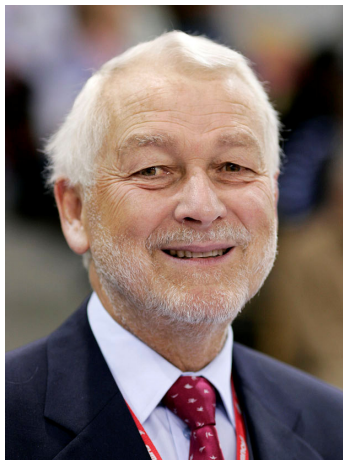


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**Men's Artistic Gymnastics in mourning**

**SIEGFRIED FUNK PASSED AWAY.**



*Moutier FIG Office (SUI) – Augsburg (GER), July 17, 2007 :* Siegfried Funk (GER), Member of the FIG Men's Artistic Gymnastics Technical Committee passed away on July 15, 2007, after a long and painful disease.

Born on July 23, 1944, Siegfried Funk was very early involved in Gymnastics and he took responsibilities both on regional and national levels. He was elected in 2004 as a Member of the FIG, as Secretary of the Men's Technical Committee.

Courteous and honest, Siegfried Funk was highly esteemed by his colleagues of the judges' community and also by the gymnasts, for his rigorous and fair behaviour while accomplishing his difficult task.

The FIG President, Prof. Bruno Grandi, currently attending the Pan-American Games in Rio de Janeiro (BRA), declared with emotion to the press: *"Gymnastics lost a Friend. A man recognised for his sense of justice, his competence and his exemplary behaviour. We will all regret him!"*

The entire Gymnastics community extends its deepest sympathy to the family as well as to the deceased's loved ones.

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