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Obituary - Jurjen Osinga (NED)

It is with regret and sorrow that the ISU learned of the death of Mr. Jurjen Osinga who passed shortly before his 85th birthday.

Mr. Osinga served as the Chair of the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Management Commission, following Mr. Michael Hadschieff who first chaired the Commission in 1996.

He also served as the General Secretary of the Dutch ISU Member federation, Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB) from 1984 to 1996. During his term, Mr. Osinga reached pioneering milestones with great importance for Skating in The Netherlands, while setting examples for the future development of Speed Skating.

Following his tenure at KNSB, Mr. Osinga served as the Chair of the ISU Management Commission for the ISU World Cup Speed Skating for 6 years. The Event at this time was entering into a new era with a novel competition format, a title sponsor and long-term contracts for rink advertising and international TV coverage.

In 1994, the ISU Council awarded Jurjen with the ISU Georg Häsler Medal for his outstanding contributions to the progress of the ISU Sport. The ISU Georg Häsler Medal, established in 1985 to acknowledge dedicated individuals who make remarkable contributions to the Sport, has been superseded by the ISU Gold Award of Merit in 2004.

Mr. Osinga will be remembered fondly for his dedication, natural charm, and professionalism.

The ISU pays tribute to Mr. Jurjen Osinga and will remember him with affection.

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