th Annual 2012 NDPA Symposium, in San Diego, garnering twice as many attendees as the prior year and forging a new relationship with the United States Coast Guard and the Clarion Safety Systems. The 2013 Symposium in Fort Lauderdale was another overwhelming success.

Kim has held the following positions within three organizations: National Drowning Prevention Alliance 2009 Symposium Chair, Board of Directors NDPA, Broward County Death Review Team, SWIM Foundation Board, Chair Broward County Drowning Prevention Task Force, Palm Beach County Adapted Aquatics Council, Board County Safe Kids Coalition, Advisory Council International Swimming Hall of Fame, Healthy Start Coalition, ISHOF Adapted Aquatics Committee, and Aquatic/Safety Reviewer for the American Red Cross National Headquarters.
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Ned Denison (IRE)
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In addition to his coaching, administration and leadership in open water swimming, Ned Denison remains an extraordinarily accomplished marathon swimmer. He is the kind of person that you want on your boat at night. He is the friend you want standing onshore. He is the administrator who makes things happen while making everyone else around feel special. He combines the best traits and skills of a drill sergeant, an orchestra conductor, and your best college buddy. Marathon swimming is fortunate to have him.

As an administrator, he recruited hundreds of swimmers to become successful marathon swimmers. He started and led the marathon craze in Cork, Ireland, with many swimmers and relays annually booked for English Channel crossings. He started the 16k Cork to Cobh swim as well as the Cork distance and Irish Champion of Champions Swim in 2009 with fifty attendees. Ned is Chairman of Ireland’s first National Open Water Committee and author of the most current website materials. In 2010, Ireland placed two swimmers in the European Open Water Championships for the first time. He assembled a mailing list and email list of over 3000 swimmers in Ireland to promote open water events. In 2006, he organized 94 Irish swimmers to travel to the Alcatraz Swim in California, the largest international group to participate in the swim. He has delivered more than fifteen marathon swimming seminars across Ireland and helped to sign up seventeen solo English Channel aspirants in 2010. He started and has managed the Irish Marathon Group with 163 swimmers.

Denison is also a very good open water swimmer and has competed marathon swims of 25k or longer including: the English Channel (35k), around Manhattan Island Swim (47k), False Bay South Africa (34k, home of the great white sharks), Catalina Channel (34k), Santa Barbara Channel (31k), around the Island of Jersey (54k), Lake Zurich (26k) and around the islands of Great Island and Valentina Island, both 26k and temperatures of 54°F. Other notable swims include: Rottnest (20k), Cork to Cobh (Ireland), Inishbofin Island Ireland (13k), Lake Champlain New York (13k), Blackrock to Cobh Ireland, around Robin Island (11k), Cape Point South Africa (8k), Rathin Island Northern Ireland (11k) and three Champion of Champions Swims of approximately 5k distances. He also participated in three Alcatraz swims, each of 3k distance.

Denison has motivated, educated, organized and assisted thousands of swimmers from California (USA) to Cork (IRE) in a sport that he passionately serves with compassion, experience and a relentless drive. He is a mountain of a man who not only is a high-achieving marathon swimmer in his own right, but a gem of the open water world who is also giving a great deal back to the sport by helping others achieve their dreams.
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Honor Contributor Peter Montgomery (AUS) shares a laugh with presenter and ISHOF Water Polo Honoree Perica Bubic.

Isabella Castagnetti accepts the Honor Coach Award on behalf of her late husband Alberto Castagnetti from Honor Coach Don Gambril.


Water Polo Player Honoree Milivoj Bubic (YUG/CRO) can't hide his excitement as he accepts his honors from Honor Coach Radko Rudic (YUG).

Cliff Lunson's daughter accepts the Open Water Swimmer Award on behalf of her late Dad from Jim Montgomery.

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Steve Foley (USA/AUS) - Diving

Ted Boyett (USA) - Recreational Swimming with Brice Wigo (L) and Jim Drosdowski (R)

Chuck Hines (USA) - Water Polo, accepted by Janice Krauser

Joost Bieren (NED) - Aquatic Safety

Sue Johnson (USA) - Synchronized Swimming with Tiffany Cohen and Jim Drosdowski

2013 ISHOF Award Winners

Beatriz Esearte Pesquera (MEX) - Virginia Hunt Newman Award with Steve Graves & Rob McKay

Jose Luis Vasquez Benito - John K. Williams Jr. Award

Kim Burgess (USA) - Judge Martin Award with Jim Martin

Ned Denison (IRE) - Davids/Wheeler Award with Dale Petruenech (L)

Melanie Beck (GBR) - double award winner (Duraflex Award & President's Award), pictured with L-R: Steve McFarland, Tom Gongf, Jan Rade & Prentice Willson

Bob Dillon - ISHOF Service Award with ISHOF Team, L-R: Marcia Menier, Gay DeMario, Marion Washburn, Iovonne Schmid, Bob Duemkel, Bob Dillon, Laurie Marchwinski & Meg Keller-Marvin

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Approximately nine inductees shall be selected annually. Representation shall be proportionate to each discipline's numbers of participants worldwide: three female swimmers, three male swimmers and three divers, synchronized swimmers, water polo players or contributors.

The Selection Committee, comprised of international authorities in the sport, receives and considers nominees. A balloting process is used to finalize those selected for induction.

A point ranking system has been devised for the swimming discipline only:

World Rankings-Fina Masters since 1986
1st Place - 5 points
2nd Place - 3 points
3rd Place - 1 point

World Records-Fina Masters since 1986, Long Course Meters & Short Course Meters
Each World Record-10 points

World Championships-Fina Masters since 1986
1st Place Gold - 3 points
2nd Place Silver -2 points
3rd Place Bronze -1 point

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(Serious competition took place in the USA prior to FINA involvement)
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Edward Cazalet (USA)
2013 Honor Swimmer

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points – 661, Pre-World Points – 0, Total Points – 661; Since 1987, he has competed in four age groups (45-49 through 60-64); 18 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS.

Edward Cazalet has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Washington, a Masters of Science degree from the University of Washington and a Doctorate of Engineering Economic Systems from Stanford University, but his success in the pool is even more impressive.

A native of Vancouver, Canada, he began swimming at age 11 with the Vancouver YMCA and later with the Vancouver Amateur Swim Club and Canadian Dolphins. He won a number of Canadian Championships and represented Canada in the 1959 and 1963 Pan American Games, where he won one silver and two bronze medals as a Canadian relay team member.

In 1985, Ed began competing in Masters Swimming after being encouraged by Carolyn Boak and Dick Thomas to begin swimming with the Los Altos Masters. In 1998, he returned to Vancouver to win seven events in the Canadian Short Course Championships, setting six world Masters records.

Ed has been ranked in the top ten for 18 years, from 1987 until 2006. He set 18 FINA Masters World Records in the freestyle, I.M. and backstroke, 8 long course and 10 short course. Beginning with world rankings in 1986, he has 23 number 1, 36 number 2 and 16 number 3 long course meter rankings, 28 number 1, 26 number 2 and 7 number 3 in short course meters for totals of 51 number 1, 62 number 2 and 23 number 3 world rankings. He competed in the 1988, 1994 and 2006 FINA Masters World Championships winning 2 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze medals.

Ed has also trained with the Santa Clara and Stanford Masters, taking advantage of the great masters programs in the area. He has competed for the Los Altos Masters, Santa Clara Masters, the Olympic Club and Stanford Masters, where he was on many world-record relay teams.

In addition to pool swimming, Cazalet enjoys open water swimming. At age 61, he participated in the 2003 Maui Channel Swim as a member of the Haleakala Hammerheads. The team of six swam the channel with a time of 4:08:34.

Cazalet is the CEO of the Cazalet Group. He has been a consultant and a leader in the electric power industry for over 40 years. He has founded or co-founded four companies and continues to work full time in the industry. For his industry contributions, Public Utilities Fortnightly magazine named Dr. Cazalet “Innovator of the Year”.

Ed currently swims recreationally and hopes one day to return to competition. He currently lives in downtown Los Altos with his wife Pam.
Felix Grossman (USA)
2013 Honor Diver

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (DIVER): 1992 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (3m springboard), silver (1m springboard); 1996 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (1m, 3m springboard); 2000 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (1m springboard), bronze (3m springboard); 2002 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (1m, 3m springboard); 2004 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (3m springboard), silver (1m springboard); 2006 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: 5th (1m, 3m springboard); 2008 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (1m springboard); 7th (3m springboard); COMPETED IN FIVE WORLD MASTERS GAMES: 1985 WORLD MASTERS GAMES: bronze (3m springboard), 4th (1m springboard); 1989 WORLD MASTERS GAMES: silver (3m springboard), bronze (1m springboard); 2001 WORLD MASTERS GAMES: gold (1m springboard), gold (3m); 2005 WORLD MASTERS GAMES: gold (1m springboard), silver (3m springboard); 2009 WORLD MASTERS GAMES: silver (3m springboard), bronze (1m springboard); 1989 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (1m springboard); 4th (3m springboard); 1990 PAN-AM MASTERS: gold (1m, 3m springboard); 52 UNITED STATES MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (33), silver (40), bronze (18), 4th (4), 5th (5); COMPETED IN AGE GROUPS 40-44 thru 75-79.

Felix Grossman, pushing 80, has been athletically inclined all of his adult life. Mountaineering, mountain biking, backpacking, windsurfing, cross-country and downhill skiing, water skiing, competitive tennis, and of course, springboard diving.

Grossman, a former diver at Williams (Mass.) College Class of 1956, has kept his body in peak shape to be able to compete in top championships all over the world. He was even able to increase the degree of difficulty of his dives, attempting maneuvers he hadn’t been capable of in college.

Felix has been competing in Master’s diving, now in his fifth decade, competing in 52 U.S. National Masters Championships. During this time he has won 33 USA Masters Diving titles (gold) in eight age groups: 40-44 to 75-79 through 2013. He set a world record when he scored 213.8 points while diving in the 70-74 age group, a record which continues to hold now in its eighth year.

Grossman has competed in seven FINA Masters World Championships, winning two gold, six silver, one bronze medal and a 5th and a 7th place. He has competed in five World Masters Games, winning three gold, three silver, three bronze, and a fourth place.

In 1987, Felix had both of his severely arthritic hips replaced and still beat the field of divers in his age group. This was the first time a diver with two prosthetic hips had won a national championship. In 1992, he won the FINA Masters World Championships with his two replacement hips. In 1998, he had both of his arthritic knees replaced and in 2001, he again won the USA Diving Masters Nationals followed by World Masters Championships in Melbourne winning with four prosthetic joints, two hips and two knees. In 2002, he was featured in Sports Illustrated for his prosthetic joint success. Over the years, his prosthetic advice and recommendations has led to the successful extension of many divers’ careers. As they learned that success on the board does not have to end with bad joints.

In 2004, Grossman was presented with the Bicentennial Medal, an honor bestowed by his alma mater Williams College. "You are an inspiration to the college divers you train with and to the countless inner-city Los Angeles teenagers you have encouraged to set high standards for themselves. Your non-profit organization, Felix Ventures, now works with students at L.A.’s Workman High School to stretch them physically and academically and to challenge them to develop work habits that will help them reach their full potential. It has developed into the school’s largest co-curricular activity, involving each year more than 150 students, almost all of whom will go on to college."

Beginning in 1975 and for over 30 years, Felix has conducted Masters diving meets in his home state of California as well as serving as a sort of Chaplain, spiritual and motivational spokesperson for the sport.

Ted Haartz, a five-time world record holder, is far better known for his volunteer service to United States Masters Swimming, both nationally and internationally.

This former collegiate swimmer from Tufts University, turned his sights to Masters Swimming in 1970. He and some fellow swimmers decided to attend a Masters meet in Amarillo, Texas in 1971. He won the 100 I.M., a race he considers to be one of his most memorable.

In 1972, Ted Haartz became a charter member of New England Masters and quickly progressed to volunteering at the national level. By 1977, he was elected Secretary of the AAU Masters Swimming Committee. This was followed by a four-year term as President, the first for the AAU Masters Swimming Committee. Early on, President Haartz set out to achieve what he still considers his most significant contribution to Masters Swimming: pulling out of the AAU, so they could raise their own funds, write their own rules, and determine their own destiny. He was then elected as president of USMS, only the third person to be elected to this office, following Capt. Ransom J. Arthur, M.D. and June Krauser. In addition, Ted was a key player in the formation of the original 55 Local Masters Swimming Committees (LMSC’s) that governed Masters Swimming on the local level.

