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Individual support to ILS



ILS is all about the saving of lives from drowning all around the world. A devastating 400,000 people die per year from drowning which is one every minute. Anyone can help to reduce this terrible toll by sharing our beliefs and becoming part of our movement.

A person can become part of our worldwide family by becoming an Individual Member. An Individual Member is an entire part of the World Water Safety Movement and is recognised by ILS as such.

ILS has the following categories of Individual Members:

1. Governor of Lifesaving

The minimum qualification is a generous offer to provide advice and assistance to ILS, including assisting with future fundraising efforts, and a onetime contribution to ILS of € 50,000 (This may include earlier contributions). The Governor will be nominated by the ILS Chancellery and decided by majority vote of the ILS Board of Directors.

- The duration of membership is for life.
- Each Governor in Lifesaving will receive: a personalised Membership Card, a Membership Certificate presented in a luxury cover, an Award of Governor in Lifesaving.
- The Governor in Lifesaving will be listed in ILS Golden Book that is kept in the Lifesaving Hall of Fame at the ILS Headquarters.
- The Governor in Lifesaving will be invited to all Lifesaving World Championships (Rescue Series) and at the event the Governor will receive: in total 15 VIP accreditations, 40 invitations to the ILS Official Dinner, 4 breakfasts with the ILS President. The Governor will receive a special treatment and a Governor's Award/Decoration.
- The Governor in Lifesaving will have his/her name and picture presented in the bi-annual book of lifesaving during the term of membership.
- Additional benefits include a 10% discount on ILS Shop, a free subscription to the ILS

Newsletter, an appropriate amount of ILS promotional items.

2. Senator of Lifesaving

The minimum qualification is a generous offer to provide advice and assistance to ILS, including assisting with future fundraising efforts, and a onetime contribution to ILS of € 25,000 (This may include earlier contributions). The Senator will be nominated by the ILS Chancellery and decided by majority vote of the ILS Board of Directors.

- The duration of membership is for life.
- Each Senator in Lifesaving will receive: a personalised Membership Card, a Membership Certificate presented in a luxury cover, an Award of Senator in Lifesaving.
- The Senator in Lifesaving will be listed in ILS Golden Book that is kept in the Lifesaving Hall of Fame at the ILS Headquarters.
- The Senator in Lifesaving will be invited to all Lifesaving World Championships (Rescue Series) and at the event the Senator will receive: 12 VIP accreditations, 30 invitations to the ILS Official Dinner and three breakfasts with the ILS President. The Senator will receive a special treatment and a Senator's Award/Decoration
- Besides the above, the Senator in Lifesaving will have his/her name presented in the bi-annual book of lifesaving during the term of membership.
- Additional benefits include a 10% discount on ILS Shop, a free subscription to the ILS Newsletter, an appropriate amount of promotional items.

3. Protector of Lifesaving

The minimum qualification is a generous offer to provide advice and assistance to ILS, including assisting with future fundraising efforts, and a onetime contribution to ILS of € 10,000 (This may include earlier contributions). The Protector will be nominated by the ILS Chancellery and decided by majority vote of the ILS Board of Directors.

- The duration of membership is for life.
- Each Protector in Lifesaving will receive: a personalised Membership Card, a Membership Certificate presented in a luxury cover, an Award of Protector in Lifesaving, The Protector in Lifesaving will be listed in ILS Golden Book that is kept in the Lifesaving Hall of Fame at the ILS Headquarters.
- The Protector in Lifesaving will be invited to all Lifesaving World Championships (Rescue Series) and at the event the Protector will receive: 9 VIP accreditations, 20 invitations to the ILS Official Dinner, two breakfasts with the

ILS President. The Protector will receive a special treatment and a Protector's Award/Decoration.

- The Protector in Lifesaving will have his/her name presented in the bi-annual book of lifesaving during the term of membership.
- Additional benefits include a 10% discount on ILS Shop, a free subscription to the ILS Newsletter, an appropriate amount of promotional items.

