

# 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. Viktor Kapitonov**

He died in Moscow in Russia on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at the age of 90. Mr. Viktor Kapitonov was born on November 29, 1915.

An active speed skater in the 30's and 40's he went on to become a major contributor to the development of speed skating both within the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and later within Russia.

Mr. Viktor Kapitonov was a Member of the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee from 1953 to 1955 and again from 1959 to 1963. He became an ISU Council Member for the Speed Skating branch in the same year, a role he carried out for a total of nineteen years from 1963 to 1967 and from 1969 to 1984. He was also a substitute Council Member from 1967-1969. Within his own country he served as President and General Secretary in the USSR Skating Federation and carried out the role of manager and team leader for the USSR Speed Skating Team from 1947 to 1984.

At the time of his passing he was an 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 wife Elsa Shadzevskaij, his daughter Nina Fartunina and his grandchild Pavel Fartunin (born in 1969).

The ISU pays tribute to Viktor Kapitonov's devoted service to the ISU and asks Members to remember him with affection.

Ottavio Cinquanta  
President

Fredi Schmid  
General Secretary