Ted didn’t rest on his laurels after serving as USMS President. He continued his work on the cultivation and development of the Top Ten listings and the National Record listings. Ted has worked to develop Masters Swimming on the International scene and he has served on many USMS committees. He has served as the ex-officio liaison to USA Swimming from Masters Swimming since 1981. He has been instrumental in developing USMS into a cohesive organization, one that could grow and become independent. In 2008, Ted was sought after to help USMS hire an Executive Director to lead the growing organization. Ted has 43 years of continuous service to USMS.

As a Masters Swimmer, Ted Haartz has set five Masters world records and 11 Masters American records, primarily in the breaststroke events. He has participated in ten age groups since 1971, and competed at every short-course yards Masters National Championships since 1971, except in 2012, and every Masters long-course National Championships 1973-2010. He has attended 40 Masters conventions beginning in 1974. Ted has also been ranked in the USMS Top-Ten, individually, 486 times (1971-2011) and ranked as an All American, individually, 18 times (1973-2008).

In 1976 he received the prestigious Capt. Ransom D. Arthur, M. D. Award. In addition, Ted was the recipient of the Presidential Appreciation Award for meritorious contributions to USMS (1978-1981), recipient of plaque/gavel in recognition of being an Outstanding Leader in Masters Swimming (1980), recipient of Presidential Service Award recognizing outstanding service as a USA Swimming Liaison (1995), recipient of U.S. Masters Swimming National Championship Meets Award (1996), recipient of A Lifetime of Service to Swimming Award by the Arizona LSC of USA Swimming (2003), and recipient of inaugural U.S. Masters Swimming Ted Haartz Staff Appreciation Award (2009).
FOR THE RECORD: 1996 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (30+); 1998 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (30+); 2000 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: 5TH (35+); 2002 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (35+); 2004 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (40+); 2006 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (40+); 2008 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (THE FIRST TIME AN ATHLETE COULD COMPETE ON TWO TEAMS FROM THE SAME CLUB): silver (45+), bronze (40+); 2010 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (45+), silver (30+); 2012 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (45+); 20 UNITED STATES MASTERS NATIONAL WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Mike Haley began his water polo journey in Lodi, California, at Tokay High School, where he was a high school All-American in 1979 and 1980. He continued on at the University of the Pacific, where he was a college All-American in 1982, 1983 and 1984. He also played on the National Junior Team in 1980 and participated in the Pan Am Games and World Championships. He won the gold medal at the 1989 U.S. Olympic Festival, has won four U.S. Senior National Championships and has been a member of the U.S. Olympic Club of San Francisco since 1984.

Mike moved on to Masters competitions in the sport of water polo in 1994 and has won more than 20 Masters National Championships over the years at various age levels. Mike, as a member of the Olympic Club, attended his first international competition at the FINA World Championships in Sheffield, England in 1996. Mike is the only athlete that has been on every FINA World Championships team from the Olympic Club, and continues to lead the club today.

With Mike as an integral part of the team, the Olympic Club is the most decorated club in the FINA World Masters Championships. Mike's team won the gold medal in 1996 in Sheffield in the 30+ age group, and the gold medal in 1998 in Casablanca in the 30+ age group. In 2000, in Munich, his team the 35+ age group placed fifth. In 2002 in Christchurch, his 35+ team earned the gold medal. In 2004, in San Marino, Mike and the 40+ team won the silver medal; in 2006, the 40+ team won the gold medal. In 2008, which was the first time an athlete could compete on two teams from the same club, Mike won the silver in the 45+ age group, and the bronze in the 40+ age group. At the 2010 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, they won the bronze in the 45+ age group and the silver in the 30+ age group. And most recently in 2012, in Riccione, they won the gold in the 45+ age group.

One of Mike's most memorable experiences competing in Masters, came at the 2012 FINA Masters World Championships. Mike and his team competed in one of the most dramatic comeback performances in the gold medal game. Mike was playing on the 45+ team which ended up winning the gold medal after a shootout, with Mike scoring the winning goal on his 49th birthday. For Mike, as special as winning the gold medal was the fact that his daughter Anna had accompanied him to the World Championships and was able to share in the excitement with him.

Mike has been a leader for the Olympic Club teams on which he has played, both in and out of the water. His humor and love of the game inspires others to play better and to keep up with him. His ability to "play down" as exhibited by competing in 45+ and 30+ teams at past FINA Championships is emblematic of his desire to assist the team.
INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SYNCHRO): 1989 WORLD GAMES: silver (team), bronze (figures); 2000 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: 2 gold (solo and duet), 1 silver (team); 2002 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: 3 gold (solo, duet and team); 2004 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: 3 gold (solo, duet and team); 2006 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: 3 gold (solo, duet and team).

Sports have always been a huge part of Holly Kyle’s life. Horses in her early years, league tennis, swimming, water ballet, Pilates/Gyrotonics and weight training so she can maintain the swimming, golf, skiing and scuba she so enjoys.

She learned to swim in a pool and knew how to swim as far back as she can remember. At the age of 11, she attended Camp Ecole Champlain in Vermont. She remembers that experience being one of her first synchronized swimming events, but back then, as she recalls, it was always called water ballet. She preformed to La via Rose and loved it!

Holly attended the University of Arizona where she graduated in 1962. While at Arizona, she was a member of the Women’s Athletic Honorary, while at the same time taking every swim class the university offered including “form swimming” where you were judged on your strokes. She later became a member of the university’s Mermaids, a club for water ballet, and performed in the annual spring show.

There was a large gap in Holly’s aquatics career from college until she discovered there was a master’s synchronized swimming program, not far from her home in Sonoma. So, at age 44, Holly began her synchronized swimming career under legendary Hall of Fame coach Marion Kane Elston. Since 1985, she has won medals in five different age groups and this year she turns 73.

Holly has attended four FINA Master World Championships: Munich, Germany (2000), Christchurch, New Zealand (2002), Riccione, Italy (2004), and Stanford, California (2006). In those World Championship competition, she has won four gold medals in solo, four gold medals in duet and three gold medals and one bronze medal in team, for a total of 12 international Masters World Championship medals. She has been competing in national and international masters synchronized swimming meets, winning more than 70 gold medals overall. Holly uses her swimming not only as a competitive activity but also for fitness. Due to her effervescent personality and her encouragement of fellow competitors, she is very popular and highly respected in the sport of Masters synchronized swimming.
Judie Oliver (CAN)
2013 Honor Swimmer

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points - 967, Pre 1986 Points 0, Total Points - 967. Since 1986, she has competed in 7 age groups (50-54 through 80-84). 25 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS.

As a young girl she learned to swim at the “Y”. Judie Oliver began competing in Masters Swimming in 1975 and is the Founder and Coach of the North York Masters Aquatic Club. She has been in the Top Ten for 26+ years. She has set one or more world records in eight different age groups.

She has set 27 FINA Masters World Records, five in long course meters in the butterfly and 22 in short course meters in the butterfly, individual medley and breaststroke. She has accumulated 18 number 1, 15 number 2 and 20 number 3 long course meters rankings and 58 number 1, 52 number 2 and 38 number 3 for a total of 77 number 1, 67 number 2 and 58 number 3 world rankings. She has competed at six FINA Masters World Championships winning 15 gold, 14 silver and 2 bronze medals.

In 2010, Judie was inducted into the Masters Swimming Canada Hall of Excellence. She has received the City of North York Mayor’s medal, the Ontario Sports Recognition Award, the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal, the Royal Lifesaving Society of Canada Medal and she is a member of the Scarborough Honor Roll.

Judie is not only a competitor but she also gives back to her community and to her sport. She has earned a place on the Swim Ontario Roll of Honour for 30 years of service as a swim meet official. In addition, Judie officiated at the 1976 Olympiad for the physically disabled, the pre-cursor to the Paralympic Games, as well as the 2000 Special Olympics.

Judie is a strong believer of every child being able to swim. She is advocating that every school board offer a one or preferably two week lesson program for children in grades two, three and four. She says “Our children are too precious to lose to a needless cause.” Judie has worked with the City of Scarborough on such a program, but would like to see it broadened to encompass all school boards, both private and public.
INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points - 948, Pre
1986 points - 0. Total Points - 948. Since 1994, she has competed in 4 age groups
(35-39 through 50-54). 39 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS.

Jenny Whiteley began pool swimming when she was eight years old and swam as an
amateur until she was 16. As a teenager, she swam with the Ryde Club in the early
1970’s in the shadow of Olympic legend and ISHOF Honoree, Shane Gould and
under the famous coaching team of Forbes and Ursula Carlisle. She competed at
the national level but admitted to being “too nervous in competition in those days” and
eventually decided to swap swimming for her tertiary studies.

“I then took a break for ten years but got into Masters swimming when I was 26,”
Jenny Whiteley of Australia says and she hasn’t looked back. Jenny holds a string
of state, national and world records in the 50, 100 and 200 meter distances in “ev-
everything but the backstroke,” Jenny laughs. “It’s that one stroke that doesn’t work
for me.”

Jenny Whiteley has been competing in Masters Swimming since 1994 and has
been in the Top Ten for 18 years. She has competed in four age groups and has
set 39 FINA Masters World Records, ten long course meters in breaststroke and
one individual medley and 29 short course meters in the breaststroke, freestyle,
buttery and individual medley. She has accumulated 32 number 1, 24 number 2,
15 number 3 long course meters rankings, 45 number 1, 22 number 2, 14 number
3 short course meters for a total of 77 number 1, 46 number 2 and 29 number 3
world rankings.

In recent years, in addition to Masters Swimming, Jenny has turned her atten-
tion to Pool Lifesaving Sport where she holds world records in the 50m Manikin
Carry, the 100m Manikin Carry, the 100m Manikin Tow and the 200m Obstacles;
the same distance as her masters records but with the added component that Pool
Lifesaving provides. Her nieces and son got involved in the sport and convinced
Jenny to try it. She loved it….that was six or seven years ago.

As a Masters Swimmer and a regular competitor in ocean swimming events,
Jenny is philosophical about Pool Lifesaving’s place. “Pool Lifesaving isn’t well
known; it’s a small but close knit group. Australians are so well known for their
pool swimming ability and surf lifesavers are such an iconic part of our culture because of our beaches and beautiful coastline, but Pool Life Saving is such a great sport and it’s growing.” “Learning how to save a life is such a valuable skill to have,” says
Jenny.

In addition to being a Masters World Champion, world record holder, pool
lifesaving champion and record holder, Jenny also enjoys swimming open wa-
ter. She recently competed in the 2013 Bali Ocean Swim 10km in Kuta, Bali,
Indonesia, where she was second overall and the first female to place in the
race with a time just over two hours and thirty minutes.
**Hiromu Yoshimoto (JPN)**

**2013 Honor Swimmer**

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points – 620; Pre-1986 points – 0, Total Points – 620; Since 1986, he has competed in 4 age groups (75-79 through 95-99); 33 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS: 5 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (1986, 1990, 2000, 2002, 2004); 10 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze.

Hiromu Yoshimoto began swimming in elementary school. He continued through junior high and in 1931, was chosen to represent Japan at the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Games. He was a member of the swim team while attending Waseda University High School as well as the Waseda University. After the war, he again became involved in aquatics and played goalie in water polo where he and his team won the first National Sports Festival of Japan.

In 1977, Yoshimoto began work at Itoman Swimming School in Nishinomiya after retirement from his career at the Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd. It was there he was given the opportunity to renew his love of swimming. In 1984, he competed and won two gold medals at the first International Masters Championships. It was the beginning of his career in Masters Swimming.

Hiromu has been in the top ten rankings 20 times. He set all of his 33 FINA Masters World Records in the breaststroke for a total of 17 long course and 16 short course. Beginning with world rankings in 1986, he has 22 number 1, 4 number 2, 5 number 3 long course meters rankings and 24 number 1, 2 number 2, 2 number 3 short course rankings for a total of 46 number 1, 6 number 2 and 7 number 3 total rankings. He has competed in five FINA Masters World Championships (1986, 1990, 2000, 2002, 2004) winning ten gold, three silver and one bronze medal. He has 33 FINA Masters World Records and has competed in five age groups, 75-79 through 95-99.

