

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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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. Arne Kvaalen**

He died in Oslo in Norway on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, at the age of 84.

Mr. Arne Kvaalen was born on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1921. He began an early athletic career in the 1930's, which was halted by the turmoil of World War II. In 1946 he resumed training and competed at national level until 1949.

Mr. Arne Kvaalen was elected Chairman of the ISU Technical Committee Speed Skating in 1969, a position he held for 15 years until 1984. He also served as Vice President in The Norwegian Skating Association 1961-1964.

At the time of his passing he was ISU Honorary Member, a role to which he was elected at the 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Congress held in Colorado Springs, USA, in 1984.

He is survived by his son Sondre Kvaalen, who was a distinguished skater at national level from 1975 to 1985, and two grandsons, Olav (aged 21) and Lars Kvaalen (aged 19) who are among the more promising young Norwegian skaters.

The ISU pays tribute to Mr. Arne Kvaalen's devoted service to the ISU and asks Members to remember him with affection.

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President

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General Secretary