4. Platinum Member of Lifesaving

The minimum qualification is a generous offer to provide advice and assistance to ILS, including assisting with future fundraising efforts, and a onetime contribution to ILS of € 5,000.

- The duration of membership is 25 years.
- Each Platinum Member in Lifesaving will receive: a personalised Membership Card, a Membership Certificate presented in a luxury cover, a Personalised souvenir from Lifesaving.
- The Platinum Member in Lifesaving will be listed in ILS Golden Book that is kept in the Lifesaving Hall of Fame at the ILS Headquarters.
- The Platinum Member in Lifesaving will be invited to all Lifesaving World Championships (Rescue Series) and at the event the Platinum Member will receive: 6 VIP accreditations, 12 invitations to the ILS Official Dinner and one breakfast with the ILS President. The Platinum Member will receive an ILS personalised souvenir at a special occasion.
- Besides he/she will have his/her name presented in the bi-annual book of lifesaving during the term of membership.
- Additional benefits include a 10% discount on ILS Shop, a free subscription to the ILS Newsletter, an appropriate amount of promotional items.

5. Gold Member of Lifesaving

The minimum qualification is a generous offer to provide advice and assistance to ILS, including assisting with future fundraising efforts, and a onetime contribution to ILS of € 1,000.

- The duration of membership is 10 years.
- Each Gold Member in Lifesaving will receive: a personalised Membership Card, a Membership Certificate presented in a luxury cover, a Personalised souvenir from Lifesaving.
- The Gold Member in Lifesaving will be listed in ILS Golden Book that is kept in the Lifesaving Hall of Fame at the ILS Headquarters.
- The Gold Member in Lifesaving will be invited to all Lifesaving World Championships

(Rescue Series) and at the event the Gold Member will receive: 2 VIP accreditations and 3 invitations to the ILS Official Dinner. He/she will have his/her name presented in the bi-annual book of lifesaving during the term of membership. The Gold Member will receive an ILS personalised souvenir at a special occasion.

- Additional benefits include a 10% discount on ILS Shop, a free subscription to the ILS Newsletter, an appropriate amount of promotional items.

6. Silver Member of Lifesaving

The minimum qualification is a generous offer to provide advice and assistance to ILS, including assisting with future fundraising efforts, and a onetime contribution to ILS of € 500.

- The duration of membership is 5 years.
- Each Silver Member in Lifesaving will receive: a personalised Membership Card, a Membership Certificate presented in a luxury cover, a Personalised souvenir from Lifesaving.
- The Silver Member in Lifesaving will be listed in ILS Golden Book that is kept in the Lifesaving Hall of Fame at the ILS Headquarters.
- The Silver Member in Lifesaving will be invited to all Lifesaving World Championships (Rescue Series) and at the event the Silver Member will receive: 2 VIP accreditations and 3 invitations to the ILS Official Dinner. The Silver Member will receive an ILS personalised souvenir.
- He/she will have his/her name presented in the bi-annual book of lifesaving during the term membership.
- Additional benefits include a 10% discount on ILS Shop, a free subscription to the ILS Newsletter, an appropriate amount of promotional items.

7. Bronze Member of Lifesaving

The minimum qualification is a generous offer to provide advice and assistance to ILS, including assisting with future fundraising efforts, and a onetime contribution to ILS of € 100.

- The duration of membership is 2 years.
- Each Bronze Member in Lifesaving will receive a personalised Membership Card.
- The Bronze Member in Lifesaving will be listed in ILS Golden Book that is kept in the Lifesaving Hall of Fame at the ILS Headquarters.

- He/she will have his/her name presented in the bi-annual book of lifesaving during the term of membership.
- Additional benefits include a 10% discount on ILS Shop, a free subscription to the ILS Newsletter, an appropriate amount of promotional items.