In 2010, Yoshimoto was awarded the Sports Grand Prix prize of Japan. Today Yoshimoto is 98 years old and lives with his family in Nishinomiya City, Japan.
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USAS welcomes
the 2013
International
Masters
Swimming Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony

Best wishes to the
IMSHOF Honorees
and all
USMS Members
2013 International Masters Induction, Garden Grove, CA

IMSHOF Honor Swimmer Edward Cazalet (C) with Tom and Carolyn Boak

Standing ovations for Ted Haartz from the audience

Holly Kyle was happy to receive her honors from ISHOF Honoree Marion E. Kane

The Class of 2013 (L-R): Holly Kyle (USA), Jenny Whiteley (AUS), Judie Oliver (USA), Felix Grossman (USA), Edward Cazalet (USA), Ted Haartz (USA) & Mike Haley (USA)

L-R: MC Tom Boak (L) with 2013 IMSHOF Contributor Ted Haartz (C) and presenter Tod Spieker (R)

L-R: Tom Boak, Andy Burke and 2013 Masters Water Polo Inductee Mike Haley

Honor Masters Swimmer Jenny Whiteley came all the way from Australia for her big day

Judie Oliver proudly receives her honors from Tom Boak (L) and Mel Goldstein (R)
Fort Lauderdale
Making Dreams Come True

Michael Phelps
World Record: 400m I.M.
August 15, 2002: 4:11.09

Natalie Coughlin
World Record: 100m Backstroke
August 13, 2002: 59.58

85 Years of Swimming Excellence

Fort Lauderdale's competitive swimming heritage dates back 85 years to the grand opening of the Casino Pool on January 29, 1928. As the first pool of Olympic size (50m x 20m) in Florida, it remained at the forefront of the swimming scene for nearly half a century, and consequently witnessed a great deal of American swimming history.

In 1965 Fort Lauderdale welcomed the first hall of fame for swimming with the opening of the then National Swimming Hall of Fame and Fort Lauderdale Municipal Pool. Since then, 10 world records have been set in Fort Lauderdale while serving as host to hundreds of national and international events. Today, continuing the great tradition of swimming, the City's Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex, which is open to the public, is home to the Fort Lauderdale Dive Team, Swim Fort Lauderdale, and the International Swimming Hall of Fame which proudly honors the heroes of aquatic sports, inspiring new generations of swimmers.

Katie Ball  USA  100m Breaststroke  12-28-66
Pam Kruse  USA  400m Freestyle  06-30-67
Andy Coan  USA  100m Freestyle  08-03-75
Mary T. Meagher  USA  200m Butterfly  08-16-79
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Kim Linehan  USA  1500m Freestyle  08-19-79
Martin Zubero  ESP  200m Backstroke  08-13-91
Mike Barrowman  USA  200m Breaststroke  08-13-91
Natalie Coughlin  USA  100m Backstroke  08-13-02
Michael Phelps  USA  400m Individual Medley  08-15-02

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Scenes from the 1973 Honors Weekend and the Class of 1973

Greta Johanson Brandsten
Honor Diver (SWE)

John Marshall
Honor Swimmer (AUS)

Bruce Harlan
Honor Diver (USA)

Eva & Iona Novak
Honor Swimmers (HUN)

Jon Henricks
Honor Swimmer (AUS)

Yoshi Oyakawa
Honor Swimmer (USA)

Walter Laufer
Honor Swimmer (USA)

Jan Stender
Honor Coach (NED)

Nel Van Vliet
Honor Swimmer (NED)

L-R: Earl Clark, Ted Keller, Greta Brandsten, Katherine Rawls, Vicki Draves, Martin Strother and Mike Peppe

Walter Laufer, Grace Harlan, Stan Brauning, Yoshi Oyakawa

1973 Yearbook - Jon Henricks (AUS) and family

Martin Strother and Peter Fick

1973 Yearbook Cover

Dave Arnbruster and family

1973 Honor Coach - Jan Stender and Susty

Yoshi Oyakawa (USA) & Charles Silvia
Remembering the
1st FINA World Championships
Belgrade 1973

By Jean Henning

It was my late husband Harold who conceived of the idea of a World Championships and he worked tirelessly to build a consensus among the Bureau members and Federations to support the idea that became a reality in Belgrade. But building a consensus on the FINA Bureau in those days was very difficult, especially for an American. We were in the midst of the cold war and the challenges facing FINA in 1973 threatened to destroy the organization’s credibility as one of the premier Governing Bodies for the Olympic Sports. Here are just a few of the issues facing FINA after Harold was elected President after the Munich Games:

* Because of the success of Mark Spitz and the rest of the American swimmers in Munich, the Soviet led block of nations demanded that the IOC minimize the importance of swimming by eliminating eight swimming events from the Montreal Olympic Swimming program reducing the size of spectator gallery to 5,000 seats.

* Yugoslavia threatened to withdraw as host of the 1st World Championships unless synchronized swimming was dropped from the program of events. (As you may know, I was a synchronized swimmer and Harold would have had a very difficult time at home had he caved into that pressure.)

* The Soviet block and newly independent African nations demanded the expulsion of South Africa and Rhodesia from FINA for their apartheid policies.

* The Soviet block was also demanding the suspension of the USA from FINA, making our team ineligible for the Championships because when a US team of swimmers and divers traveled to China in June, it was in violation of FINA Rule 53. This rule prevented any FINA members from swimming with or against any non-member federation and because the IOC recognized Taiwan, the People’s Republic of China had refused to join the Olympic family.

* Finally, there was the issue of the “Belgrade” hi-tech suits worn by the East German girls and the accusations of their steroid use.

These were trying times for both FINA and Harold and I believe these challenges made FINA stronger and provided some of the foundation upon which FINA stands today.
Men’s 200 Butterfly (L-R) Steve Gregg (USA), Robin Backhaus (USA) and Hartmut Flockner (GDR)

Women’s 800 Freestyle (L-R) Jo Harshbarger (USA), Novella Caligaris (ITA) and Gudrun Wegner (GDR)

Women’s 200 Individual Medley (L-R) Kornelia Ender (GDR), Andrea Huhner (GDR) and Kathy Heddy (USA)

1973 Women’s US World Championship Team

The Soviet Union enters the stadium during opening ceremonies

Men’s 100 Backstroke (L-R) Mike Stann (USA), Roland Matthes (GDR) and Lutz Wanja (GDR)

John Murphy (USA)

In water polo it was Hungary, USSR and Yugoslavia
John Kinsella (USA) (L) with Don Watson (USA)

1973 Men's US World Championship Team

In synchronized swimming it was the US, Canada and Japan

Women's 10m platform (L-R) Milena Duchkova (CZE), Ulrika Knappe (SWE) and Irina Kalinina (USSR)

Women's 200m freestyle (L-R) Shirley Babashoff (USA), Keena Rothhammer (USA) and Andrea Efe (GDR)

1973 FINA World Championships
Saving China Through Exercise

In ancient times, Confucian thought promoted the concept of "lao qi jin gu" - that to be truly educated and useful, one must develop physical strength in tandem with moral values and intelligence. However, beginning with the Tang Dynasty (619) and running through to the demise of the Qing Dynasty (1911), Confucian education and the Imperial System of Civil Service Examinations became so competitive and focused on mental development, that the concepts of martial training and physical development for the masses ceased to exist. Over the centuries this culture, combined with the inhuman practice of binding the feet of women, famines and opium smoking led to a society characterized by a physical weakness and frailty that left China ripe for exploitation by the Western powers.

If defeat by the Western powers in the Opium War (1839–1842) came as a shock, the heart-breaking defeat by Japan in the war of 1894–1895 brought nothing but humiliation and shame to the Chinese. This defeat led progressive Chinese to compare their country to a "sick man." One way for China to make itself healthy and wash away the shame of this stereotype of weakness was through physical education.

Fueled by the thought that winning gold medals, raising of the national flag, and hearing the sound of the national anthem played at the newly revived Olympic Games were essential to China's national salvation and respect in the West-dominated world order, China slowly embraced the Olympic movement.

The West, especially through the YMCA, contributed enormously to the early development of modern sports in China. The YMCA provided the crucial link between Chinese and Western sports at the turn of the 20th century by organizing the Chinese National Games in 1910, educating Chinese about the value of modern sports, and even helping China join the modern Olympic movement in 1922.

The tradition of foot-binding, a centuries old torture inflicted upon women of all but the lowest classes, was one of several harmful customs and traditions rejected by the physical education movement. The bound foot was seen as a necessary condition for success in the marriage market. By the 19th century, 40 percent to 50 percent of all Chinese women had their feet broken and bound as children. For the upper classes, the figure was almost 100 percent.

"A beautiful woman should have a healthy body. A pale skin with a lot of make-up and a fragile body with bound feet are not beautiful."– Chen Jiefen, 1903 [Chen, a western educated scholar was well-known for his stand against foot-binding.]

In China, famines were an ongoing problem for thousands of years. But the famines of the 19th and early 20th century were particularly devastating, killing an estimated 100 million people.
Leading the effort to promote physical education in China were two Christian missionaries assigned to the Tianjin YMCA: The first was Clarence Hovey Robertson, a former captain of Purdue University’s football team. In 1908, “Big Robbie” sparked the imaginations of Chinese officials, educators and students by challenging them to send winning teams to the Olympic Games. The second was Eric Liddell, the 1924 Olympic 400m track champion, of “Chariots of Fire” movie fame. A Scotsman, Liddell had been born to missionaries in Tianjin in 1902. When he returned to Tianjin after the Olympics to work as a missionary himself, he was celebrated as China’s first Olympian.

The 10th Olympic Games 1932

Sprinter Liu Changchun, a university student, became China’s first Olympian and the “sole representative of 400 million Chinese” in Los Angeles. But it was the outstanding performances in swimming by the Japanese men that left the deepest impression in China, as their success dispelled the myth of western superiority in athletics, particularly in swimming. Japanese swimmers won five of the six men’s events and took home over 80 percent of all men’s swimming medals awarded.

Kusuo Kitamura, champion of the 1500m freestyle, shaking hands with runner up Shozo Makino. Kitamura was only 14 years old. His record of 19.12.4 remained unbroken for 20 years.

Japan’s Yoshiyuki Tsuruta repeated his victory from the 1928 Olympic Games in Los Angeles in the 200m breaststroke. This was an event almost totally dominated by Asians as Tsuruta’s teammate Koike, and Teofilo Yldefonso from the Philippines, finished second and third. Filipino and Japanese swimmers also finished fifth and sixth.

The Olympic Swim Stadium, an outdoor venue, resembled a book unfolded.

Yasuji Miyazaki, Olympic Champion at only 15 years of age, broke the Olympic record of Johnny Weissmuller.
The 11th Olympic Games 1936

The Japanese swimmers once again were on top of the medal count. The Republic of China was represented in swimming for the first time, by one male swimmer, Chen Zhenxing and one female swimmer, Yang Xiuqiong, "China's Beautiful Mermaid".

The stands in the Olympic swimming stadium could seat approximately 20,000 spectators.

Growing up in Hong Kong, Yang was an open-minded young woman and she soon became popular in the upper-class circles of Nanjing and Shanghai. She was elegant, beautiful and had a perfect figure. The media followed her every move. "The Young Companion" magazine identified her, along with her friend Soong Mai Ling, the wife of then Military Commission Chairman Chiang Kai-shek, as one of the ten most outstanding women of the day.

Gold medalist in the 200m breaststroke, Hidetaka Maehata of Japan. Maehata was the first Asian woman to win a gold medal in Olympic swimming. She had won the silver medal in the same event in Los Angeles, 1932. Asian dominance in the breaststroke would make a lasting impression on future Chinese swimmers.

Born in 1918 in Dongguan, known as the county of swimmers in China's Guangdong Province, Yang Xiuqiong was taught to swim by her father in the natural pools along the East River and was recognized as a swimming prodigy almost from her first stroke. Her father encouraged her and in 1928 he moved the family to Hong Kong where she could receive a better education and swim training. Yang did not disappoint. She was the best in Hong Kong by 1931 and was invited to compete in Australia in 1932. She won all individual titles both in the women's swimming events at the 5th Chinese National Championships and the events of the Far East Games held in Manila, Philippines in 1934. When she returned to China she was proclaimed a national hero and became the symbol of Nationalist China’s "new feminism."

