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**MONACO WORLD SPORTS LEGENDS AWARD 2022**

**The Oscars of Sport**

**Friday 16 and Saturday 17 December in the Principality of Monaco**

The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the prestigious Monaco World Sports Legends Award, the Oscars of Sport, will take place on **Friday 16 (Media Day) and on Saturday 17 December for the Award Ceremony and Gala Dinner-Show with Red Carpet held in the Salle D'Or of the Fairmont Monte Carlo.**

The first day is dedicated to the Media with the Talk Show "Sporting Stars: the Man or the Woman behind the champion", the official interviews and the Press Conference followed by a cocktail and VIP dinner.

The Awards Ceremony with the Red Carpet and Gala Dinner concludes the second day of the event.

The Monaco World Sports Legends Award - the Oscars of Sport - aims at promoting sport's ethical and moral values in order to inspire the new generations.

The Awarded gain entry to the Pantheon of World Sporting Legends by leaving their hand prints.

A particular feature of the event, which was conceived and produced by Promo Art Monte-Carlo Production, is that of linking sport with entertainment, art, fashion and glamour, making WSLA a unique showcase on an international scale: the Oscars of Sport.

The World Sport Legends Award's Red Carpet is among Monte Carlo's most prestigious and has become the place to be. For this, there are special appearances by celebrities, cinema stars, sport champions and VIPs.

The event is presented by the international star, Lorena Baricalla, Ambassador and Master of Ceremonies of the Monaco World Sports Legends Award.

The statuette for the Oscars of Sport is the work of the international artist, Marcos Marin, who has painted the portraits of some of the world's most influential men and women. Marin created a sculpture which brings together all the symbolism and values of WSLA.

The Prize "World Sports Legends Award" is presented to sporting champions both active and retired, who have distinguished themselves not only in their sporting exploits but also for their example as inspiring role models for the new generations.

The Prize "WSLA Best Sports Values" is awarded to an athlete who stands out for an exemplary sporting gesture which embodies sport's ethical and moral values, or to well-known people for their community support through sport.

The Prize "WSLA Posthumous Award" is conferred on great champions with legendary careers or to well-known people who operated in the sporting sector.

The WSLA is an event which is enjoying ever greater success, and only six years since its inception, it is worth noting that on its 10 social networks and web channels, the photos and videos of the Oscars of Sport attract round **5,900,000 unique views per year.**

The greatest world sporting champions Awarded on the past years:

**2019**

**Nasser Al-Attiyah**

*Qatar, 3 times Paris-Dakar winner*

**Mario Andretti**

*United States of America, F1 World Champion, IndyCar and Nascar Champion*

**Loris Capirossi**

*Italy, 3 times MotoGP World Champion*

**Ana Gabriela Guevara**

*Mexico, World Champion of 400m, multi Olympic medalist*

**"WSLA Best Sports Values Award": Connie Henry for the Track Academy**

*Great Britain, Athletics*

**"WSLA Posthumous Award": Ferenc Puskás**

*Hungary, Football Champion and Legend of the Football world, in the year of the inauguration of the national stadium of his nation named after him. This is also the 10th anniversary of the launch of FIFA Puskás Award, the global prize for the goal of the year).*

*The Award has been received by his grand-daughter **Ane De Juan Damborena** and*

*the Olympic Champion **Pál Schmitt**, former president of Hungary*

**"Lifetime Achievement, Sport and Cinema": Julius R. Nasso**

*United States, recognition of his worldwide successful martial arts and action movies with **Warner Bros.** and for his work in the entertainment sector*

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**The Oscars of Sport**

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**2018**

**Oswaldo Ardiles**

Argentina, Football World Champion

**Jutta Kleinschmidt**

Germany, the only woman who has won the Paris-Dakar

**Freddie Spencer**

United States of America, 3 times MotoGP World Champion

**"WSLA Best Sports Values Award": Dott. Claudio Costa for the Clinica Mobile**

Italy, the doctor and founder of the **Mobile Clinic** in MotoGP, which has saved the lives of many champions

**"WSLA Posthumous Award": Ayrton Senna**

Brazil, 3 times Formula 1 World Champion and one of Formula 1's greatest legends

The Award has been received by his niece, **Bianca Senna**, President of the "**Instituto Ayrton Senna**"

**2017**

**Michael Doohan**

Australia, 5 times MotoGP World Champion

**Jacky Ickx**

Belgium, 6 times winner of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, 1-time winner Paris-Dakar, 2 times Vice-World Champion of Formula 1

**Josefa Idem**

Italy, Canoe Racing, Olympic Champion, 5 times World Champion, 8 times European Champion

**Michèle Mouton**

France, 1-time vice-world champion of Rallye, President of the FIA's Women & Motor Sport Commission, FIA's Manager in the World Rally Championship, Co-founder of the international motorsport event Race of Champions

**Armin Zöggeler**

Italy, Luge, 2 Times Olympic Champion, 6 times World Champion, 4 times European Champion and 10 world cup

**2016**

**Giacomo Agostini**

Italy, Motor cycle racing/ 15 times World Champion of Motor cycling GP

**Carl Fogarty**

England, Motor cycling Superbike- 4 times Superbike World Champion

**Mika Häkkinen**

Finland/ Formula1 - 2 times Formula 1 World Champion

**Tia Hellebaut**

Belgium, Athletics - Olympic high-jump gold medal

**Jhong Uhk Kim**

Korea/ United States of America, Kung Fu Grandmaster

**Sir Anthony McCoy**

Northern Ireland, horse racing jockey - 20 times Jockey Champion, a record of 289 jump wins in 2001/2002 season and the most jump winners during his career, with 4,358 victories

**Jean-Marie Pfaff**

Belgium, Football - First winner of World's Best Goalkeeper

**Pernilla Wiberg**

Sweden, Alpine Ski Racer - 2 Olympic gold medals/ 4 World Championships/ 1 World Cup overall title

**"WSLA Best Sports Values Award": Victor Tello for Promotora Mexicana De Valores Deportivos A.C**

Mexico, Baseball and Football

**"WSLA Posthumous Award": Antony Noghès**

Monaco, for having created the Monaco Grand Prix in 1929, the Rallye Monte-Carlo in 1911, the checkered flag used to end races in 1931

The Prize has been received by **Yann-Antony Noghès** and **Lionel Noghès**.