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## CLASS OF 2012 ANNOUNCED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MASTERS SWIMMING HALL OF FAME

**FORT LAUDERDALE** – The International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF) is proud to announce its class of inductees for 2012. The group of seven outstanding individuals will be inducted at the annual ceremony to be held Friday evening, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Sheraton at Four Seasons, in Greensboro, North Carolina, in conjunction with the United States Aquatic Sports Convention.

The prestigious IMSHOF class of 2012 includes four swimmers, two divers and one contributor from three different countries: the USA, Germany and Russia..

**CAROLINE BOAK** of the USA, has been in the Top 10 rankings 27 times, since 1978. She has set 19 long course and nine short course FINA Masters World Records in the I.M., freestyle and breaststroke. **BRIGITTE MERTEN** of Germany has 25 FINA Masters World Records, has been in the Top 10 for each of the 25 years. She has set 12 long course and 13 short course FINA Masters World Records, all in the I.M. **TIM BIRNIE, of the USA**, has set 28 FINA Masters World Records in freestyle and backstroke events- seven long course all in the 50-54 and 55-59 age group and 21 short course in the 40-44 thru 55-59 age group. **PAUL KRUP** of the USA, has appeared on the Top 10 list for 27 years from 1978 through 2005. He set 21 FINA Masters World Records in breaststroke and butterfly from 1986 to 1997 – four in long course and 17 short course.

USA Diver, **FREDRICK M. FOX** has been competing in Masters Diving for 30+ years, during which time he has won a total of 55 first places, 84 second places and 69 third places in competition. Fred has contributed to the sport as editor and publisher of the Masters Diving Newsletter for 11 years, founder and current editor of the *History Document* which is Masters diving's only official record keeping of results around the world in the sport. Fellow Diver, **RAISA GOROCHOVSKAYA** of Russia began her international competition at the 1992 World Masters Games in the 60-64 age group. In her eight international competitions, she has won seven gold and one silver in 1 meter, five gold, two silver and one bronze in 3 meter and seven gold and one silver on tower for a total of 19 gold, four silver and one bronze medals. Raisa is currently competing in the 70-74 age group.

**MEL GOLDSTEIN** of the USA, joins IMSHOF in the Contributor category. Mel served on the first FINA Masters Congress in 1994 in Montreal and again at the 2nd Congress in Sheffield, England in order to promote International Masters swimming competition worldwide. The first FINA International Masters Swimming Championships were held in Mel's hometown of Indianapolis in 1989 where he helped bring together MSI (Masters Swimming International) and FINA to discuss both Masters swimming development and the rules overseeing Masters competitions. Within a short time, FINA took over the Masters World Championships, which became known as the FINA Masters World Championships. Mel has served as Secretary and then President of USMS for eight years. During this time he served as the meet director of various national and international competitions. Mel is the first United States Masters Swimming representative to serve as an officer of United States Aquatic Sports (USAS), the National Governing Body for all United States Aquatic Sports, which is responsible to FINA, as their Treasurer. He is the author in the re-write of the "Masters Section" in Principles of YMCA Competitive Swimming and Diving and co-author of Swimming Past 50, a book designed to acquaint swimmers over the age of 50 with the many benefits of and innovations in swimming.

#### **About IMSHOF**

The purpose of the IMSHOF is to promote a healthy lifestyle, lifelong fitness and participation in adult aquatic programs by recognizing the achievements of individuals who serve as an example for others and who have participated in Masters programs through at least four different masters age groups. The IMSHOF is a division of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. For more information, please visit: [www.ishof.org](http://www.ishof.org)

#### **About ISHOF**

The International Swimming Hall of Fame, Inc. (ISHOF), established in 1965, is a not-for-profit educational organization located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA. Recognized by FINA, the International Olympic Committee's recognized governing body for the aquatic sports in 1968, its mission is to promote the benefits and importance of swimming as a key to fitness, good health, quality of life, and the water safety of all children and adults. For more information please visit <http://www.ishof.org>