The two glamour girls of the Berlin Olympic Games were America's 1932 diving gold medalist, Dorothy Poyntton Hill and China's Yang Xiuqiong, photographed before the start of competition. With the high hopes of the nation behind her, Yang and the Chinese Olympic team set out for Berlin from Shanghai by boat in mid July of 1936. After 17 days at sea, the team arrived just as the competition began. Unable to practice during the trip, Yang failed to make the finals, and the Chinese public turned against her. Although she felt depressed by the public anger, she was determined to prove herself and plunged into training. When the war of Japanese aggression broke out in July of 1937, the National Swimming Championships were moved from Nanjing to Chongqing, where she claimed eight gold medals. Unfortunately, this success brought her to the attention of a local warlord who, already having 17 wives, forced Yang to divorce her husband to marry him and this ended her career.

According to Hollywood, the first ethnic Chinese man to win an Olympic Gold medal in swimming was Lee Chan. In the film, "Charlie Chan at the Olympics" (1936), Lee, the son of Chinese-American detective Charlie Chan, portrays a member of the USA Olympic swimming team and wins the Berlin Olympics freestyle championship. Chan films were the most popular American films throughout Asia in the 1930's.
The 14th Olympic Games 1948

The 12th and 13th Olympic Games were cancelled due to World War II. The 14th Olympic Games were held in London, a city battered greatly during the war. Despite the hardships of the civil war, the Kuomintang government sent 26 athletes to London. The lone swimmer was Wu Chuanyu, an Indonesian who was the son of immigrants from Zhangzhou, Longhai, Fujian Province in southern China. As his swimming talent was revealed, Wu was selected for the Indonesian national team to participate in international competitions. Because he also had the identity of being ethnic Chinese, he was able to participate in the 7th China National Games held in Shanghai in 1948, where he broke the men's 100m freestyle national record and was selected to represent the Republic of China in London.

Dr. Sammy Lee, a Korean-American who won the 10m diving competition, became the first male Olympic diving champion of Asian ancestry.

Victoria Manolo Draves, a Filipino-American, won both the springboard and 10m platform diving events and became the first female Olympic diving champion of Asian ancestry.

Built in 1938 for the Empire Games, the Empire pool sat next to Wembley Stadium.

Wu's inspiration to become a champion swimmer reportedly came watching Charlie Chan at the Olympics, and the Tarzan films, starring Johnny Weissmuller, the 1924 and 1928 Olympic 100m freestyle Champion. According to Wu's teammate, Huang Hongjiu, Wu watched Tarzan films many times and studied Weissmuller's swimming techniques.

Wu Chuanyu swam in the heats of the men's 100m freestyle, finishing fifth.
The 15th Olympic Games 1952

The new China wished to compete in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, but the International Olympic Committee did not invite the All China Sports Federation until the evening of July 18, 1952, the day before the opening ceremony. China hastily put together a delegation of 40 people, including soccer and basketball teams, but only swimmer Wu Chuanyu arrived in time to compete.

It is perhaps no coincidence that in 1908, the year Mu Chengkuan was born in Tianjin, Clarence Robertson, a missionary at the Tianjin YMCA, challenged the Qing Court to send winning teams to the Olympic Games. Growing up, Mu Chengkuan thrived in the new culture of physical fitness. He was a champion cyclist, a Kung-Fu Master, and excelled as a swimmer. In 1941, he dared to challenge the foreigners in a swimming match, which was the basis of a scene in the famous movie that was based on his life, "Enter the Water Dragon". His victories over Western athletes boosted Chinese patriotism and Mu became a household name almost over night. In 1952, when China held her first National Swimming meet, the two sons, one daughter and two nephews Mu Chengkuan had coached all won national titles.

Ethnic Chinese members of the Indonesian swim team at the 3rd World Festival of Youth and Students, 1951, Berlin. On the way back to Indonesia, Wu Chuanyu (far right) Huang Hongjiu (second from right) and Chen Gongheng (far left) were invited to visit Beijing. Warmly welcomed and so excited by the radical changes in the New China, they decided not to return to Indonesia and formed the PRC's first swimming committee within the All China Sports Association. It can thus be said that the start of competitive swimming in the new China began with ethnic Chinese Indonesians.

The next year in August 1953, Wu Chuanyu achieved another distinction by becoming the first Chinese athlete to win a gold medal at a major international sporting event when he took first place in the 100m backstroke at the 4th World Festival of Youth and Students held in Bucharest, capital of Romania. Tragically, Wu Chuanyu was killed in a plane crash in October 1954. He was only 26 years old.

Fatigued from six days of travel to Helsinki, Finland and without the opportunity to practice and rest, Wu Chuanyu swam the 100m backstroke the day after the team arrived. He did not make the finals, but this race gave him the distinction of having competed in Olympic games representing the People's Republic of China, and as one of those Chinese athletes who witnessed the 5-star red flag rising for the first time in the Olympic Village.
The 16th Olympic Games 1956

Before Wu Chuanyu reached Romania and won China’s first gold medal in 1953, he had spent two weeks training in Moscow, where he learned new techniques and training methods from Russian coaches. In just two weeks, his time in the 100m backstroke improved by 5.2 seconds. "It was totally beyond my wildest imagination," he said. Upon returning to China, Wu was convinced that "every one of our young people has a bright future" if they were to "learn from the Russian Brothers and other countries and their advanced experience in sports." Thus in 1954, the All China Sports Association initiated a policy that became known as "Sending Out and Inviting In," to prepare athletes for the Melbourne Olympic Games.

In swimming, the first to be invited in was a Russian swimming team. The clinics, exhibitions and competitions generated the same excitement and interest as the visit by the Americans would twenty years later. Leading up to Melbourne, both Soviet and Hungarian coaches would be seen on the pool decks of China assisting Chinese swimmers and coaches.

While other teams were "sent out" to Russia, China's best swimmers were sent to train and study in Hungary. The Hungarians had dominated the women's events at the Helsinki Olympics and were better equipped to host the Chinese swimmers. The first 14 swimmers "sent out" to live in cottages on Margaret Island in Budapest, and who trained alongside Hungarian swimmers under coaches Istvan Jaki, Karoly Hirsch and the legendary Imre Sarosi were: (front row left to right) Da Lihua, Yang Yuqun, Xiao Lihui, Huang Guohui, Pan Jingxian, Zhao Jingqiang, Zheng Sufei; (back row) Xu Zhixiang, Mu Xiangxiong, Xiong Kaifu, Mu Xianghao, Tu Guangbin, Wu Xuxing, Chen Yunpeng.

Two of China's first generation of swimming coaches, Pan Jingxian and Xiong Kaifu.

In October of 1956, Shanghai hosted a meet to select swimmers for the 1956 Olympic Games. Unfortunately, just 10 days before the team was scheduled to depart for Melbourne, cold war politics intervened. It was reported that the team from Taiwan had arrived and was recognized by the International Olympic Committee as a second Chinese team in violation of their own rules. On this principal, the PRC chose not send the team to Melbourne and China’s swimmers missed the opportunity to win China’s first Olympic medals.
Years of Development and Isolation

With the help of Hungarian and Russian coaches, China's first generation of coaches came onto the stage. Chinese swimmers and divers made great leaps and bounds in competitive performance between the years 1957 and 1966. Three swimmers broke world records and a number of others had times ranking them among the top 10 in the world. Several divers were also at a world-class level. Then in May of 1966, the Cultural Revolution started and all over China elite competitive sports stopped. Elite training resumed again in 1971 when what became known as "Ping-Pong Diplomacy" provided China's leaders with a way to escape from decades of political isolation and re-establish diplomatic contacts with the west. In 1979, China rejoined the Olympic family, but with the decision to join western nations in boycotting the Moscow Olympic Games in 1980, China's swimmers and divers would have to wait until 1984 to test their skills on the world's greatest athletic stage.

▲ From May 1, 1957 until June of 1961, three different Chinese swimmers held the world record for the 100m breaststroke (literally translated in Chinese as "frog style"), thus earning the title as "King of the Frogs." China's first swimming world record setter, and the only one recognized by FINA, was Chi Lieh Yung. Mu Xiangxiong broke the record three times between 1958 and 1959. Their story became the inspiration for the famous film, "Enter the Water Dragon". After the release of the film, Mo Guoxiong broke Mu's record on September 1, 1960. Pictured from left to right are Mu, Chi and Mo.

▲ Zhang Lianhua, pictured at right in this family portrait, was secretary general for the All China Sports Federation. On August 19, 1958 he announced at a news conference in Beijing that COC was breaking "all their relations with the International Olympic Committee", because of its recognition of Taiwan as a second representative of China. This issue would not be resolved until September 27, 1979 - the date China rejoined the Olympic family of nations. The baby in the picture is Zhang Xiaorong, who later became a member of the National Swimming Team.

▲ As a counter to the politics of the IOC, China adopted a policy later known as "build another stove" that sought to develop international competitive sports outside the influence of the IOC. The result was the establishment of the Games of Emerging New Forces. Held in Jakarta, Indonesia in 1963, this event had 2,404 athletes from 51 countries represented, competing in 20 different disciplines. Chinese swimmer Fu Dajin won four gold medals as the Chinese team harvested 15 first place, three 2nd place and one 3rd place in swimming competition. This was the first international experience for China's divers. The gold medal won by Zhang Xiuwei and the performances by other female divers became the inspiration for the famous film "The Diving Girls". In the GANEFOS'S Swimming and Diving Championship of 1964, Zhang Xiuwei won again, while Liang Boxi and Du Du won China's first diving gold medals for men in international competition. These results were among the most important achievements in international competition before China returned to the Olympic Games in 1984.

▲ In May of 1966 the Cultural Revolution started and all over China competitive sports programs stopped because they smacked of elitism. Swimming in the pool was considered "bourgeois and reactionary" and outlawed. Natural water became the only legitimate place to swim and millions of Chinese took to the rivers. While the Cultural Revolution (1966 - 1976) adversely affected China's elite athletes, it brought on the "mass sports" movement and "sport crazy" became one of the distinguishing characteristics of the Revolution. On July 16th in 1966, (pictured) the 72 year-old leader, Chairman Mao, joined 5,000 other swimmers in Wuhan's 11th annual Cross-Yangtze swim.

▲ To further the idea of "Ping-Pong Diplomacy", the National team resumed training in 1971 and the first national swimming championship since the start of the Cultural Revolution was held in Wuhan City, after all the participants had taken part in the Festival of Crossing the Yangtze River before the competition. In this picture from the opening ceremonies, all swimmers are holding up Mao's "Little Red Book".
China resumed its policy of "sending out" when the swim team was sent to Albania in 1971.

In 1973, the American swimming and diving team visited China. Because China was not a member of FINA, all Americans who participated in the exchange were forever banned from competing in future FINA or US national events. But the exchange was seen as being important for world peace and it played an important role in jump-starting China's swimming and diving professional training again. Pictured, the USA's head coach James Gaughan marching with Chinese provincial coach Zhang Tian Hui at the first exhibition in Guangzhou. The FINA ban led China to try to "build another stove" in August 1975 when it initiated the Beijing Swimming and Diving International invitation meet, which lasted 8 days and had more than 300 athletes from 23 countries and areas, providing Chinese swimmers and divers with the opportunity to compete internationally.

China's first "Diving Queen", Liang Xiaoying, with America's 1972 Olympic springboard gold medalist, Micki King.


Introducing the teams before the exhibitions in 1973.

On November 27, 1979, the Taiwan issue was finally resolved and China rejoined the Olympic and FINA families. Although politics once again prevented Chinese athletes from competing in the Olympic Games, as China decided to honor the American call for a boycott of the Moscow Games in retaliation for the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, it paved the way for Chinese athletes to compete with other nations. Pictured are the US and Chinese diving teams that competed in the historic, first-ever dual meet between the two nations in April, 1980. The Chinese won over the favored Americans, announcing to the world the arrival of China's diving program. In 1981, Li Hongping and Chen Xiaoxia won China's first world diving titles at the FINA World Cup in Mexico City. At the 1983 FINA World Cup, at the Woodlands in Texas (USA), Chinese divers gave the world a hint of great things ahead, as they won two gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

In September of 1980, the 1st place finishers from the US Olympic Trials visited China. Pictured is US Olympic coach Don Gambril discussing training with Chinese coach Chen Gongcheng. Reviving the policy of "sending out and inviting in" China sent coaches to study outside of China and invited many experts in to help develop China's aquatic programs.


