



SWIMMING HALL OF FAME INDUCTION SET MAY 8;  
MICHAEL PHELPS TO APPEAR AT CEREMONY

FT. LAUDERDALE--Michael Phelps, Milorad Cavic, Rowdy Gaines, Greg Louganis are among the many great name in aquatic sports that will be at the 46<sup>TH</sup> annual International Hall Of Fame induction ceremony Saturday, May 8, the pinnacle four days of water sports activities here.

The induction ceremony will be held at the Harbour Beach Marriott Resort and Spa here. Ticket information can be found on the Hall of Fame's website at <http://www.ishof.org>. Or Call 954-462-6536. Festivities begin at 6 p.n

The 2010 induction honors the greatest names in swimming, diving, synchronized swimming and water polo.

This year's class includes include Honor Swimmers **Brooke Bennett** (USA), **Petria Thomas** (Australia) and **Franziska Van Almsick** (Germany); Honor Synchronized Swimmer, **Maria Kisseleva** (Russia); Honor Open Water Swimmer, **Paul Asmuth** (USA); Honor Swimming Coaches, **Murray Stephens** (USA) and **Tamas Szechy** (Hungary); Honor Pioneer Diver, **Larry Griswold** (USA); Honor Pioneer Swimmer, **Teofilo Yldefonso** (Philippines); and, Hono Contributor, **Cornel Marculescu** (Romania). **Dr. Guy Harvey** (Jamaica) will receive ISHOF's Gold Medallion Award as a former competitive swimmer who has achieved international recognition in another field. Previous recipients include President Ronald Reagan and local auto man Jim Moran.

Phelps, who is attending the ceremonies to help honor Murray Stephens, his first swimming coach, and the Olympian he beat for his seventh of eight medals in Beijing, Cavic are not eligible for being inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame because they are still swimming competitively. "You have to be retired from the sport for five years. I think we will be able to find room for Phelps when he retires," says Bruce Wigo, executive director of the International Hall of Fame. "We are excited that these two great competitors are taking time from their training schedules to be here for this weekend."

An important part of the gala night will be the silent auction featuring: both originals and prints hand signed by Dr. Guy Harvey, memorabilia signed by including Phelps, touching out Cavic for his seventh medal as captured by legendary Sports Illustrated photographer Heinz Kluetmeier. Proceeds of the photo go to the Michael Phelps Foundation, Cavic's Foundation to help orphaned children in Serbia.

Cavic is traveling from Italy to Ft. Lauderdale for this event not only to help honor the inductees, but to show his further support for the efforts of the ISHOF in promoting swimming and other water sports.

Proceeds from the dinner and the silent auction will go directly to the International Swimming Hall of Fame so we can further develop programs that encourage people to participate in all forms of water sports. A portion of funds from the sales of Dr. Guy Harvey paintings will support his Ocean's Foundation. "With honorees from the USA, Australia, Germany, Russia, Hungary, the Philippines and Romania, the Class of 2010 is as impressive and as internationally diverse as any in the history of ISHOF," said Wigo.

The International Swimming Hall of Fame Honoree Festival is a multi-day celebration of the enshrinement of the newest Hall of Fame Class. To be held in Fort Lauderdale, May 6 – 9, 2010 the festival includes a number of special public events featuring the Enshrinement Ceremony on Saturday evening, May 8, 2010. Other major public events include the AT&T USA Diving Grand Prix (all day, May 6 – May 9), the Hall of Fame open water swim (Saturday morning, May 8) and the Paragon Awards (Friday evening, May 7).

Also, ISHOF will also be conducting a conference for the Amateur Swimming Union of the Americas.