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FLORIDA REGION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAMED NEW PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME

The honor was granted during the 2016 International Volleyball Hall of Fame Induction Celebration Weekend, which took place October 21- 22, 2016 in Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Holyoke, MA – October 24, 2016 – The Florida Region of USA Volleyball Executive Director, **Steve Bishop**, was recently elected President of the International Volleyball Hall of Fame (IVHF) for 2016/2017. The decision was made at the annual IVHF board meeting, which takes place each year during the IVHF Induction Celebration Weekend.

"I am delighted with the election of Steve Bishop," said **George Mulry**, Executive Director of the IVHF. "His varied expertise and commitment to the Hall of Fame will enable the organization to reach new heights as we begin some really exciting projects that will positively affect both the Hall of Fame and volleyball as a whole."

Steve Bishop commented on his new role as IVHF President. "This is a real honor to lead such a historical and impactful organization for our sport," said Bishop. "I am humbled by the opportunity to help further the mission of the International Volleyball Hall of Fame and work alongside such dedicated board members, staff, and volunteers. Since I first attended in 2011 when Rita Crockett was inducted, I have served on the board, chaired several committees, and formed great friendships while meeting inductees from all over the world. The IVHF has now inducted 130 athletes, coaches, and administrators from 22 countries over the past 31 years. We hope to finalize our partnership with the FIVB in 2017 and continue to raise the profile of the Hall well into the future. My personal goal is to make the IVHF a regular part of the volleyball conversation both here and abroad."

In addition to the election, five volleyball legends were inducted into the IVHF; **Misty May-Treanor** (United States), **Danielle Scott-Arruda** (United States), **Nikola Grbic** (Serbia), **Man-Bok Park** (South Korea) and **Emanuel Rego** (Brazil). This annual weekend showcases and honors each individual's career throughout a series of local events.

The International Volleyball Hall of Fame is located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, the birthplace of the sport. It officially opened to the public in 1987 and was established for the purpose of planning, promoting, establishing and maintaining a living memorial to the sport of volleyball.

About The International Volleyball Hall of Fame

The International Volleyball Hall of Fame in Holyoke, Massachusetts, the birthplace of volleyball, is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to this international sport and to fostering the appreciation of the historical development of the game by collecting, preserving, exhibiting and interpreting its collections for a global audience. Additional information on the International Volleyball Hall of Fame can be found at www.volleyhall.org.

About Florida Region of USA Volleyball:

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is a 501c3 non-profit that began operations in the 1960's and was officially incorporated in 1982 to promote the sport of volleyball and to create competitive playing opportunities for volleyball enthusiasts of all ages throughout the State of Florida. The Florida Region is one of the 40 regional volleyball associations under the umbrella of USA Volleyball and currently serves approximately 14,000 members. Indoor and outdoor programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball headquarters is located in Eustis, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at: www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

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