Although he died almost sixty years ago in a tragic plane crash, Wu Chuanyu remains one of the most significant and revered athletes in the history of the People's Republic of China. While Wu's accomplishments are recounted in the Chinese Swimming history section of this yearbook, this is the story of Wu's robe and how it came to the Hall of Fame.

Several years later, when visiting Wu's parents, Huang told them how much he missed his friend and asked them if he could have something to remember him by. They gave him Wu's robe from Berlin. During the Cultural Revolution, when Huang was sent to the countryside for re-education, he made sure the robe was safe. After he successfully petitioned Premier Zhou Enlai, who had invited he and Wu to remain in China in 1951, to let him leave China, he carried Wu's robe to Hong Kong and later, when he emigrated to Amsterdam, Holland, he carried Wu's robe with him.

When Huang Hongjiu heard of ISHOF's plan to tell Wu's story and preserve his memory along side of Wu's hero, Johnny Weissmuller, he decided to come to Fort Lauderdale and present us with Wu's robe - now one of the most cherished and important artifacts in the ISHOF museum.

Growing up in Indonesia, Wu's best friend and teammate was tall and handsome boy named Huang Hongjiu. In 1951, just two years after the end of the Chinese civil war and the formation of the People's Republic of China, Wu and Huang traveled to Berlin, East Germany to represent Indonesia in the Third World Youth and Student Festival's swimming events. It was in Berlin where they were given blue robes with DDR embroidered on the back to keep them warm. Traveling home by way of Beijing, the boys were invited to stay and excited to be part of the New China, so they stayed and helped form the nucleus of China's new swimming federation. By September of 1954, Wu had become a national hero. He was the first Chinese athlete to have the 5-star red flag raised and national anthem played at major international sporting events. He gave private swimming lessons to Chairman Mao and stood on the reviewing stand in Tiananmen Square as an elected as a member of the 1st National People's Congress during the 5th Anniversary celebration of the founding of the Republic. When the parades and festivities were over, Wu was scheduled to rejoin his Chinese teammates training in Budapest, Hungary. While in Beijing, Wu stayed with Huang who was recuperating from an injury. Huang took Wu to the airport, but there were mechanical problems and the plane did not leave. Bad weather canceled the flight for a few more days. On October 29th, Huang took Wu to the airport again and said goodbye. It was the last time he would ever see him, as the plane crashed, killing all on board.

Bruce Wigo (L) with Huang Hongjiu in Amsterdam
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In June 1973, a group of 10 swimmers and divers from the United States embarked on an unusual trip to China intended to foster, through sports, the two countries’ nascent relationship just a year after President Richard Nixon’s historic visit. Besides being one of the first exchanges between the US and China before they established diplomatic ties in 1979, the trip was significant because the Americans faced possible sanctions by their sports’ governing body, the International Swimming Federation, which at the time didn’t recognize the People’s Republic of China.

Last weekend, athletes from both sides gathered at the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Florida to celebrate their special friendship formed 40 years ago.

Retired US diplomat Nicholas Platt (left) is introduced by ISHOF President Bruce Wigo at a presentation on the 1973 visit to China by American swimmers and divers. Platt served in the liaison office of the US government in Beijing at the time and accompanied the athletes during their trip.

Bruce Wigo (C), president of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, watches as Ingrid Daland (L), a swim coach on the US team’s 1973 visit, signs a T-shirt for a guest at ISHOF’s induction ceremony on May 11.

Micki King (left), a diver on the 1973 trip who had won a gold medal at the 1972 Summer Olympics, reunites in Fort Lauderdale with a friend she made 40 years ago, Liang Xiuying, a former diver on China’s national team.

Edward Bell, husband of retired American swimmer and actress Esther Williams, accepts a painting of his wife from Liang Xiuying, an artist who swam for China’s national team during the 1970s. The two were on hand for the May 10 presentation of ISHOF’s first Esther awards, which honored the Chinese movies Enter the Water Dragon (1959) and Diving Girls (1964).

Qi Leyun (L) & Mu Chengkuan chat at the ceremony in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where they were inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame on May 13. Qi, also known as Chi Lieh Yang, is the first Chinese swimmer to set an official world record, with a time of 1:11.6 in the 100m breaststroke in 1957. Mu was inducted along with his son, Mu Xiangzong, whose swimming careers were chronicled in a movie in China.

Former swimmers and divers from countries including the USA, China, Germany & Australia gather for their induction into the International Swimming Hall of Fame on May 11.

Chinese swimmers sign their names on a banner bearing American and Chinese flags, a memento of last weekend’s reunion of participants in the 1973 visit.
When Esther Williams and her husband Edward Bell saw the Chinese movies *Enter the Water Dragon* (1959) and *Diving Girls* (1964), they were amazed not only by the quality of swimming and diving that existed during decades when China’s borders were closed, also by the stories they told.

“Because the People’s Republic of China was not a member of FINA, I don’t think the western nation’s knew much of anything about the development of swimming in China until the American team traveled there in 1973,” says Bruce Wigo. “These two films, and the stories they were based on, help fill the knowledge void and present a rich history of what was happening behind the Bamboo Curtain.”

The trip Wigo referred to was sponsored by the US State Department’s Friendship Through Sports mission to China in 1973, a year after US President Richard Nixon’s historic visit.

ISHOF had worked with Esther and Ed to develop a concept for an Aquatic Film Festival and a version of the Oscar Award, presented annually by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, to be called the “Esther”. Our Aquatic Film Festival was to start in 2014, but when they saw the films and learned of the number of people interested in attending our 2013 Honors Weekend, they said, “Why wait! Let’s recognize these two films for the inaugural award.”

Named for Esther Williams, the “Esther” will annually recognize outstanding achievements in the film and entertainment industries that promote a positive image of swimming as a key to fun, fitness, good health, a better quality of life and an essential water safety and lifesaving skill.

Williams was a teenager when she became a US national amateur champion in 1939. She lost her chance for the Olympics when World War II forced the cancellation of the 1940 Summer Games. Instead, she joined the Billy Rose Aquacade where she performed alongside Johnny “Tarzan” Weismuller. Discovered by Hollywood, she became a sensation on-screen, appearing in over two dozen Hollywood movies, most notably the 1940’s and ’50’s “aquatic musicals.” She was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1996 and received ISHOF’s Gold Medallion Award in 2006. Esther Passed away a month after the inaugural presentations, on June 6, 2013, at the age of 91.

“I love this event,” said Edward Bell, Williams’ husband, who presented the awards to cast and crew members of the two Chinese movies at Friday’s ceremony on his wife’s behalf. “This country should know that China made great swimming movies and it’s a great swimming country.”

"Enter the Water Dragon" was based on the careers of real-life swimmers Mu Chengkuan and his son, Mu Xiangxiong. "Diving Girls," also a true story, depicts an up-and-coming Chinese team of female divers. The movie encouraged Chinese youth of the time to train hard, aim high and compete internationally.

“No records we can’t break,” the inspiring anthem of the film was sung during a montage of Chinese divers performing from high platforms. “No peaks too high.” Today, Chinese men and women divers routinely rank at or near No. 1 in international competition.

In Enter the Water Dragon, another anthem encourages the Chinese “to win glory for the motherland”. The film depicts a real life incident involving Mu Chengkuan, who became a national hero in 1941 when he accepted a challenge to compete against foreign swimmers and won. Mu decided to pursue a swimming career after he noticed the dominance of Japanese and Filipinos in the sport at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, particularly the breaststroke. At the time, the Chinese were derided as "the sick man of Asia", but Mu considered his physique similar to those other Asian swimmers. His eventual victories over Western athletes boosted Chinese patriotism.

Wigo pointed out during the awards ceremony that Williams like Mu’s son, Mu Xiangxiong and Chi Lieh Yung, whose true life stories are also depicted in the film, never had the chance to compete in the Olympics. The elder Mu, because of WWII and the latter two when a boycott by the Chinese Olympic team prevented them from competing in the 1956 Games in Melbourne, Australia.

The Hall of Fame first heard of the films from Chinese volunteers who were coordinating the reunion of Chinese and American athletes who participated in the Friendship Through Sports cultural exchange.
The “Esther” Award recognizes outstanding achievements in the film and entertainment industries that promote a positive image of swimming as a key to fun, fitness, good health, a better quality of life and an essential water safety & lifesaving skill.

The inaugural Esther Awards was presented to two films, from a category intended to revive interest in historically significant films: “Enter the Chinese Water Dragon “水之春” & “The Diving Girls” 女跳水. These two movies were part of the national inspiration for a young nation and of a growing sense of being part of the world Olympic family. Since their premieres in 1959 & 1964, respectively, these films have inspired countless numbers of Chinese youngsters to dive into the pool, to train hard, to aim high & to compete in international competitions.

Inspired by the true stories of China’s world record setting swimmer Mr. Mu Xiangxiong and their up-and-coming world-class divers, these stories present a remarkably different image than we have in the west about life in China under Chairman Mao.

Looking back to the humble beginnings of that journey, retold in movies & the film crews, just as fresh & inspiring as millions of movie goers did then. These two movies sowed the seeds for dreams of diving off spring-boards & starting blocks in the hearts of young Chinese, who took to the water. Today, China is competing in all kinds of sports & her swimmers, divers, synchronized swimmers, water polo & other aquatic event participants are seeing their childhood dreams come true. The Esther Williams Award, recognizing the work of the production teams & their stars, provides a unique opportunity for new generations throughout the world to revisit those moments that blur the line of reality and fiction; of dreams in the making & dreams that have come true.

Edward Bell, husband of the late Esther Williams expresses Esther’s excitement about ISHOF’s new award: “I am truly honored & humbled to have my name associated with this new award,” said Esther. “I have been swimming my entire life. It’s the most enjoyable activity there is and it is the only sport one can do from their first bath to their last. I believe everyone should learn to swim and this award will be presented to recognize films and individuals in the entertainment industry who help promote this ideal.”

The “Esther” Award was sculpted by ISHOF’s artist Jean Ernman Dextrims.

The second “Esther” goes to “The Diving Girls”

The recipients of the first Esther Award for “Enter the Chinese Water Dragon with Ed Bell & Bruce Wigo.

Xiaoying Liang presenting Edward Bell with her painted tribute to Edward’s wife at the 2013 ISHOF Induction. Xiaoying says, Esther’s films were a great influence on her decision to take up diving. Xiaoying Liang is the People’s Republic of China first Diving Queen, wining the Nation’s first National Diving Championship in 1953 and reigning as queen of diving through 1958.

A captivated audience watches scenes from the two movies.

Mr. Mu Xiangxiong & Mr. Chi Lieh Yang
On the evening of May 10th 2013, the International Swimming Hall of Fame provided a yacht banquet on the Floridian Princess for U.S. and Chinese athletes gathered in Fort Lauderdale to share fond memories of a historic trip made 40 years ago.


1972 Olympic gold medalist diver Micki King, one of the 1973 trip’s participants, and Volunteer David Han, a former swimmer who assisted the U.S. Swim Teams visit in 1980, were co-hosting the reunion ceremony. Volunteer Louise Zhang, a former swimmer from the Chinese National Swim Team, performed bilingual translation.
Friendship Through Sports Swim Meet.

The Opening Ceremony

The Women's Race

The Men's Competition

Swim Meet Participants
The 40th Anniversary celebration of the “Friendship Through Sports” Sino-American cultural exchange of 1973 was initially intended to be a minor part of ISHOF’s 49th Annual Honors Weekend. For many, it became a never to be forgotten event. For me it was one of the most challenging, demanding and rewarding experiences of my life. I also met a lot of wonderful people, without whose help the fantastic success of the weekend could not have happened. In particular, the China Volunteer Teams, managed by Helen Yang and David Han, merit the highest praise, respect and gratitude from me personally and from the Hall of Fame for their efforts to ensure a fantastically well-knit show and that China would have its deserved place in the world history of swimming.

Front Row L to R: Louise Zhang (周小蓉), Helen Yang (杨泓), Bruce Wigo, David Han (韩振勤), Weijiong Hu (胡维刚). Back Row L to R: Hilary Tsai (蔡子东), Huan Wang (王欢), Sha Luo (罗莎), Lily Yan (严丽仪), Vivian Shen (沈文), Whitney He (贺华), Jianmin Li (李健民) and Jane Zhang (张颖).

Du Du, 72, a former coach and swimmer, approached Bernie Wrightson, a 1968 Olympic gold medalist in diving, and showed him a stars-and-stripes towel he had given Du during the US teams' stay in Beijing.

