



World Water Safety

## INTERNATIONAL LIFE SAVING FEDERATION

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### INTERNATIONAL LIFE SAVING HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

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#### 1. BACKGROUND

The Lifesaving Hall of Fame will permanently display, commemorate and recognise members and teams who have achieved outstanding accomplishments and exceptional contributions to the development of International Life Saving. These achievements are not restricted in relation to the area of their contribution but must have been inspirational in application to international life saving activities.

ILS also believes that the intent in the first nominations, in part, is to recognise people who have been involved in lifesaving at the beginning or who oversaw major milestones in lifesaving, meaning organisation founders and those involved henceforth. These people could be missed as ILS moves forward, but organised lifesaving has its roots many centuries ago.

ILS is thus hoping in the first instance to induct all the very historic contributors that were prominent in the creation of lifesaving and the lifesaving movements.

ILS wants to make sure that this process is not another Grand Knight award, but something to pick out the handful of people who have had a major, significant and pivotal influence on lifesaving, ideally internationally, but maybe nationally if the effect was very huge.

ILS is willing to create a Lifesaving Hall of Fame and not an ILS Hall of Fame.

If some of the most important luminaries in lifesaving historically are not considered, ILS will look like it is only awarding itself. The Hall of Fame should therefore be a very special honour that is rarely bestowed and presented to persons and groups who have significantly changed the landscape of lifesaving. This is not an honour for those who have attended the most meetings or committees but for those who have made an everlasting positive change to lifesaving.

The Hall of Fame is to be registered at and located in the ILS Headquarters. An area will be set up in the Headquarters that is dedicated to preserving lifesaving's special place in history and to honour international life saving's rich and proud heritage.

The Lifesaving Hall of Fame may be displayed at other locations such as the International Swimming Hall of Fame and Full Member Federations of ILS but only with the prior formal approval of the ILS Board and subject to a formal agreement with ILS.

The inaugural inductions into the Hall of Fame will be conducted at the ILS Centennial Celebration in 2010. Subsequent inductions will occur at World Championships and/or General Assemblies and/or ILS Conferences. Individuals and Members of Teams will each be presented with an ILS medal and statuette appropriately endorsed with their award.

## **2. NOMINATION PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Nominations for the Hall of Fame may only be made by a Full Member Federation in good standing, the President of ILS, a member of the Board of Directors of ILS, an ILS Commissioner.

The nominations are to be submitted on the form attached. All nominations are to be forwarded to ILS from the nominator with the endorsement of the Member Federation. Nominations not endorsed by the Full Member Federation from the country of the nominated person will not be considered.

Nominations must be accompanied by a photo of sufficient quality for scanning and a conclusive history covering the service and outstanding or pioneering achievements and exceptional contributions to ILS which address the criteria. The accompanying history is restricted to two pages for each nomination.

## **3. ASSESSMENT, APPROVAL AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE**

Assessment will be made by the ILS Chancellery. The Secretary General of ILS will receive and submit the nominations together with the recommendations from the nominator to the Chancellery for subsequent recommendation to the ILS Board. The Chancellery will make recommendation to the Board of ILS for each nomination received in the appropriate category of the award and on the appropriate form. Any member of the Chancellery being considered for this award is to be eliminated from the assessment process.

Assessment by the Chancellery will be made against the criteria detailed below. The decision of the ILS Board will be final.

Nominations not recommended by the Chancellery will not be submitted to the ILS Board and will be treated as confidential. Unsuccessful nominations may be re-submitted for consideration after a period of two (2) years or at the time nominations are due prior to the succeeding General Assembly, whichever is the sooner.

Some nominations may be recommended but held over for reconsideration for induction at a later date. This will be advised to the nominator and Member Federation.

All successful nominees will be advised in writing of their induction by the Secretary General on behalf of the President of ILS. The Secretary General of ILS will also advise the recipient of the award and induction arrangements into the Hall of Fame.

All nominations are to be treated as confidential and unsuccessful nominations will be advised only to the nominator/s for the award.

## **4. APPLICATION CONDITIONS**

Initial nominations to include notable persons who have contributed to International Life Saving through WLS and FIS prior to the formation of ILS and with the formation of ILS in 1994. By this rule, ILS is trying to "catch up" and ensure that the historic contributors are recognised.