BECOME A DONOR

One can also support the work of ILS by simply giving a donation. The ILS donation form can be requested at the ILS headquarters: ils.hq@pandora.be

World Water Safety 2007 Conference

The first ILS World Water Safety (WWS) Conference will be held on 27, 28 and 29 September 2007 in Porto, Portugal. The hosts of WWS 2007 are the Instituto de Socorros a Náufragos (ISN) and the Associação de Nadadores Salvadores (ASNASA), both member federations of ILS.



WWS 2007 follows on the resounding success of the World Congress on Drowning 2002 in Amsterdam and the ILS International Medical Rescue Conference in 1997 in San Diego.

The purpose of WWS 2007 is to bring together the world's foremost experts, systems and information for exchange, debate and further development that will lead to reduction of death and injury in all aquatic environments worldwide.

The WWS 2007 will have two major events associated and simultaneous, one is the Conference and the other is the International Water Safety Exhibition of lifesaving products, services and information.

The working topics of the conference are:

International Organisations in Drowning Prevention

- a. ILS and its activities
- b. Linking international organisations in drowning prevention

Research in lifesaving - developing the plan

- a. Does water safety education save lives?
- b. Does teaching swimming save lives?
- c. Does lifeguarding save lives?
- d. Fitness standards for lifeguards
- e. Evaluation of the World Congress on Drowning 2002 and the Handbook on Drowning 2005
- f. Other priority questions on a long list that is currently being prioritised

Expanding youth involvement in lifesaving

- a. Encouraging the participation of young people in water safety and lifesaving
- b. How should young people become involved in decision making?

New and emerging lifesaving organisations

- a. Getting started; organisation, people, activity and results for sustainability Workshops for the new organizations leading to growth and development.
- b. Orientation for new member federations.
- c. Development research.
- d. Leadership skills workshop(s).
- e. Volunteering by social and/or humanitarian interests.
- f. Global comparison of different models of lifesaving strategy.

World Drowning Report – measuring and estimating the burden

- a. What is the current state of knowledge for drowning death estimations and tabulations”
- b. Estimate of the World Drowning Global Burden
- c. What are the barrier issues to be overcome or modified?

Total Life Saving Service Plan

- a. Educate and inform: increase knowledge through public education and awareness
- b. Provide warnings and prevent access: promote safe aquatic environments
- c. Increase survival skills: promote acquisition of water safety and personal survival skills
- d. Provision of lifesaving services: where required

Child and adolescent drowning prevention

- a. Does the teaching of water safety and swimming reduce the incidence of death by drowning?
- b. Do adults know best?

Public water safety communication and information systems

- a. Signs and symbols the international language.
- b. Communication and education leading to behavioural change.
- c. What really works – do we know?

Teaching and formation of quality in water safety in Portuguese speaking nations

To know the SINQSalvA plans in the Porto Metropolitan Area; Visit the SinQSalvA Matosinhos.

Aquatic specific issues

- a. Resuscitation – Guidelines 2005
- b. ILS Position Statement on Aquatic Disasters
- c. Water Safety as a mandatory condition of quality tourism in aquatic environments

The WWS 2007 Conference aims to involve a wide range of persons interested in the cause of Saving Lives Worldwide: Prevention, Rescue and Treatment, from professional groups to volunteers which are engaged in lifesaving and drowning prevention projects.

For those interested in participating in the Conference as a Delegate or as a Speaker or both, please register on-line at the Conference Website: www.worldwatersafety.com

RLSS National Drowning Report



265 Australians lost their lives in drowning related incidents last year according to the Royal Life Saving Society Australia's 2006 National Drowning Report released at Parliament House Canberra on October 12th 2006. This figure is a reduction on the five year average by 9 deaths, but it is 6 more deaths than last year.

“The clear message from this year's drowning figures is that you can not be complacent when around any water, with nearly one third of drowning deaths occurring away from the coast”

said Rob Bradley Chief Executive Officer Royal Life Saving Society Australia.

"Royal Life Saving's campaign of 'EVERYONE CAN BE A LIFESAVER' is working towards ensuring that all Australians are safe at every location where there is a possibility of drowning", said Bradley. "Royal Life Saving is dedicated to turning everyday people into everyday community lifesavers." Royal Life Saving has a number of programs that give everyday Australian's the skills through education, training, health promotion, risk management, advocacy, sport and participation and research.

