

# 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. Herman Johan van Laer**

He died after a long illness on June 30, 2005 in Bennebroek (NED) at the age of 85.

Son of the former ISU President Mr. Gerrit van Laer, Mr. Herman Johan van Laer became President of the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond in 1975. After five years in this role he was to accept an appointment as a substitute Council Member for the Speed Skating branch of the ISU Council in 1980 and again in 1984-1986. He served as a full Member of the ISU Council for a total of ten years, from 1980-84 and from 1986-1992. At the time of his passing he was an ISU Honorary Member, a role to which he was appointed in 1992.

The ISU pays tribute to Mr. Herman Johan van Laer's long and devoted service to the ISU and asks Members to remember him with affection.

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President

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General Secretary