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It is with profound regret and sorrow that we inform you of the death of our good friend
and ISU Honorary Member

Mr. Jan Charisius

At the time of his passing he was ISU Honorary Member, a role to which he was elected at the 47th Ordinary ISU Congress held in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1998.

Mr. Jan Charisius died at Holdalsfoss, Fagernes in Norway on July 3rd, 2008, at the age of 81.

Born on September 30th, 1926, Mr. Jan Charisius began his involvement in skating as an athlete, competing for Netherlands at ISU Championship and Olympic level in the early fifties. In 1954 he finished third in the famous Eleven Cities Tour ("*Elfstedentocht*") in his home province of Friesland. He went on to take up a long and distinguished career as a speed skating official and team leader. He was involved in two Olympic Winter Games as Chef d'Equipe for the Dutch Olympic team; in Innsbruck, Austria in 1964 and in Grenoble, France in 1968. Jan Charisius acted as an ISU Referee for more than two decades from the early 1970-es. He was an elected ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee member from 1984 to 1992 before being elected as the Technical Committee Chair in 1992, a position which he held for six years. Mr. Charisius played an important role in the development of Speed Skating in his home country, Netherlands, and was a Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB) Council Member from 1982 and Vice President from 1995 until 1999. At the time of his passing he was an Honorary Member of the KNSB.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Romkje Charisius, two children, grand children and great grand children.

The ISU pays tribute to Mr. Jan Charisius' devoted service to the ISU and the sport of speed skating, and asks Members to remember him with affection.

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President

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