Other nominations will cover the period since the inception of ILS in 1994.

All endorsed nominations for the initial induction must be forwarded to ILS by no later than 1 July 2010. Nominations must be listed by category.

## **5. NUMBER OF NOMINEES**

For the initial induction there will be no limits specified. Afterwards, nominations for the Hall of Fame will only be considered every two years and there will be a general limit of eight (8) nominees inducted into the Hall of Fame every two (2) years. The International Life Saving Federation recognises the prestigious nature of this award and will consider applications appropriately. In special circumstances the ILS Board may approve the induction of more than eight (8) nominees in any two year cycle by unanimous approval of the Board on the recommendation of the Chancellery.

## **6. ILS AWARENESS**

Special efforts will be made in ILS newsletters, publications and the ILS web site to draw the attention of Member Federations as a whole to the award.

## **7. TIMING AND PRESENTATION**

Induction into the Hall of Fame will take place bi-annually at World Championships and /or World Congress of Member Federations, at a time and location to be determined by the President of ILS.

## **8. CRITERIA AND HALL OF FAME CATEGORIES**

Those recommending persons or teams for this award shall do so in accordance with the award criteria detailed below. All nominations must be to a specific category and must be endorsed by the Member Federation to which the individual or team is affiliated. Nominations not endorsed by the Full Member Federation from the country of the nominated person will not be considered

“International” contribution is that which is considered to be significant and additional to any contribution made to the Members or Teams own Member Federation and has helped the objectives of ILS.

The categories are:

- a. International Lifesaving.
- b. International Lifesaving Sport.

### **International Lifesaving**

The Hall of Fame recognises those individuals and teams who have been involved in all or any significant facets of International lifesaving operations. Examples are active patrolling, life guarding, education, training and examination, rescue services, medical, development, research and the general support activities involved in life saving search and rescue, emergency response and surveillance, presidents, administrators, managers, directors, commissioners, convenors, committee members, secretaries and treasurers, athletes, team managers, coaches, etc. This category also recognises those involved with the development of life saving services and water safety at an international level. This category does also include sports persons. It is intended that individuals or teams must have contributed beyond their ILS competitive achievements to be considered for this award.

### **International Lifesaving Sport**

The Hall of Fame recognises those individuals and teams who have been involved in all or any significant facets of International lifesaving sports. Examples are active participation, refereeing and/or any general support activities involved in life saving sport. Eligible persons are Presidents, administrators, managers, directors, commissioners, convenors, committee members, secretaries and treasurers, athletes, team managers, team members, trainers, coaches, etc. This category also recognises those involved with the development of life saving sport at an international level. It is intended that individuals or teams must have contributed beyond their ILS competitive achievements to be considered for this award.

## **9. CRITERIA**

The following criteria are to be addressed in each nomination:

- 9.1. Nominations may only be for one category, however, evidence supporting the nomination covering activities relevant to the other categories should be provided and will be taken into consideration. It is important that the complete career of the nominee is put forward to permit a total assessment.
- 9.2. Nominees are to be in good standing with ILS and the respective Member Federation. Controversy should be avoided. For example, persons charged with using performance-enhancing drugs, having been disciplined for contravention of the code of ethics of ILS or their Member Federation, or who have been found guilty of criminal offences (whether connected with ILS or not) should not be nominated. Nominees under investigation will not be considered until all or any charges against them are cleared.
- 9.3. Nominations should draw names from a broad range of members or teams who have been, or are currently;
  - Past and present ILS office holders and administrators
  - Past and present office holders of Member Federations
  - Active/patrolling members
  - Rescue Services members/groups
  - Life saving support groups
  - Examiners/Trainers
  - Competitors
  - Competition Officials
  - Coaches
  - Advisors (e.g. medical, research, etc)
  - Outstanding individuals who have contributed significantly to ILS
- 9.4. Nominations must clearly demonstrate that individuals or teams have:
  - Displayed exceptional and sustained service to international lifesaving in the specific category
  - Achieved outstanding individual or team accomplishments which set the individual or team apart from other lifesavers, teams or administrators at an international level.
  - Displayed sustained excellence over a long period of time at an international level to the category for which they are nominated.

Any enquiries about the Lifesaving Hall of Fame should be directed to the Secretary General.