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International Volleyball Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2021 Announced

The class celebrates a wide range of volleyball history and accomplishments

HOLYOKE, Mass., June 23, 2021 - The International Volleyball Hall of Fame (IVHF) is proud to announce its induction class of 2021. This group spans a wide range of volleyball history and accomplishments and we are excited to recognize them for their legendary achievements.

The 35th Induction class includes nine honorees: four-time Olympian and two-time gold medal winner **Giovane Gavio** (Brazil); four-time Olympian, two-time gold and two-time silver medal winner **Sergio Dutra Santos** (Brazil); two-time Olympic gold medal winner **Taismary Agüero** (Cuba/Italy); six-time Olympian winning one gold, a silver, and two bronze medals **Sergey Tetyukhin** (Russia); three-time Olympian and gold medal winner **Clay Stanley** (USA); four-time Olympian and two-time silver medal winner **Logan Tom** (USA); three-time Olympian with one gold, one silver, and one bronze medal **Ricardo Santos** (Brazil); two-time Olympian and gold medal winner **Todd Rogers** (USA); and former President of the European Confederation and Second Executive Vice President of the FIVB **Andre Meyer** (Luxembourg) inducted as a leader.

“It is great to be opening up in the U.S. and it is even better that we will get to meet in-person later this year in Holyoke to honor this amazing Class of 2021” said IVHF President **Steve Bishop**, also the President of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball. “After a pause in 2020 due to the pandemic, we have expanded our 2021 class to recognize even more legends in our sport and continue this annual tradition. Welcoming the inductees to the Birthplace of Volleyball is a very memorable experience for them and a bucket list item that every volleyball enthusiast should experience in their life. On behalf of our board of directors, I congratulate this class for their outstanding contributions to our sport and I look forward to celebrating with them in October.”

While this is a larger class than normal, the IVHF Board of Directors and Induction Committee felt it was important to make up for not having an induction in 2020 to continue to honor the greats in our sport. All told, the IVHF has inducted 146 individuals from 24 countries into its historic Hall of Fame – those totals will rise to 155 inductees from 25 countries after the 2021 event.

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"This Class has been two years in the making and we are excited to be back again and celebrating the careers and legacies of these nine incredible Inductees." said IVHF Executive Director **George Mulry** in a live video message announcing the new Class. "This is going to be a truly remarkable Induction Celebration in October and I hope volleyball fans from all over will make the trip to Holyoke or tune-in to the live broadcast. It's going to be a very special event."

The 2021 International Volleyball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and events will take place in and around Holyoke, Mass., Oct. 15-16, 2021. Ticket packages are available online at VolleyHall.org/Induction-Celebration.

We encourage all volleyball enthusiasts to sign up to become a member of the IVHF through our new membership program which will provide you behind-the-scenes and exclusive content before, during and after Induction Weekend. For more information on the membership program, visit VolleyHall.org/memberships.

The International Volleyball Hall of Fame is a 501c3 nonprofit based in Holyoke, Mass., and is dedicated to preserving, honoring and promoting the game of volleyball at every level - men and women, amateur and professional players, coaches and contributors, both domestically and internationally. The IVHF was incorporated in 1978 and continues to create a diversely representative institution from a wide range of countries and disciplines. For more information on the induction events, please visit the Hall's website at www.VolleyHall.org or email info@volleyhall.org.

Included in this year's class are:

- **Andre Meyer (Luxembourg)** - A former referee and being inducted as a Contributor to the sport of volleyball, Andre Meyer served as the European Confederation President from 2001 - 2015 and also filled many roles at the FIVB, including Second Executive Vice President, Referee Commission President and Finance Commission President. He also received the FIVB Grand Cross Award, awarded to high-ranking and prominent figures in the sport world for their exceptional contribution to volleyball and beach volleyball.
- **Sergio (Brazil)** - Sergio Santos, known as Serginho or Escadinha, is a former male indoor Brazilian volleyball player who is known as one of the best liberos in volleyball history. He is a two-time Olympic Gold medalist and a two-time Olympic Silver medalist, finishing his career at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games after spending 15 years representing Brazil.
- **Giovane (Brazil)** - Giovane Gavio, known as Giovane, is a former Brazilian male indoor volleyball player who was a member of Brazil's national team that won gold at the 1992 and 2004 Olympic Games. An opposing outside hitter, Giovane helped lead Brazil to 17 gold, 6 silver, and 6 bronze medals in major tournaments throughout his career.
- **Ricardo (Brazil)** - Ricardo Santos, known as Ricardo, is a former male beach volleyball player from Brazil who won the silver medal at the 2000 Olympic Games with partner Ze Marco de Melo (Inducted 2019). Ricardo continued his Olympic success with partner Emanuel (Inducted 2016), winning the gold medal in 2004 in Athens and the bronze medal in 2008 in Beijing. Over his career, Ricardo earned 56 gold medals, 30 silver medals and 24 bronze medals on the FIVB World Tour.
- **Sergey Tetyukhin (Russia)** - Sergey Tetyukhin is a former Russian men's volleyball indoor player who participated in six Olympic Games over the course of his career, ending with four medals (two bronze, one silver, one gold). His six Olympic appearances are a record he shares with 2018 Inductee Yevgenia Artamanova Estes. At the club level, Tetyukhin won the CEV Championships four times and his teams came out on top of the Russian Championship an astounding 10 times.

- **Taismary Agüero (Cuba / Italy)** – Taismary Agüero is a former women’s indoor Cuban and Italian setter and opposite. Agüero won two Olympic gold medals in 1996 and 2000, FIVB World Cup titles in 1995 and 1999 and an FIVB World Championship in 1998. After gaining Italian citizenship in 2006, Agüero helped Italy claim two CEV Championships, being named the Most Valuable Player in 2007.
- **Logan Tom (United States)** – Logan Tom is a former women’s indoor player for the United States. She is a four-time Olympian helping the U.S. to two Olympic silver medals (2008 and 2012). At age 19, Logan became the youngest woman selected for an American Olympic volleyball team when she competed at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. Logan won 3 gold, 2 silver, and 4 bronze medals at the FIVB World Championships, FIVB World Cup, and FIVB World Grand Prix.
- **Todd Rogers (United States)** – Todd Rogers, nicknamed The Professor, is a former men’s beach volleyball player for the United States. Todd is a two-time Olympian winning gold at the 2008 Olympic Games. Rogers played 22 seasons on domestic and international tours with 349 events played highlighted by 80 overall titles and 149 top three finishes. Rogers and partner Phil Dalhausser rank second all-time among FIVB World Tour men’s teams in gold medals (23), medals (40) and final fours (44) and are the only American men’s team to win both Olympic (2008) and world (Gstaad 2007) titles.
- **Clay Stanley (United States)** – Clay Stanley is a former men’s indoor player from the United States. A three-time Olympian, Clay helped the U.S. Men’s team to the gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Games - being selected MVP, Best Scorer and Best Server. At the 2004 Olympics, Clay had 17 aces, which ranked second among all players in the tournament. He helped the U.S. to a silver medal at the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in 2005 and medaled three times at the FIVB World League with a gold, silver, and bronze finish.

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