The EVERYONE CAN BE A LIFESAVER campaign was officially launched today at Parliament House Canberra along with the 2006 National Drowning Report by Minister for Sport, Senator Rod Kemp. The event also included Keep Watch ambassador, ex-Olympian and parent Samantha Riley speaking about the importance of water safety.

In the past year 220 (83%) males and 45 (17%) females drowned in water ways in Australia, making males 4 times more likely than females to drown. The variety of locations where Australians drowned last year makes preventing drowning deaths a complex issue, however there are a number of effective strategies already available.

With 10 people drowning while attempting to transverse a flooded roadway, Royal Life Saving is asking people to adhere to warning signs. It is important to know local conditions, try to avoid roads prone to flooding during wet conditions and check local radio for updates when it has been raining or there is a threat of flooding.

Australians aged over 55 years were one section of the community where there was a sharp increase in the number of persons who drowned last year with 70 people drowning. This figure accounts for 26% of all drowning deaths.

A positive aspect highlighted by the 2006 National Drowning Report is the 32% reduction on the five year average of drowning in the 6-14 age group which was 8 less drowning compared with the previous year. "There is still much work to be done to achieve the target of zero drowning deaths in this age group," said Bradley. "All children can work towards becoming everyday community lifesavers by learning water safety skills through the Royal life Saving Swim and Survive Program."

Facts at a glance:

- 265 people drowned in Australia in the 2005-06 financial year.
- 220 of the people were male (83%), 45 were female (17%).
- One-third of all drowning deaths occurred in lakes, dams and lagoons away from the coast.
- The main known activities people were undertaking immediately prior to drowning were swimming/leisure activity (80 deaths). Followed by falling into the water (56 deaths).
- 10 people drowned while crossing flooded waterways.
- In the over 55 age group 70 people drowned, this is a 10% increase on the five year average.
- There were 37 deaths in the 0-4 year age group, which is a 4% increase (36 to 37) on the five year average. The majority of these deaths (13) were in backyard swimming pools and bathtubs (9).
- State/Territory drowning figures:
 - ACT: 0 drowning deaths
 - NSW: 102 drowning deaths (85 male, 17 female)
 - NT: 5 drowning deaths (4 male, 1 female)
 - QLD: 54 drowning deaths (45 males, 9 females)
 - SA: 19 drowning deaths (14 males, 5 females)
 - TAS: 11 drowning deaths (11 males, 0 females)
 - VIC: 41 drowning deaths (33 males, 8 females)
 - WA: 33 drowning deaths (28 males, 5 females)

More information about last years drowning deaths can be found in The National Drowning Report 2006 at www.royallifesaving.com.au

Surf lifesavers promote Australia in USA



As part of a partnership between Surf Life Saving Australia and Tourism Australia, four surf lifesavers are helping promote Australia to US travellers through the 'G'day USA' campaign. These surf lifesavers departed Australia on

Tuesday 9 January 2007 ahead of a two-week program of events that will focus primarily on promoting Australia's strong beach culture and the Year of the Surf Lifesaver.

Chris Giles, SLSA's National Development Manager says the four are all graduates of SLSA's national leadership program and have been selected based on their skills to promote SLSA and act as ambassadors.

"These four young people are also at a stage in their personal and leadership development where they will really benefit from the experience," he says.

During this campaign, the surf lifesavers will participate in a number of events including a black tie gala dinner with key businessman & Australian celebrities in Los Angeles; a number of cultural exchange days; and a Ford Model of the Year fashion event in New York promoting Australian designers.

Their key role will be to highlight the imagery of surf lifesaving and to promote Australia's beach lifestyle.

"During these events, our members will be asked to engage with the media and with other guests and dignitaries in promoting Australia's beaches and surf lifesavers," Giles says. "They will also be engaged in a range of media based activities with key US programs such as the Today Show and Entertainment Tonight.

