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World's Powerboat Champions to be honored at Olympic Museum, Lausanne, Saturday 7th March 2020

The UIM is pleased to announce this year's UIM Awards Giving Ceremony that will be held at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, for the first time away from Monaco since the creation of the annual Event 10 years ago. The UIM Awards Ceremony will assemble 50 UIM World Champions coming from more than 15 countries, representing the five major UIM disciplines Offshore, Circuit, Pleasure Navigation, Aquabike and Motosurf.

This year's edition will be a truly special one, presented in a format adapted to the prestigious venue: the Ceremony will start at 6.00pm at the Auditorium where the Winners in each Category will receive their Champion Trophy won in the 2019 UIM racing Season. The Ceremony is followed by an "Apéro" and a Dinner at the "Salon Coubertin" where the UIM Special Awards shall be presented.

UIM President Dr. Raffaele Chiulli praised the choice of the venue: *"We are honored and delighted to bring the international community of powerboat racers together in the Olympic Capital and to celebrate the success of competitors from around the world in the Olympic Museum which, through its thematic exhibitions and unique memorabilia takes the visitors to the Heart of the Olympic Movement and pays tribute to the merits of the Sports heroes that have marked our history."*

With five World Champion drivers travelling to Switzerland to receive 7 trophies altogether, Team Abu Dhabi headed by General Manager Salem Al Remeithi, and Team Manager Guido Cappellini brings the largest delegation to Lausanne. *"We are naturally very proud for having won both the drivers' and team titles in the UIM F1H2O World Championship for the second year in succession, the UIM World Endurance and the Formula 2 World Championships, and this year again the freestyle title in the Aquabike World Championship."* Salem Al Remeithi said.

While the names of all Champions present at the Awards Ceremony are known at this stage, there are two protagonists of the Event that will only be unveiled on 7th March: The "Best Driver" and the "Best Junior Driver" of the Year shall be announced onsite and remain the best kept secret until then.