“I carefully kept that towel for 40 years - and never used it. It means a special friendship and the fondest experience I shared with the American athletes,” Du said.

“The reunion made it possible for me to express my gratitude for the friendship we formed a long time ago, one that has had a tremendous impact on me ever since,” he added. “That trip was beyond a sports exchange; I was touched by their bravery to come to visit us (in the face of possible international disqualification) and their willingness to share techniques in swimming and diving.”

The initial idea for the “Friendship Through Sports” anniversary was to only have a small reunion for an American team of swimmers and divers that went to China in 1973, by an arrangement between Dr. Henry Kissinger and China’s Zhou EnLai. It was to be a “rare and unique” trip, meant to foster, through sports, peaceful relations between the two nations that had been fighting proxy wars for over twenty years.

Thanks to the China Liaison Team, managed by Jianmin Li and assisted by Vivian Shen, Ying Zhang, Whitney He and Du Du the small reunion grew into an event that attracted over 200 American and Chinese athletes who met in China as part of two cultural exchanges between the nations in 1973 and 1980. The guidance of Louise Zhang, Huan Wang, Ying Zhang and many others were and responsible for ISHOF presenting special “Esther Award” recognition to two Maoist era films, the Enshrinement of China’s first swimming legends and a first-class exhibit about the history of swimming in China, from Ancient to Modern Times.

“The feeling of 40 years ago that tied us together is very emotional and it’s very difficult to put in words. We haven’t forgotten and they haven’t forgotten,” 1972 Olympic gold medalist Micki King said.
“It was unique; it was early enough that few Americans were getting to China, so the moment you crossed the bridge from Hong Kong into Luohu (on the Guangdong side), you felt like you were entering another universe practically, it was so different,” said Richard Williams, who as director of Chinese affairs at the State Department escorted the group to China.

Continuing the legacy of Friendship Through Sports, thanks to the generous support of Shao Mei Shao, five 7-year old divers from the Beijing Youth Diving Team traveled to Ft. Lauderdale for the reunion and a cultural exchange with young American divers, visiting the Pine Crest and St. Andrews schools and meeting the legends of aquatic history. “We have to ensure the legacy and spirit of 40 years ago lives on with the next generation,” said Shao Mei.

The volunteer who truly went above and beyond all others was Louise Zhang. She was the professor who tutored Wigo on Chinese history and who along with Hwang Hwan were responsible for our first-class exhibit of Chinese swimming history. “There were several times when the good will of the reunion might have turned into a disaster - like when the translator we hired to do simultaneous translation for the Honoree ceremony failed to show up - only to be saved by Louise Zhang,” said Wigo. “She was an unsung hero and unquestionably the Most Valuable Volunteer.”

Wigo with coach Chen Gongchen and his wife in Los Angeles. Although unable to make it to Ft. Lauderdale, coach Chen was a great resource for the volunteer team.

America’s Micki King and China’s Da Du - key volunteers for the success of the International Celebration.

Louise Zhang, MVV with Bruce Wigo

John Naber with coach Peter Daland and swimmer Frank Heckl. John volunteered his professionalism to serve as MC while Peter and Frank were invaluable to the success of the reunion.
Celebration of 40 years of friendship (1973-2013) between the USA and the People's Republic of China
Introducing Jean Ermann Désimots
ISHOF’s Sculptor in Residence

Jean Ermann Désimots is a ceramist, illustrator and painter. He was born in 1977, in Petion-Ville, Haiti. He grew up in a family where clay was seen a medium both for artistic expression and a business. His father created a ceramic studio where most clay artists in Port-au-Prince came for training and where people naturally bought original works of art.

Jean Ermann Désimots completed a degree in ceramics design and production from Centre de Formation et de Production en Céramique (CFPC) Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and a degree in Business Management. In Haiti he won several recognition honors, including by Le Montcel and the Nouvelliste, before moving to the United States in August 2010. He now lives in South Florida and works as an artist to design cultural artifacts or functional pieces. He regularly exhibits in the Caribe Convention Center / Femme en Production and other venues in New York and Florida. Désimots skillfully uses all the tools and methods in ceramic art including the pottery wheel, sculpting and modeling. He combines the natural simplicity of clay shaped by hands with the restraint shape of the wheel to transform clay into poetry. His work represents reality, renders impression, interprets sentiments with clay. He can translate any form, shape and finish to give editorial meaning and decorative effects. As artist in residence for the International Swimming Hall of Fame, he has (re)created works of art that give the history and beauty of swimming and aquatic sports artistic expression and new meaning to visitors of the museum.

- Athletes in Action -

Inspired by a sculpture of a Water Polo Player by the Swiss artist Frank, created for the Olympic art competition at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin.

Synchronized Swimming Duet: Inspired by the sculpture in the Olympic Green, Beijing, China.

Female Diver

Male and Female Swimmers inspired by art in the Olympic Museum of Barcelona.
Michael Phelps wins 2 ESPY Awards. The first in the Best Male Olympian category. Also in the running for the award was swimmer Ryan Lochte and decathlete Ashton Eaton. Phelps’ second ESPY Award of the night is for the Best Record Breaking Performance. Phelps tallied up 22 Olympic Medals throughout his Olympic career in his fourth and most recent Olympic Games. 18 of his 22 Olympic medals were Gold. Phelps was also nominated for Best Male Athlete and Best Play, although his Best Play nomination was for a 153 foot putt, rather than for his swimming abilities.

Missy Franklin was nominated for Best Female Athlete as well as Best Female Olympian. Franklin won ESPY for Best Female Olympian. She was nominated for the award with gymnasts Aly Raisman and Gabby Douglas, two members of the “Fierce Five.”

Jessica Long was nominated for an ESPY in the category of Best Female Athlete with disability. She wins the ESPY for the third time. Also nominated for the award was swimmer Victoria Arlen, Muffy Davis, Tatyana McFadden, and Shirley Reilly.

In Memory Of...

THREE-TIME OLYMPIC CHAMPION
SHARON MARIE STOUTER
PASSED AWAY, 64

Recently, three-time Olympic champion Sharon Marie Stoutcr passed away at the age of 64. Stoutcr had a truckload full of accolades in her amazing career that included three gold medals at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics as well as a spot in the International Swimming Hall of Fame in the Class of 1972, passed away on June 23 last month.

JUNE TAYLOR - 1991 PIONEER
SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMER (CAN)

June Darling Gregory (nee Taylor) died peacefully on June 27, 2013 surrounded by family, three days before her 85th birthday. She will be very much missed by her husband, John, of 57 years, her children Lesley (Colin Richards), Charlotte (Chad Erickson) and Taylor, her grandchildren Gabriel Richards, Tara and Neil Gregory, as well as her large extended family and friends.

DR. FLOYD STAUFFER PASSES AWAY
Renaissance man and diving great was 96

Fort Lauderdale: Dr. Floyd “Dal” Stauffer, who was inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame in 2006, passed away in his sleep on May 3, 2013. He was 96 years old. Throughout his life he sought out pools and platforms, often learning and watching from other divers. At the 1934 World’s Fair, he was invited to be part of the diving exhibitions competing with the country’s best divers. To pursue his interest in physiology, he joined the Navy Reserves but continued to compete throughout college in club and AAU regional competitions, diving on occasion with a then young Sammy Lee.

New Acquisitions From Germany

“DDR’ Memorabilia from 1976 Olympic Games

Petra Thumer, ISHOF Honoree and 1976 double gold medal winner (400 & 800m freestyle) kindly loaned ISHOF her personal 1976 East German Olympic apparel.
2013 Master Induction & Gold Medallion

On the evening of Friday September 13th, 2013 eight outstanding individuals will be inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame. The free reception and event will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Orange County, in Garden Grove (Anaheim), California, in conjunction with the United States Aquatic Sports Convention. The reception is in the North Tower Garden room from 6:00-6:45, followed by the Induction in Garden room 2 and 3 from 6:45-8:15 pm.

Ted Haartz

The prestigious IMSHOF class of 2013 includes:
Judie Oliver (CAN) Honor Swimmer
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Hiromu Yoshimoto (JPN) Honor Swimmer
Felix Grossman (USA) Honor Diver
Holly Kyle (USA) Honor Synchronized Swimmer
Mike Haley (USA) Honor Water Polo Player
F.H. “Ted” Haartz (USA) Honor Contributor

Peter Ueberroth
To Receive Gold Medallion

Collegiate water polo star and the man considered by many to be the savior of the modern Olympic Games will receive IMSHOF’s Gold Medallion Award on Saturday evening, September 14th, 2013 in an event at the the Hyatt Regency, Orange County, in Garden Grove (Anaheim), California.

Ueberroth joins an impressive list of former aquatic athletes who have received IMSHOF’s highest honor, including U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

2013 Swimming World Championships

The 15th WCS were held in Barcelona from July 20 through August 4. For the first time, high diving was an event.

Among the items collected for future exhibitions will be the full-size Championship mascot, XOP, a drop of water designed in the Gaudi mosaic style, famous in Barcelona. This could be the start of an Aquatic Mascot Hall of Fame.

Esther Williams Memorial

On August 17th, IMSHOF’s Marcia Meiners traveled to California, where Edward Bell and Connie Stevens hosted a lovely memorial to the late Esther Williams. It was held poolside, at the beautiful home of Hollywood Star, Connie Stevens. In attendance were many stars from the Hollywood’s golden years including Debbie Reynolds!

Ed Bell emceed the memorial, introducing many of Esther’s family, colleagues and friends over the years as they shared their fond memories of her.

The Aqualillies, a professional synchronized swimming company performed, wearing the iconic white swimsuit from her film debut in “Andy Hardy’s Double Life” to commemorate her many years of synchronized swimming in the movies.
New Acquisitions

Side Tie Swimsuit from famous Poseidon Swim Club of Berlin ca. 1950

Official side tie swim and water polo suit ca. 1952, SC Poseidon, Berlin, GER

At the recent FINA World Championships in Barcelona, Bruce Wigo met up with Masters Honoree Brigitte Merten, who presented him with a donation from Dieter Blisse (German Water Polo Player and Swimmer) for our museum.

Skeleton Suit (Spain)

Joining our synchronized swimming exhibit is the skeleton suit, worn by the silver medal winning Spanish National Team at the 2009 FINA World Championships. On loan from Mayuko Fujiki.

In Memory Of...

Legendary Water Polo Coach Dezso Gyarmati dies at 85

Dezso Gyarmati, the most successful water polo player in Olympic history and perhaps the greatest water polo player ever, is dead at the age of 85.

Gyarmati was a member of Hungary’s water polo team at five different Olympics, medaling in all. He won gold at the 1952 Helsinki, the 1956 Melbourne and the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, silver at the 1948 Games in London, and bronze at the 1960 Olympics in Rome.

He is survived by his daughter Andrea, who won silver in the 100m backstroke and bronze in the 100m butterfly in the 1972 Munich Olympics.

Dick Bower dies at 83

The Gulf Coast Swimming Community lost one of its legendary members with the passing of a long-time collegiate and youth coach. Former Tulane University head man Dick Bower died Sunday after suffering a severe stroke. He was 83 years old.

A celebration of his life will take place in New Orleans on September 7th, coinciding with the ASA World Clinic. It will be held at the Marriott Hotel on Canal Street between 4:00 and 7:00pm. The tribute is scheduled for 5pm. Please contact his wife Barbara at (281)681-9985 with questions.

Flashback

Historic Photo of the Month

May 17, 1975. Buster Crabbe helps Honor Swimmer Mina Wylie slip into a jacket carrying the Australian crest. Mina, who was 77 at the time, won the Australian Championship 20 years in a row and was inducted into the Swimming Hall of Fame in 1975.

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Sincerely,
Bruce Wigo
President/CEO
The International Swimming Hall of Fame

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A Word From Our CEO Bruce Wigo

I tend to view the world through a watery lens. It's a trait I must have inherited from Buck Dawson, the first director of the Swimming Hall of Fame. Like the six degrees of Kevin Bacon, swimming can be connected to just about anything important that has ever happened or is happening in the world. From the Aquatic Ape theory of evolution to a music festival I recently attended. I have entitled my commentaries: “Connecting Swimming To...” The first connects swimming to San Francisco’s Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival.