"This footage will receive broad coverage both within the US and Australia and will provide a fantastic opportunity to showcase Surf Life Saving and surf lifesavers." This opportunity will benefit SLSA not only through the increased media exposure, but also in skilling and supporting our future leaders and ambassadors.

"Upon their return, these four members have agreed to continue to use their skills and act as ambassadors for Surf Life Saving back in Australia as well as acting as mentors for our younger members.

Picture shows SLSA's four ambassadors for the 'G'Day USA' promotion: Luke O'Garey, Nathan Sparke, Ellie Pietsch and Claire Parry.

For more information, contact Chris Giles, National Development Manager SLSA

Source: <http://www.slsa.asn.au>

Iranian president rewards lifesavers

The members of the Iranian Lifesaving and Diving Federation and the national lifesaving team met Dr. Mahmoud Ahmadi Nezhad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran. In this meeting, the President of Iran expressed his appreciation to the role of the federation and granted 40 gold coins to each member of the lifesaving team.



The Iranian Federation has indeed done a fantastic job in developing lifesaving and resuscitation techniques in Iran and in the countries surrounding Iran. The federation also put great attention to lifesaving development for women.

The federation is presided over by H.E. Seyed Mostafa Agha Mirsalim MSc – Former Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance of Iran and current Patron of ILS.

Mr. Behrooz Esfandiari, BA is the Vice-President and is a member of the ILS Rescue Committee and a co-opted member of the ILS Development Committee.

Maryam Saheb Alzamani is a member of the Board of Directors of the Federation and a member of the ILS Equity and Diversity Committee and is doing an outstanding job in promoting lifesaving for women.

Mr. Habib Khomjani is the Secretary General of Lifesaving Department and Amir Rashidi is the Secretary of the Diving Department.

The Iranian Federation became member of F.I.S. in 1963. In 1974, the name of the "Iran Lifesaving Organisation" changed to "Iran Lifesaving Federation" with highly new and further responsibilities. Mr. Nasiri was appointed as a first President of this new lifesaving body. The federation is full member of ILS and also full member of CMAS.

Lifesaving Sport

Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships

Over 150 elite and highly skilled lifesavers from around Australia set the scene in a tough competition for the title of lifesaving team of the year at the 2007 Australian Pool Lifesaving championships in Perth.



New South Wales narrowly beat Queensland thus retaining their title as National Champions in Pool Lifesaving for the fifth successive year after a close contest throughout the four days of competition. The Victorian team finished third followed by South Australia in fourth place.

Concluding on the weekend, the Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships are an annual event conducted by Royal Life Saving. Events held at the Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships determine the competitor's ability in lifesaving with events simulating real situations which a lifesaver could encounter.

Competing in events including manikin tow and rescue, line throw, and obstacle relay competitors have had the opportunity to display their skills as they vie for a place on the Royal Life Saving National Squad.

The dominance of the NSW team was cemented with two competitors representing NSW named Male and Female Lifesaver of the Year. The accolades went to Mitchell Hartman and Jenny Whitely.

The Championships also served as the final event of the Lifesaving Grand Prix Series conducted by Royal Life Saving. The first two events of the

series were held in 2006 in Sydney (June) and Adelaide (November). Prize money of \$1000 was awarded to the overall Male and Female Grand Prix Championship winners from the series, a world first for the sport of pool lifesaving. The winners of these prizes as overall champions of the Grand Prix Series were Chris Timms (WA) and Felysia Konakoff (NSW).

The Junior Aussie Barra team was selected from the performances at the Lifesaving Championships. This team will represent Australia as a development team at the Arafura Games to be held in Darwin during May 2007. Under 19 Lifesavers were vying for a place on the 'Silver Aussie Barra's' team which will attend a development camp in preparation for further international competition.

