

**Congratulations to Eldon Godfrey
Recipient of the 2011 R. Max Ritter Award
Presented by United States Aquatic Sports**



Eldon Godfrey has been a prolific leader in aquatic sports for over 35 years. He has dedicated himself to the sport of diving as a manager, official and program developer. Eldon was instrumental in organizing the University of Calgary Diving Club in 1973, along with his wife Carlie Jean. He has served as a diving official and referee at the National and International level and has served at every Olympic Games since 1984. He was elected as a member of the FINA Bureau in 1996 and served through 2009; he is now an Honorary Member of the FINA Bureau. Eldon was elected President of UNION AMERICANA DE NATACION in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil during the UANA

Congress held in conjunction with 2007 Pan American Games. During the four years prior to his election he served as its Secretary-Treasurer. He has served as President of the University of Calgary Diving Club, President of the Canadian Amateur Diving Association, President of the Aquatic Federation of Canada, and as a Director of the International Swimming Hall of Fame. Eldon Godfrey has received numerous awards and honors including a recipient of the FINA Gold Pin in 1996 and was inducted into Canada's Olympic Hall of Fame in 2003. In addition to receiving the 2011 Max Ritter Award, he will be inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honor Contributor on May 12, 2012, in Fort Lauderdale.





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The R. Max Ritter Award

The R. Max Ritter Award is donated by the Ritter Family and is presented annually by United States Aquatic Sports to the organization or individual of a FINA member country who has contributed the most to the advancement of understanding and good will among nations through international participation in amateur aquatic sports. Past recipients of this award are listed below:

2011	Eldon Godfrey
2010	Francisco Javier López Chaves
2009	Bartolo Consolo
2007	Coarcy Nunes Filho
2006	Tom Gompf
2005	Orban Mendoza
2003	Gerald T. Olson
2001	Hironoshin Furuhashi
2000	Lynn Bates
1999	Julio Maglione
1998	Carol Zaleski
1997	Allen B. Richardson, MD
1996	Klaus van de Pol
1995	Billy Payne
1992	Spanish Swim Federation
1991	Ross Wales
1990	Mustapha Larfaoui
1989	William Lippman
1988	Robert H. Helmick
1987	Dr. John A Bogert
1986	Javier Ostos Mora
1985	David Jay Flood
1984	Jan Armburst
1983	Masaji Kiyokawa
1982	Buck Dawson
1981	Pat Besfort
1980	Dr. James E. Counsilman
1979	Deutscher Schwim-Verband
1978	Douglas F. Roby
1977	Yugoslav Swim Federation
1976	Dr. Harold W. Henning