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The International Game Fish Association Announces New Location for the 2017 IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

DANIA BEACH, FL – The International Game Fish Association (IGFA) will host the 19th Annual IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium in Springfield, Missouri. Scheduled for its grand opening on September 21st, Wonders of Wildlife is the new home of the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame. Envisioned by noted conservationist and Bass Pro Shops founder/CEO Johnny Morris as the largest, most immersive fish and wildlife attraction in the world, Wonders of Wildlife features a 1.5 million-gallon aquarium adventure and wildlife museum featuring 700 species of fish, mammals, reptiles and birds. Located next to Bass Pro Shops national headquarters, the 320,000-square foot experience celebrates people who hunt, fish and act as stewards of the land and water.

This year's inductees bring an array of talents and contributions to the angling community. **Rick Clunn** is a 4-time Bassmaster Classic winner and one of the all-time bass tournament money winners. **Larry Dahlberg** has fished for more than 50 years in 80 countries and is the host of *The Hunt for Big Fish*. **Peter Fithian** founded the iconic Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament in 1959, which has been used as a model for many of today's most successful tournaments worldwide. **Mike Levitt** is a former Chairman of the IGFA, holds several IGFA line class records for marlin, and helped develop the large sportfishing boats so widely used today. **Dr. Eric Prince** is a world-renowned marine scientist with over 35 years working on Atlantic blue marlin.

Individual tickets to the event are available for \$225 each and table sponsorships begin at \$3,000. For more information, please contact IGFA Development Manager, Julia Shafer, at 954-924-4222 or email: jshafer@igfa.org.

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About the IGFA

Founded in 1939, the IGFA is a non-profit organization and is best known for conservation efforts of fisheries, educational programs, rule-making and for maintaining worldwide game fish records in freshwater, saltwater, fly fishing and junior angler categories. IGFA members are located in over 125 countries.

About the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame

The IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame recognizes extraordinary achievements in recreational fishing around the world by anglers, captains, scientists, conservationists, writers, or fishing industry leaders. The first class, honoring 29 of the sport's luminaries, was inducted in 1998. Since then, 81 additional fishing greats have been welcomed to the Hall at the annual induction ceremony in October of each year. For further information,

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