I hope you enjoy it and learn something from it. I also hope that you enjoy receiving our newsletter and our efforts to keep the importance of swimming in the public eye, not just as a competitive sport but as an activity that everyone on the planet should be adept and skilled enough, not just to improve their health and quality of life, but to save their life if a situation where the ability to swim may be a matter of life or death. As we approach our 50th year anniversary, I hope that you will either renew your membership, join us for the first time and/or make a donation as your support does MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Swimmingly yours,
Bruce Wigo (President/CEO)

2013 Masters Induction Ceremony

Eight outstanding individuals were inducted at the annual IMSHOF ceremony, Friday evening, September 13th, at the Hyatt Regency, Orange County, in Garden Grove (Anaheim), California. The ceremony took place in conjunction with the annual United States Aquatic Sports Convention. There were over 150 Masters athletes, friends and family in attendance. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres were enjoyed prior to the ceremony and all the Masters delegates got to meet and greet the inductees.

The prestigious IMSHOF class of 2013 included four swimmers, one diver, one synchronized swimmer, one water polo player and one contributor from four different countries: the USA, Japan, Australia and Canada. All were in attendance except for Honor Masters Swimmer, Hiromu Yoshimoto, who is 99 years old and living in Japan.

Peter Ueberroth Receives Gold Medallion

On Saturday, September 14, IMSHOF presented Peter V. Ueberroth with our organizations most distinguished award, the Gold Medallion at the Annual USAS dinner. Introduced by Rowdy Gaines, Mr. Ueberroth was not only recognized as the savior of the Modern Olympic Games, but also inspiring Rowdy to return to swimming after the disappointment of the American boycott of the 1980 Olympic Games and win three gold medals in 1984.

The Inductees include (L-R) USA Synchronized Swimmer Holly Kyle, Swimmer Jenny Whiteley (AUS) & Judie Oliver (CAN), Diver Felix Grossman (USA), Swimmer Edward Cazalet (USA), Contributor Ted Haartz (USA) and Honor Water Polo Player, Michael “Mike” Haley of the USA. USA Contributor F.H. “Ted” Haartz, received a standing ovation from the entire Masters delegation, for all his contributions and years of work dedicated to Masters Swimming.
Murray Rose Autobiography
LIFE IS WORTH SWIMMING

The newly released autobiography of Murray Rose, LIFE IS WORTH SWIMMING is now available in the US through ISHOF. Murray, who passed away in 2012, was one of the greatest swimmers and personalities in Olympic history. The book has an incredible collection of photos and reminiscences from the Golden Age of Australian swimming and is well worth reading. Murray did not just recount his experiences as a son, husband, father, Olympic champion, national hero, TV commentator and masters swimmer, but also shares his philosophy about the importance of swimming for life. To order please visit our website at www.ishof.org

Vaziri Swimwear

Leila Vaziri a South Florida local, former ISHOF employee and FINA Short Course World Champion moved to New York City in 2011 following her retirement from competitive swimming. Inspired by New York City, Leila began designing and manufacturing her own swimwear line. “I’ve had a lot of fun and learned a great deal during this process. I’m hoping others will appreciate the swimwear for its unique style and high quality.”

Vaziri swimsuits are available in South Florida, New York City athletic retail shops or at ISHOF - call 954-462-6536, ext. 207.

Lucky Lake Swim

Meeting Dr. Lucky Meisenheimer and doing Lucky’s Lake Swim was an incredibly enjoyable experience. I recommend doing both for every swimmer’s bucket list. To learn more about the swim, visit luckylakeswim.com.

At Home With Dagmar Hase

On September 20, 2013, Ivonne Schmid visited 2013 ISHOF Honor Swimmer Dagmar Hase at her home in the Harz Mountains of Germany, where Dagmar proudly displays her 2013 ISHOF sash and award. However, all of her Olympic and World Championship medals are stored in a Christmas gift bag hidden in a drawer, but Dagmar took them all out for a photo and her face lit up when talking about all the great swimming memories.

Ivonne enjoyed a wonderful evening with Dagmar at her house and it was late at night before they finally went to bed. Too late for Dagmar, who leaves the house at 5am every morning to drive to Magdeburg, where she trains young swimmers to become Olympians one day!

“DDR” Athletes’ Reunion

From September 13-15, ISHOF’s Ivonne Schmid took part in the 8th reunion of former DDR Olympic Athletes. The event was organized by 1972 silver medalist Klaus Katzur. Participating were 46 athletes, among them 30 former swimmers and coaches. The event was held in Germany in the beautiful Ore Mountains. Ivonne was able to make contact with all the swimmers and interest them in providing memorabilia for a “DDR” exhibit at ISHOF but also to discuss training methods in the former DDR and the recent publication of doping in West Germany. She also enjoyed spending time with participating ISHOF Honorees, Ursula Happe (1956 Olympic gold), Ulrike Richter-Schmidt (1976 Olympics - 3 gold), Rosemarie Kother-Gabriel (1976 Olympics - bronze) and IMSHOF Inductee Brigitte Merten (32 world Championship titles).

Drowning Memorial - Family Calls For Lifeguards at State Park

Four months after she watched helplessly as her 15-year old son was caught in a rip current and drowned at John U. Lloyd Park, Chrissie Snell returned to the beach to plant sea grape tree in memory of her oldest child.

ISHOF CEO Bruce Wigo with Lucky and Olympic Champion Rowdy Gaines

L-R: Dr. Leatherman, Bruce Wigo, Dr. Fletemeyer and the Clark family

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ISHOF Remembers JFK  
What Might Have Been?

On December 6th, 1963, U.S. President John F. Kennedy was scheduled to present the first Presidential Medals of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor to the likes of singer Marian Anderson, author E.B. White, cellist Pau Casals, photographer Edward Steichen and Yale’s legendary swimming coach, Robert Kiphuth. Kennedy had been a swimmer at Harvard when Kiphuth was coaching the Eli speedboys. Swimming helped JFK survive WWII and become the war hero that helped launch his political career. Great things might have happened for swimming had an assassin’s bullet not cut down JFK 50 years ago.

Sammy Lee Gets Name On School

A new Los Angeles school designed to cultivate the next generation of doctors scientists will feature the name Sammy Lee, one of the most successful divers in American history. Lee, now 93, was on hand last week for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Dr. Sammy Lee Medical And Health Science Magnet Elementary School.

XV FINA WC Mascot Finds New Home at the Swimming Hall of Fame

XOP, the celebrity Mascot for the 15th FINA World Championships, helped FINA achieve a record 4.5 million worldwide television viewers who followed the Championships from Barcelona last summer. Created and designed by Albert Mir, XOP was selected by FINA and the BCN2013 Organizing Committee from over 200 entries in a public competition to serve as the official mascot. Following his spectacular performance at the Championships, XOP retired to America, where he will live a quiet life as FINA’s greater welcoming visitors into the Museum.

Now Available! / Water Safety for Kids

ISHOF is proud to announce the publication of Water Safety for Kids, a unique 2-part Art and Activity book set for children aged 5 - 10. In Water Safety for Kids, children learn through art and language. Featuring the Haitian style art of Kimba Peterson, and presented in six different languages, we are hopeful that this set will be a source of joy and education for children and an inspiration for parents and teachers of all cultural, racial and religious backgrounds to teach water safety and make every child a swimmer. The book set sells retail for $10 ($5.95 each individually), and may be ordered through the ISHOF e-store. For quantity orders and wholesale discounts, call Laurie at 954-462-6536 ext. 207.

2014 Rough Water Swim

Saturday - Jan. 4, 2014 / Race Start 9:30am  
Terramar Street / Fort Lauderdale Beach  
Registration: Online at www.active.com or at the ISHOF Gift Shop
“Willard Garvey: An Epic Life”


At a recent book event broadcast on CSPAN, author McEnaney compared Garvey’s life in some respects to that of Forrest Gump, in that Willard’s life had traversed the broad canvas of US and World history. “But instead of ‘Run Forrest Run’, in Willard’s case it would have been ‘Swim Willard Swim.’”

In his youth, Willard Garvey was an avid swimmer, which led him to attend the world’s first competitive swimming camp, Camp Chikopi, operated by Matt Mann, in Canada. Garvey followed Mann to Michigan where he was an outstanding freestyler on Michigan’s NCAA Championship Swimming Teams between 1936 and 1941. During World War II, he was a Staff Officer in Eisenhower’s Allied Airborne Army and he helped to promote and compete in the Inter-Allied Swimming Meets. Back in his hometown of Wichita, Kansas he swam and every day into his 80’s and helped to found the Wichita Swim Club in 1954, under the direction of legendary coach Bob Timmons. Timmons not only coached Jeff Farrell, 2 x Olympic Gold medalist at the 1960 Olympics, but also legendary track and field star Jim Ryun.

In researching her book, McEnaney said that she heard “many stories of wet bathing suits in brief cases with wet toupees and squishy steps across the floor of his house. Water and Willard were one of the same.”

On land, Garvey was a visionary businessman who was the owner-operator of the “world’s largest” grain elevator, who was the “largest private landowner in Nevada” and was the builder of Kansas’s tallest building—the Epic Center. He pioneered affordable home ownership in developing countries at a time when few if any knew or cared about the millions living in slums worldwide. Despite revolutions, coups, and Anti-American persecution, his World Homes provided thousands of families in countries from South America to Asia the opportunity of moving onto and up the economic ladder.

Garvey hobnobbed with heads of state and captains of industry, counting 20th century titans J.B. Fuqua, Robert Galvin, and John Templeton as closest friends and confidantes. He started a short-lived fourth television network, and pushed for independent journalism in an era of tightly-controlled media.

Garvey was also a crusader against the overreach of government bureaucracy, Garvey ceaselessly fought for his fellow man to have the opportunities for success he had enjoyed and that he saw government’s growing powers and irresponsible economic policies of spending through debt as major threats to America’s future.

In Memory Of...

Guy Gibbons - Passes away at 51

Guy Gibbons has passed away at 51 on November 16th. As Swiss Timing’s “Omega Man”, Guy was one of the most visible and important officials at swim meets in North America and around the world. As a local resident of nearby Deerfield Beach, FL, Guy was a frequent visitor to the Hall of Fame and will be missed by all.

Charles H. Wigo, Jr.

Charlie Wigo brought his family to south Florida for the College Swim Forum for the first time in 1956 as a volunteer swim coach with the Germantown YMCA of Philadelphia. He spent his Christmas holidays in Fort Lauderdale ever since. A life member of ISHOF, his life was an inspiration to his children and grandchildren in whom he instilled a love of swimming as a key to lifelong health, fitness and happiness.

Poseidon Award

The “Poseidon” award, created by ISHOF’s artist in residence Jean Ermann Desimonts, depicts Poseidon with his trident, presenting the laurel wreath of victory. Based on an original sculpture commissioned by bubblegum king, William Wrigley, Jr. in 1927, the first “Poseidon” award was presented by International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame General Secretary, Dale Petranach, to the Organizing Committee of the Global Open Water Swimming Conference, Cork 2013. Sid Cassidy, a member of FINA’s Open Water Swimming Technical Committee, will chair a committee to determine criteria for the presentation of the “Poseidon” award in the future.
The small personal chattels of Egyptian nobles were often artistic masterpieces of the most exquisite workmanship. An example of the artistic heights of the New Kingdom, Dynasty XVIII, 1391-1353 BC are illustrated by these magnificent, beautifully decorated “swimmer spoons.”

The spoons, approximately 8 to 10 inches long, generally consisted of two sections, the handle and the bowl, both sculpted in wood. The handle is formed of a nude young woman, her slender body swimming in a horizontal pose holds a bowl in her outstretched arms. Her long legs are stretched out behind her, her head is held upright as if she were emerging from water, and her graceful form gives the impression that she glides effortlessly through the water. She is often towed by a winged creature, sometimes identified as a duck, sometimes a goose, that swims ahead of her. The body of the animal is hollowed out to form a “spoon” or bowl, while the wings or back form a cover.

Although this type of fragile and esthetic sculpture is often identified as a “cosmetic spoon,” its actual use is uncertain. On one hand, they may have been simple toilet items of noble women, as traces of perfume and/or the eye cosmetic kohl have been found in some bowls. On the other hand, these extremely delicate items have been found unused among precious funerary furnishings in ancient tombs. For Egyptians, the swimming girl was a universal symbol of love and the promise of continued life. This object was therefore imbued with the positive virtues of magical images - an auspicious talisman meant to enhance the owner’s sexual life and his or her life in general - and would have provided good luck and fortune to its owner, whether male or female. It also offered the owner with a poetic expression of the Egyptian’s fondness for aquatic pleasures and excursions on the ponds.

