The ITTF Hall of Fame

The International Table Tennis Hall of Fame was established in 1993 to recognize and honor players who distinguished themselves by their outstanding play and contribution to the sport of Table Tennis throughout the world.

ITTF Hall of Fame Chairman, the late Jimmy McClure (USA) was the driving force for the founding of the Hall of Fame, originally proposed in 1991 to ITTF President Ichiro Ogimura. Eligibility for the highest honor in international Table Tennis requires that the player must have won 5 Gold Medals in World Championships or the Olympic Games.

To date 46 players and 3 officials have been enshrined in the Hall. Eligibility is reviewed every 2 years, with induction ceremonies and banquet held at the World Championships. Following are the honorees along with their career statistics, arranged alphabetically. For additional photos, with members grouped by year of induction, please visit:  http://www.ittf.com/museum/HoF/index.html

Ivan ANDREADIS (Czechoslovakia)  
1924-1992  
27 World Championship medals: (9,10,8)  
4-time Doubles World Ch: 1949,51,55,57  
2-time World Championship finalist (1951,53) & 6-time semifinalist  
12-time Czech Champion  
ITTF Hall of Fame (1995)

Victor BARNA (Hungary)  
1911-1972  
40 World Championship medals: (22,7,11)  
5-time World Singles Champion 1930,32,33,34,35  
8-time World Doubles Ch: 1929-1935,1939  
Mixed Doubles World Ch: 1932,35  
English Open Ch: 1933,34,35,37,38  
1993 Charter member of the ITTF Hall of Fame

Laszlo BELLAK (Hungary)  
1911-2006  
21 medals at World Championships: (7,9,5)  
3-time Singles Finalist: 1928,30,34  
World Mixed Doubles Ch: 1938 English Open Ch: 1928  
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Richard BERGMANN (Austria) 1918-1970
22 World Championship medals: (7,6,9)
World Singles Champion: 1937,39,48,50
World Doubles Ch: 1939
English Open Ch: 1939,40,48,50,52,53,54
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Brilliant defensive player

CAO Yanhua (China) 1962 -
11 World Championship medals: (7,2,2)
World Champion: 1983,85
World Doubles Ch: 1981 Mixed Doubles World Ch: 1985
ITTF Hall of Fame (2001)

DENG Yaping (China) 1973 -
14 World Championship medals: (9,0,5)
World Champion: 1991,95,97
World Doubles Ch: 1989,95
4 Olympic Gold Medals: 1988,1992
Pro Tour Grand Finals Ch: 1996
ITTF Hall of Fame (2003), Asian Ch: 1994

Fujie EGUCHI (Japan) 1933 –
16 World Championship medals: (6,5,5)
World Champion: 1957, Finalist: 1959
World Mixed Doubles Ch: 1957,59
English Open Ch: 1957 Japan Ch: 1954,56
Asian Games: Doubles & Mixed Doubles Ch: 1958
ITTF Hall of Fame (1997)

Gizi FARKAS (Hungary) 1925-1997
28 World Championship medals: (10,9,9)
World Champion: 1947,48,49
World Doubles Ch: 1947,49,53
World Mixed Doubles Ch: 1947,49,50,54
4 Euro Ch. medals: (3,0,1)
ITTF Hall of Fame (1995)
GE Xinai (China) 1953-
9 World Championship medals: (5,1,3)
World Champion: 1979
World Mixed Doubles Ch: 1979
ITTF Hall of Fame (2003)

GUO Yuehua (China) 1956-
11 World Championship medals: (6,4,1)
World Champion: 1981,83
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Asian Ch: 1978
World Cup Ch: 1980,82

Nobuhiko HASEGAWA (Japan)
1947-2005
10 World Championship medals: (5,2,3)
World Champion: 1967
ITTF Hall of Fame (2001)
Asian Ch: 1968,70,72,74

JIANG Jialiang (China) 1964-
10 World Championship medals: (5,3,2)
World Champion: 1985,87
ITTF Hall of Fame (2001)
Asian Ch: 1986
World Cup Ch: 1984