Full competition results can be found at www.royallifesaving.com.au

For further information or interviews please contact Penny Hodggers, National Sport Development Officer or Natasha Fyles, National Media Officer

Source: <http://www.royallifesaving.com.au/>

Military Lifesaving World Championships 2007



Under the Patronage of the International Military Sports Council (CISM), the Canadian CISM Member will organise the 42nd Military Lifesaving World Championships in the prairie city of Winnipeg, Manitoba. This competition will have both pool and beach events that ILS is convinced that it will appeal to all military athletes and coaches.

The 17th Wing Winnipeg is the host. The pool events will take place in the city of Winnipeg and the beach events on the lakeside Town of Gimli.

General Programme

14 June 2007: Arrival of the Participants
15 June 2007: Preliminary Meeting, Pool Events Training, Opening Ceremony
16-17 June 2007: Competition - Pool
18 June 2007: Beach Events Training
19-20 June 2007: Competition - Beach
21 June 2007: Cultural Day, Closing Ceremony, Closing Banquet
22 June 2007: Departure of all Participants

Participation

Participation is only possible through the Military organisation of your country. They however should be member of CISM. To be eligible to compete, athletes must satisfy their country's Life Saving Authority's membership requirements. Competitors must have fulfilled that country and club membership requirements for at least 1 year immediately prior to the event.

Civilian Canadian National Lifesaving Championships

This competition will be held in conjunction with the Canadian Civilian Lifesaving Championships. These Canadian civilian teams will not directly compete against CISM teams. Any participating civilian teams will be seeded in separate heats and will be ranked separately from CISM rankings.

OBITUARIES

Anna Venter (South Africa)

It is with sadness we have to announce that Ms Anna Venter passed away after a long struggle with cancer on Wednesday 3 January 2007 in Bloemfontein, South Africa.



Anna was born in Rustenburg and attended school there where she developed an interest in sport. Later as a student at the Potchefstroom

University among Anna's many activities and sports she excelled in Lifesaving and Hockey.

After graduating, Anna taught at Kroonstad Agricultural High School where her extra curricular activities included Swimming and Hockey. Since moving to Kroonstad in 1972 she has been a member of Aqua Lifesaving Club and been a driving force in Free State Lifesaving, serving in many positions including Coach and Manager.

Anna gained National Lifesaving Colours in 1978 and competed in Germany. She was later appointed Coach of the National team. Lately she has competed in Masters and taken her Club team to Rescue 94 in Cardiff and Newque (United Kingdom), Rescue 96 in Durban (South Africa),

Rescue 98 in Auckland (New Zealand), Rescue 2000 in Sydney (Australia), Rescue 2002 in Daytona and Orlando (USA). Unfortunately she missed Rescue 04 in Viareggio (Italy) when she was diagnosed with cancer. However she attended Rescue 06 in Geelong and Lorne (Australia) again, but unfortunately due to her illness she could not compete, however she was able to manage her club team.

As Stillwater Competitions Director for many years Anna ran many successful National Stillwater Championships, introduced "open water" lifesaving events to still water lifesaving and assisted with compilation of the first competition manual for Lifesaving South Africa. She also ran the first Stillwater officials course in Kroonstad. In 1992 she was elected Director of Lifesaving where she initiated the new awards structure.

Anna was the recipient of South African Lifesaving Honours Award and the Meritorious Service Award for her contributions to the lifesaving.

Lifesaving South Africa lost a great friend, a remarkable person and a very dedicated person who has put her work and lifesaving as a top priority of her short life.

The International Lifesaving Federation sends their sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Dan Moon (Canada)



The ILS Headquarters received the sad news that Dan Moon from Lifesaving Society Canada passed away. Taken far too young and after an impressive and long journey with

cancer, Dan Moon passed away on Sunday January 7.

Dan was a great man. He chaired the first of the Rescue Series Events – Rescue 86. He was the British Columbia & Yukon Branch President in the 1980s. His wife Rose was the Executive Director.

He was a very dedicated friend of lifesaving, a teacher, lawyer, judge and terrific fellow. He will be greatly missed. ILS sends the most sincere condolences to his wife Rose and his family and friends.

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