These examples of the world’s oldest known swimming sculptures were recreated for the International Swimming Hall of Fame by Jean Ermann Desimots, ISHOF’s artist in residence.
"There is no such thing as a modern way to swim," the great Duke Kahanamoku once said. "I have no doubt that the ancients used every stroke we know and perhaps had better swimming form than we'll ever have." Archeological discoveries may very well prove Duke's assertion correct. The development of the "modern" wave breaststroke, credited to 2014 ISHOF Coach Jozef Nagy, bears an uncanny resemblance to two of the oldest images of swimming humans have produced: the fabled images from the "Cave of the Swimmers" in Egypt, and a Mayan stucco frieze recently discovered in Guatemala.

Discovered in 1933 by Hungarian explorer Laszlo Almasy and made famous by the 1996 Hollywood film The English Patient, the images found in this cave, located in the Gilf Plateau of the Libyan desert, bear a remarkable resemblance to the modern breaststroke and are believed to be the oldest existent images of swimmers in the world.

For much of geologic history, the vast Sahara of southern Egypt has been a desert, but around 10,500 years ago even large lakes. This opened the door for humans to move into the area, as evidenced by the radiocarbon dates of human and animal remains from more than 150 evacuation sites. Although this change in climate lasted a few hundred years, humans left a record of their lives through cave art.

In 2009, Idaho State University anthropologist Richard Hansen unearthed a 26 foot long stucco frieze in the ruins of an ancient Mayan city in northern Guatemala. It confirms one of the world's enduring creation stories, the Popol Vuh and the importance of swimming in Mayan culture. Depicted are two swimmers, believed to be the "Hero Twins," Hunahpu and Xbalanque, who were like a double dose of Hercules. The image of Xbalanque shows him wearing a jaguar headress as he swims to the bottom of the ocean to retrieve the decapitated head of his father. Like the images found in the Cave of the swimmers, the technique depicted is unmistakably similar to the modern breaststroke.

Reproductions were created by Jean Ermann Desimots and are on display in the ISHOF Museum.

Dolphins were admired in antiquity for their sociable and compassionate behavior and have long played a role in the imaginations of swimmers. ISHOF's newest exhibit explores the relationship between Dolphins and Humans, features video footage from Olympic great Matt Biondi swimming with dolphins and Phillip Colla's beautiful photos of Matt and Hall of Fame synchro swimmer Mikako Kotani swimming with dolphins. Dolphin sculptures by Jean Ermann Desimots and famed artist Robert Wyland are also part of the exhibit.
Introducing Jean Ermann Desimots
ISHOF's Artist in Residence

Jean Ermann Desimots is a ceramist, illustrator and painter. He was born in 1977, in Petion-Ville, Haiti. He grew up in a family where clay was seen a medium both for artistic expression and a business. His father created a ceramic studio where most clay artists in Port-au-Prince came for training and where people naturally came to buy original works of art.

Jean Ermann Desimots completed a degree in ceramics design and production from Centre de Formation et de Production en Céramique (CFPC) Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and a degree in Business Management. In Haiti he won several recognition honors, including by Le Montcel and the Nouvelliste, before moving to the United States in August 2010. He now lives in South Florida and works as an artist to design cultural artifacts or functional pieces. He regularly exhibits in the Caribe Convention Center / Femme en Production and other venues in New York and Florida.

Desimots skillfully uses all the tools and methods in ceramic art including the pottery wheel, sculpting and modeling. He combines the natural simplicity of clay shaped by hands with the restraint shape of the wheel to transform clay into poetry. His work represents reality, renders impression, interprets sentiments with clay. He can translate any form, shape and finish to give editorial meaning and decorative effects. As artist in residence for the International Swimming Hall of Fame, he has created or has recreated works of art that give the history and beauty of swimming and aquatic sports artistic expression and new meaning to visitors of the museum.

New Acquisitions

George Olsen Donates Photos

Photographer George Olsen swam for Matt Mann at Michigan in the 1940's and served as ISHOF's official photographer for many years. His photos have been in local, national & international magazines, books & newspapers. He was able to photograph a number of world record swims in the Hall of Fame pool including those by Michael Phelps, Mike Barrowman and Martin Zubero. He traveled to national and international swim meets for 25 years. He was FINA's official photographer of the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, where he shot well over a 1000 images, which are among those donated to ISHOF.

BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Dear Friends,

The dedicated staff of the International Swimming Hall of Fame wish you a happy holiday season and best wishes for the new year. A new year in which we will celebrate our first fifty years as a unique institution and museum that honors the heroes and preserves the history of our great, lifesaving sport. Please join us as a member if you are not already one and consider making an end of the year donation a donation so we can continue to use the past to inspire future generations of swimmers. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Bruce Wigo
President/ CEO
The International Swimming Hall of Fame

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Long time ISHOF employee Eileen Malone passes away on September 10, 2012

For over 20 years, Eileen Malone of Fort Lauderdale had been ISHOF's Grand Dame Greeter at the front door to the Museum. As a part-time volunteer and staff member, Eileen would always be seen with a smile on her face, happily talking with a visitor from Germany, Japan, California, New York, or her home state of Michigan. Michigan has had some great ties to swimming over the years and Eileen knew them all.

As a young school-aged child, she began coming to Florida with her family for the winters. The family would rent a bungalow, the kids would be enrolled in school and all would have a great Florida experience. Eileen learned to swim in Miami at the McFadden-Deauville Pool with Johnny Weissmuller who would carry little Eileen around on his shoulders in the water. Back home in Detroit, MI, she swam with another future Hall of Famer and Olympian, Betty Becker Pinkston who was the girls’ coach at the Detroit Golf Club. Betty’s husband Clarence Pinkston, was the coach of the Detroit Athletic Club but women were not allowed in the club. Beginning in 1936, the girls competed in the Interclub Summer Meets throughout the area. There was no high school swimming for girls when Eileen became of age, but a photo of Eileen wearing a swimming suit began to circulate through her Catholic School. The nuns running the school were going to expel her for the “indecent” photo, so her mother marched right in, removed her from the school and enrolled her in another school.

After her husband Tom died in 1987, Eileen moved permanently to Fort Lauderdale to look after her mother. She spent two to three days per week at the Hall of Fame, helping to answer the phone, greet visitors and file photos. She was the chief photo archivist, cataloguing all the black and white and color photos. In addition, she also personally hand made every Honoree sash that is worn at the ISHOF Honoree, Marathon and Masters Swimming Hall of Fame Ceremonies.

Eileen is greatly missed by all of us here at ISHOF.

Eileen Malone's Beach Memorial
May 12, 2013

Eileen’s family from Michigan and her ISHOF family said good-bye to her on May 12, 2013 with a beautiful beach memorial.

Eileen’s last journey. Bob Duenkel scattered her ashes in the ocean.
2013 Fort Lauderdale Rough Water Swim

Stu Marvin’s swimmers from Bloomsberg have been swimming the Rough Water Swim for the last five years.

Tina Ratsly, Laurie Marchwinski and Marcia Meiners are working the registration table.

Volunteer Deb Cavanaugh assigns numbers to each swimmer.

A trolley takes the swimmers a mile up the beach for the race start at Terramar.

Mike Hamilton (#54) can’t wait for the swim to start.

Bruce Wigo, Breck Ballet and Sid Cassidy are ready to start the race.

The Masters swimmers start the run to the water.

College women head to the water.

College men running to the water.

Above: Age groupers start their run to the water.

At the finish line, every swimmer receives a medal.

The official race results are up on the board. Where did I place?
Recent Visitors to the Hall

Dimitry Volcov (RUS), 2x Olympian (1988 silver medalist) & publisher of the Russian Federation's swim magazine.

Dom Biggsy, President of the Olympian Collector's Club with Bob Duenkel.

Original 1960's Atlantic City Steel Pier divers reunite at ISHOF.

Sister Donna and daughter Linda of Masters Honoree Ron Johnson.

Team Jesuit Swimming.

Dr. Tunde Szabo (HUN) 1992 Olympic silver medalist visits ISHOF with husband Savolt Akos (L) and Bruce Wigo (R).

Texas Christian University (TCU) diving Team.

2011 Special Olympics Gold medalist Katie Williams.

Life members Bob & Rene Muller with Bob Duenkel.

Jim Lathrop's (R) Dad donated Otto Wahlale's medals to the ISHOF many years ago.
More Visitors...

Daniel Gyurta (HUN), 2012 Olympic champion in the 200m breaststroke, visited for the second time and donated his personalized swim cap to ISHOF.

Falk Lippmann and Gesine Schoenreich from Germany. Gesine has won multiple German National Lifeguard Championships. She trained in the same pool as Hall of Famer Karen Meitner, when she won her gold medals.

Catalina O'Toole, proud niece of ISHOF's Water Polo Honoree Maureen O'Toole.

This Nu-Finnem swimmer is sending out the right message: SWIMMING IS A SAFE ZONE.

Nu-Finnem Swim Club from New York

Brantford Swim Team from Canada

Coach Eric Rebourn at ISHOF with his Swim Team Nautic Club from Nimes, France
More Visitors to the Hall

Four-time 2012 Paralympics medalist Victoria Arlen visited ISHOF with her mom. Victoria won gold in the 100m freestyle and silver in 4x100m relay, the 50m and 400m freestyle.

Canadian water polo players Johanne and Martine Gervais, point to the name of their Ste-Foy team that won the AAU women’s water polo championship in 1976 on the Pewter Pea Hen Trophy.

Sam Castagnetti, daughter of 2013 Honor Coach Alberto Castagnetti.

Above and Right: Russian Masters swimmers at ISHOF after competing at the 2013 Pan-American Masters Championship in Sarasota, FL.

Vladimir Komarov and his wife came all the way from Sochi, RUS to see ISHOF and donate their “Katran” Swim Club flag.

Team from New Hampshire, that produced Olympic Great Jenny Thompson.

Coach Megan Pitman brought her swim team from Miami Country Day School to ISHOF for a tour.
More Teams Visiting ...

The Dad's Club Swim Team from Texas.

Team "Swim Travel Argentina" with coach Joel Fiumara.

La Petite Academy from Fort Lauderdale.

Kinder Kare (Coral Springs) Field Trip.

Those kids are "Proud to be an Urban Leaguer".

The North Texas Nadadores Swim Team.
More Visitors...

Tamas Kassas, Three-Time Olympic water polo gold medalist for Hungary and future Hall of Famer.

Buck Dawson’s relatives at ISHOF’s library with librarian Marion Washburn.

Italy’s Women’s Olympic water polo coach Fabio Conti with his family at ISHOF.

Kirk Finney, grandson of Claire Galligan Finney, the first American woman to hold a world record. “Thank you for the time you spent with me at the Hall of Fame showing me more about my grandmother Claire Galligan. This personal effort & enthusiasm for the Hall and all its history is inspirational. You made my visit to the Hall a highlight of my trip to Florida.”

Leila Dvorak, proud niece of ISHOF’s Honor Diver Marshall Wayne at ISHOF.

Jan McAllister, grandson of 1920 Olympic silver medalist Hilda James with wife Simone. He presented his book “The Lost Olympics” to ISHOF’s CEO Bruce Wigo.

Lucy Morton’s granddaughter Annette with her husband on vacation in Fort Lauderdale.

ISHOF Honoree Al Vandeweghe’s granddaughter.

ISHOF Honoree Harry Holiday’s daughter Ede Holiday.
More Visitors...

Noah Jacobson with Bob Duenekel. Noah attended Camp Chiloppi in 1984 and dove in Fort Lauderdale in the '80's.

Bob Boni, former Yale swimmer and active history forum member, visiting from his home in Bolivia, where he has lived for the past 35 years.

Christina Francisco, recipient of the 2012 and 2013 Dr. Harold Hening Science Scholarship at North Central College in Naperville, IL.

Above: Bob Hurd, son of Eleanor Studley Hurd, the first woman to swim across the Dardanelles in 1929.

L & R: Sunie Lynch, daughter of ISHOF Honor Contributor R. Jackson Smith, in front of her dad's panel (R) and with Bob Duenekel in front of the R. Jackson Smith Award (L).

Michigan Diving Coach KZ Li (R) with Bruce Wigo (L).

Michigan and Notre Dame Dive Teams.
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