Peter KARLSSON (Sweden) 1969-
7 World Championship medals: (5,1,1)
World Doubles Ch: 1991
ITTF Hall of Fame (2003)
10 Euro Ch. medals: (5,1,4) Euro Champion: 2000
I. Stephen KELEN (Hungary) 1912-2003

14 World Championship medals
World Mixed Doubles Ch: 1933
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Marie KETTNEROVA (Czechoslovakia) 1911-1998

23 World Championship medals: (6,5,12)
World Champion: 1933,35
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Johnny LEACH (England) 1922-

16 World Championship medals: (2,5,8)
World Champion: 1949,51
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LI Furong (China) 1943-

11 World Championship medals: (4,4,3)
3-time World Ch. Finalist: 1961,63,65
ITTF Hall of Fame (1999)

LI Ju (China) 1976-

World Doubles Champion: 1999, 2001
Olympics: Gold, Doubles; Silver, Singles: 2000
Pro Tour: winner of 7 Singles, 6 Doubles titles
Pro Tour Grand Finals: 1 Singles, 3 Doubles titles
World Cup winner: 2000
ITTF Hall of Fame (2005)
LIANG Geliang (China)  1950-

13 World Championship medals: (6,3,4)
ITTF Hall of Fame (2001)
Asian Ch: 1976
An early exponent of the combination bat

LIN Huiqing (China)  1941-

8 World Championship medals: (5,3,0)
World Singles Champion: 1971
World Doubles Ch: 1965, 1971
World Mixed Doubles Ch: 1971
ITTF Hall of Fame (1999)

LIU Guoliang (China)  1976-

11 World Championship medals: (6,3,2)
World Champion Singles: 1999
4 Olympic medals: 2 Gold 1996; silver, bronze: 2000
World Cup 1996; Pro Tour Grand Finals Champion: 1999

LIU Wei (China)  1969-

9 World Championship medals: (5,1,3)
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World Doubles Ch: 1993
World Mixed Doubles Ch: 1991,93,95

Kimiyo MATSUZAKI (Japan)  1938-

10 World Championship medals: (7,2,1)
World Champion: 1959,63
World Doubles Ch: 1963 Mixed Doubles Ch: 1961
Japan Ch: 1958,59,62
Jimmy McClure (USA)  1916-2005

7 World Championship Medals:  (5,0,2)
World Doubles Champion:  1936,37,38
World Team Champion:  1937
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Zoltan Mechlovits (Hungary)
1891-1951

11 World Championship medals:  (6,2,3)
World Singles Champion:  1928
World Mixed Doubles Ch:  1926,28
1993 Charter member of the ITTF Hall of Fame
Penholder with large wood blade

Maria Mednyanszky (Hungary)
1901-1979

28 World Championship medals: (18,6,4)
5-time World Champion:  1926,28,29,30,31
7-time World Doubles Ch:  1928,1930-34
6-time Mixed Doubles World Ch:  1926,28,30,31,33,34
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Ichiro Ogimura (Japan)  1932-1994

20 World Championship medals: (12,5,3)
World Singles Champion:  1954, 1956
Men's Doubles World Ch:  1956,59
3-time Mixed Doubles World Ch:  1957,59,61
8 Asian Ch titles. Asian Ch:  1960 English Open Ch:  1959
ITTF President (1987-1994)
ITTF Hall of Fame (1997)

