

## Ted Wilson - Oct. 18, 2013

Peter Martell the Executive Director of the Ice Skating Institute read the following to Ted on the telephone two days before he passed.

In recognition of his outstanding efforts and many accomplishments in promoting the Ice Skating Institute and the sport of ice skating in various parts of the world including the Middle East and Asia and for his vision and leadership in founding ISI Asia and Skate Asia. Let it be known that on this day October 16, 2013, William George "Ted" Wilson is hereby inducted into the Ice Skating Institute Hall of Fame. The ISI is proud to count "Ted" among it's members and thanks him for his continued support and dedication to advancing the Institute's goals of increasing interest and participation in ice skating. He really was an exceptional person with such energy and joie de vivre. RIP dear friend. Gerty



Longtime IFS Asian editor Ted Wilson passed away on Oct. 18, in Laguna Hills, CA at 70.

Wilson, who took up figure skating at age 6, toured with Ice Capades for many years.

In 1980, he took over as director of the Galleria Ice Theatre at the Hyatt Regency in Dubai. The skating shows he produced at that venue featured some of the world's top performers of the day, such as Richard Dwyer, John Curry, JoJo Starbuck, David Santee and Lori Nichol.

He relocated in Hong Kong, where in 1989 he founded the annual Skate Asia competition, which each year draws hundreds of competitors from Asia and the Middle East.

Wilson subsequently became involved in the design, construction, and management of ice rinks in Asia, including the Cityplaza Ice Palace, the Festival Walk Glacier, and the Aberdeen Marina Club in Hong Kong, as well as rinks in Macau, Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur.

In 2003, China Resources hired Wilson to lead the development of and establish management teams for the rinks it was building in luxury shopping malls, including the World Ice Arena Shenzhen, where LuChen and Denis Petrov both coach, and the world's finest rink, which is in the luxury MIXC Mall in Hangzhou.

Dorothy Hamill, Toller Cranston, Xue Shen and Hongbo Zhao, Surya Bonaly, and David Liu all performed in shows that Wilson produced in those arenas.

A board member for more than 10 years of the US Ice Skating Institute (ISU), which promotes recreational skating, Wilson founded ISIAAsia in 2000 and became its first president. During his four-year tenure, he was instrumental in developing skating as a recreational pastime in Asia and the Middle East.

Two days before his death, he was inducted into the ISI Hall of Fame.