Nomination for the ISOH lifetime award

The ISOH lifetime award has been presented annually since 2005 to individuals who have dedicated their life’s work to the study of Olympic history. From 2022, all full ISOH members will be able to nominate candidates, from whom the winner will be chosen by an Award Committee.

Policy and Procedure

1. Individuals who have dedicated their life’s work to researching, communicating and/or disseminating Olympic history may be nominated for the ISOH lifetime award. Candidates may not nominate themselves.

2. Candidates must have demonstrated a significant or outstanding contribution to the research, communication and/or dissemination of Olympic history. For example, this may have been done through publications in print or digitally and includes but is not limited to documentation, exhibitions etc.

3. In principle, anyone who has made relevant contributions to Olympic history can be nominated, including those who are not members of ISOH.

4. Nominations must always be supported by a submission explaining why the candidate is considered suitable. This must be sent to the Secretary General by email (pdf, max 3 pages) by the deadline specified.

5. The ISOH lifetime award is presented once a year. Nominations will close on 15 July.

6. The Award Committee is responsible for the organisation of the awards and consists of nine members. It will comprise the current executive committee of the ISOH eligible to vote, namely president, vice-president, secretary general, treasurer, the three additional members of the executive committee, the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Olympic History and the IOC representative member.

7. The Award Committee will review all nominations and determine the winner by majority vote.
8. The ceremony to recognise the ISOH lifetime award winner will normally be made at the annual General Assembly at which the honoree will be invited to make a presentation on some aspect of Olympic history.

9. Members of the Award Committee, i.e. the Executive Committee of ISOH will not be eligible to receive the ISOH lifetime award whilst they are active members.

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