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Obituary – Dr. Klaus Heinze

It is with regret and sorrow that the ISU learned of the death of former ISU Medical Adviser and Chairman, Dr. Klaus Heinze.

Dr. Heinze, a specialist for Sports Medicine, was first appointed as an ISU Medical Adviser in 1984. Following his appointment, he initiated the process to establish guidelines for injury prevention in speedskating, and to foster collaboration with the technical committees and coaches for best results.

After the previous chairman's election as President of the USFSA, Dr. Heinze was appointed as the Chairman of the Medical Advisers in 1989, where he served with dedication until 1999. He was the 3rd person to fill this position after Dr. Dieter Montag and Dr. Franklin Nelson.

Along with countless World Cups and ISU Championships where he served as the appointed Medical Adviser, he also represented the ISU at several international events, such as the 1990 FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine in Amsterdam.

He also advocated up-to-date doping controls and followed closely the work of the relevant IOC Sub-Committees to ensure best practices. He dedicated numerous years to the enhancement of medical processes and injury prevention at ISU events.

Dr. Heinze had immense passion for his work and strived to make improvements that benefited skaters and promoted fairness in speedskating.

He will be remembered fondly by the Skating family worldwide as a pleasant, committed and dedicated person.

The ISU pays tribute to Dr. Klaus Heinze and will remember him with affection.

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