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### **Obituary – Valentin Piseev (RUS)**

It is with regret and sorrow that the ISU learned of the death of Valentin Piseev, former President and General Director of the Figure Skating Federation of Russia, member of the Russian Olympic Committee and Georg Häsler Medal awardee.

In the early years of his Figure Skating career, Valentin skated at the Young Pioneers rink in Moscow. He competed at local and regional competitions before earning a qualification as a Physical Education Teacher and starting coaching.

Valentin then became a Judge and headed the All-Union Board of Judges between 1965-1967, then started to work at the Figure Skating Federation of the USSR as the secretary.

As a Judge, he officiated at several European Figure Skating Championships, World Figure Skating Championships and Winter Olympic Games between 1972-1977. From 1977 to 1986 he was a member of the ISU Figure Skating Technical Committee.

He held the position of President of the Figure Skating Federation of the USSR (later the Figure Skating Federation of Russia) between 1992-2010, then became the General Director between 2010-2014 and, since 2014, Honorary President.

For his years of service in Figure Skating, he was awarded the Silver Olympic Order by the IOC in 2001 and the Georg Häsler Medal by the ISU in 2002. He was also an awardee of the Order of Honour of the Russian Federation.

As we honor Valentin's life, we acknowledge his enduring dedication and commitment to Figure Skating throughout his career as a Skater, Coach, Official, and leader.

The ISU pays tribute to Valentin Piseev and will remember him with affection.

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