Jörgen Persson (Sweden)  1966-

10 World Championship medals: (5,4,1)
World Singles Champion:  1991
14 Euro Ch. medals: (9,1,4) Euro Champion:  1986
Euro Top-12 Ch:  1992
World Cup Ch:  1991
ITTF Hall of Fame (2003)
QIAO Hong (China)  1969-
9 World Championship medals: (5,3,1)
Olympics Gold: Doubles 1992, 1996;
Olympic: Silver 1992, Bronze 1996
World Doubles Cup: 1992
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Angelica ROZEANU (Romania)
1921-2006
30 World Championship medals: (17,5,8)
World Singles Champion: 1950,51,52,53,54,55
World Doubles Ch: 1953,55,56
World Mixed Doubles Ch: 1951,52,53
7 Euro Ch medals: (2,3,3)
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Ferenc SIDO (Hungary)
1923-1998
26 World Championship medals: (9,9,8)
World Champion 1953
World Doubles Ch: 1950,53
Mixed Doubles World Ch: 1949,50,52,53
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Anna SIPOS (Hungary)
1908-1988
21 World Championship medals: (11,6,4)
World Champion: 1932,33
6-time World Doubles Ch: 1930-35
World Mixed Doubles Ch: 1929,32,35
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Ladislav STIPEK (Czechoslovakia)
1925-1998
19 World Championship medals: (5,7,7)
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3-time World Doubles Ch: 1948,55,57
Euro Doubles Ch: 1958
Czech Ch: 1955,57
Miklos SZABADOS (Hungary) 1912-1962
23 World Championship medals: (15,6,2)
World Champion (1931)
6-time World Doubles Ch: 1929-1932,34,35
Mixed Doubles World Ch: 1930,31,34
English Open Ch: 1931,32
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Toshiaki TANAKA (Japan) 1935-1998
9 World Championship medals: (5,2,2)
World Champion: 1955,57
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Japan Champion: 1955,56,57

Frantisek TOKAR (Slovakia)
13 World Championship Medals: (5,2,3)
World Doubles Champion: 1949
Swaythling Cup team Ch: 1947,48,50,51
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Bohumil VANA (Czechoslovakia) 1920-1989
30 World Championship medals: (13,10,7)
World Singles Champion: 1938,47
3-time World Doubles Ch: 1947,48,51
3-time Mixed Doubles World Ch: 1937,39,51
English Open Ch: 1946
5-time Czech Champion
1993 Charter member of the ITTF Hall of Fame

Vera VOTRUBCOVA (Czechoslovakia)
12 World Championship Medals: (6,2,4)
World Doubles Champion: 1937,38
World Mixed Doubles Champion: 1937,38,39
1993 Charter member ITTF Hall of Fame
Jan-Ove WALDNER (Sweden) 1965-

15 World Championship medals: (6,7,2)
World Singles Champion: 1989,97
20 Euro Ch. medals: (10,5,5) Euro Champion: 1996
7-time Euro Top 12 Champion: 1984,86,88,89,93,95,96
World Cup Ch: 1990 ITTF Hall of Fame (2003)

WANG Liqin (China) 1978-

14 World Championship Medals: (9,2,3)
Olympic Gold, Doubles: 2000; Bronze: Singles 2004
Pro Tour: 20 Singles titles, 18 Doubles titles
Pro Tour Grand Finals: 3 Singles and 3 Doubles titles

WANG Nan (China) 1978-

19 World Championship Medals (14,3,2)
Pro Tour Winner: 16 Singles, 14 Doubles
ITTF Hall of Fame (2003)

WANG Tao (China) 1967-

10 World Championship Medals (7,2,1)
World Doubles Champion: 1993,95
World Mixed Doubles: 1991,93,95
ITTF Hall of Fame: 2003

Ella ZELLER (Romania) 1933-

16 World Championship medals: (7,1,8)
World Doubles Ch: 1955,56
5 Euro Ch. medals: (1,2,2) Euro Doubles Ch: 1958
ITTF Hall of Fame (1995)
ZHANG Xielin (China)  1940-
8 World Championship medals: (4,2,2)
World Doubles Ch: 1963
World Mixed Doubles Ch: 1971
ITTF Hall of Fame (2001)

ZHANG Yining (China)  1981-
14 World Championship Medals (8,2,4)
World Singles Champ: 2005
Olympics Gold 2004, Singles and Doubles
Pro Tour: Winner of 21 Singles, 17 Doubles titles
Doubles: 2004, 2006
ITTF Hall of Fame (2005)

ZHANG Zedong  (China)  1942-
13 World Championship medals: (8,2,3)
3-time World Champion: 1961,63,65
World Doubles Ch: 1965
ITTF Hall of Fame (1999)

Officials/Contributors

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1909-1998                                      1908-1993
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ITTF President                           ITTF Hon. Sec'y

Ivor Montagu (ENG)                      A.K.Vint (ENG)
1904-1984                                      1908-1993
Hall of Fame 1995                       Hall of Fame 1997
ITTF President                           ITTF Hon. Sec'y