



Dear Member

**Gian Franco Kasper (24.01.1944 – 09.07.2021)**

It is with regret that I write to let you know that Gian Franco Kasper died last Friday. He was the driving force behind the development of the International Ski Federation (FIS), joining in 1975 as Secretary General and taking over as President in 1998.

He was also an IOC Member from 2000 – 2018 and served on many different IOC Committees. His importance to winter sports was legion, as can be seen from the many [tributes](#) pouring in from across the world and the fact that FIS and Swiss flags at the headquarters of the FIS will be lowered to half mast for 23 days to mirror the years he spent as President. He was born in St Moritz and became a Member of the SMTC in 1961, but his sporting interests were wide and varied and included alpine and cross-country skiing, bobsleigh, equestrian and water skiing, as well as golf. His death is a great loss to winter sports, but even more so to Gian Marchet and the family, to whom we send great condolences.

Yours

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