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Obituary - Wolfgang Kunz (GER)

It is with regret and sorrow that the ISU learned of the death of former ISU Judge and Referee, Dr. Wolfgang Kunz who passed away on June 6, 2021 at the age of 81.

Born on August 25, 1939 in Würzburg, Germany, Wolfgang Kunz was an Ice Dancer and participated with Jutta Peters in the 1965 European Championships held in Moscow. He then became a Judge and subsequently Referee for Ice Dance and Single Skating, officiating at many ISU Events and three Olympic Winter Games, including as Referee for Ice Dance at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano.

Dr. Kunz was a long-serving member of the ISU Ice Dance Technical Committee from 1980 to 1996, Chair of that Committee from 1996 to 1998, the ISU Legal Advisor from 1994 to 1996 and an ISU Honorary Member since 1998.

Always closely involved in the Skating sports at the national as well as the international level, Dr. Kunz was the founder of the Skating club in his home town of Würzburg, Germany in 1979. He was Team Leader of the German Skating Team at the 1992 Olympic Winter Games in Albertville, was a member of the Board of the Organizing Committee of the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 1995 held in Dortmund, and President of the Organizing Committee for the ISU Junior World Figure Skating Championships 2000 in Oberstdorf. He was an Honorary member of the Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V. and was awarded with the Order of the Federal Republic of Germany 1st class for his services to sport and in his profession. He studied law in Munich, Lausanne and Würzburg, became a solicitor and was a Member of the General Council of the Bar Association in Würzburg and a Member of the State Examination Committee and he was appointed as member of the Board of Directors of two important companies in Würzburg. He was married to Mrs. Heidi Kunz, who predeceased him. They have a daughter, Birgit, and a son, Peter, who both live in Switzerland.

The ISU pays tribute to Dr. Wolfgang Kunz and his extensive and long-standing contribution to the ISU and the Skating sports and will remember him with respect and affection.

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