



DR. PAUL HAUCH



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Inducted as Builder in 1990

Dr. Paul Hauch was born the son of a missionary in Tokyo, Japan, on December 27, 1903. After residing in Japan for 11 years, he lived in various places in Canada and Ontario. After his demobilization from a Canadian M.A.S.H. unit, in which he served as a major, he took up permanent residency in London, Ontario, in 1945. Here he spent the remainder of his life dedicated to his private practice as a physician.

His involvement in swimming began in 1947 with the founding of the London "Y" Aquatic Club. Along with coaching a competitive swim team, he also became associated with other amateur sports. However, his favourite sport was competitive swimming, which he became involved in from the local to the international level. As a coach, Dr. Paul Hauch developed swimmers who won many National and International medals, including Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame members Louise Kennedy and Marilyn Corson. Other swimmers of prominence included Bill Kennedy, Sandra Dowler and Peter Fowler.

Dr. Hauch's ability did not lie only in coaching. He was Manager and Physician of the 1956 Canadian Olympic Swim Team in Melbourne, and the Physician of the Olympic Teams to Japan in 1964 and Mexico in 1968. Other volunteer roles included President and Secretary of both Swim Ontario and Swimming Canada, Vice President of A.S.U.A., Director and Vice President of the Canadian Olympic Association, a member of the Technical Swimming Committee of F.I.N.A., an elected member of the F.I.N.A. Bureau and Honorary Secretary of F.I.N.A..

His greatest impact on the international level was, perhaps, when he defended the right of foreign-born Canadians to represent Canada at Olympic Games. Being himself born outside Canada must have been a strong factor in his successful pursuit of this matter.

Without doubt the most significant contribution Dr. Paul Hauch made to Canadian swimming was Swim-A-Thon. In the mid-sixties he realized that for competitive swimming to survive a fundraising vehicle had to be found. His Swim-A-Thon idea was presented to the National Association which adopted and implemented the program in 1968. Since then, this program has continued to be an excellent fundraiser for the swim clubs in support of swimmer development.

Dr. Paul Hauch's involvement in swimming lasted more than thirty years. His impact on the sport from the local to the international level was without equal. He died on March 22, 1981 in Orlando,