

## Introduction - IAAF Hall of Fame

As part of the celebrations in 2012 to mark to the Centennial Year of the **International Association of Athletics Federations**, the **IAAF Hall of Fame** was proudly inaugurated by the IAAF.

The creation of the IAAF Hall of Fame, which had long been a vision of the sport's world governing body, is an excellent way not only to honour the lifetime achievements of our greatest athletes, but also to heighten public awareness of our sport and its rich history.

2012 was more than an appropriate moment to launch the Hall of Fame because as well as the IAAF Centenary, any year which celebrates an edition of the summer Olympics is always of special importance given Athletics' honoured position as the Olympics' number one sport. Athletics has a history entwined with the Games. Athletics' greatest heroes and heroines are largely those of the Olympic Games too.

Induction into the IAAF Hall of Fame should be seen as the crowning glory of an athlete's career, the highest possible accolade which should rival any medal, trophy and award achieved. Membership honours the truly outstanding athletes of our history.

**The IAAF is proud to salute the members of the IAAF Hall of Fame.**