

Obituary

Ing. Fritz Mares

Fritz Mares, a deserving representative of Austrian and international ski instructing, has passed away.

For decades, he held various positions at the International Association of Snowsports Instructors (IVSI), including member of the Presidium, Vice President, Financial Officer and Consul in an advisory capacity. He has also worked for Interski International as General Secretary and Financial Advisor. He has always carried out his work with great respect and commitment.

He was also active in the Austrian ski teaching system for many decades in various functions. He was a founding member of the Austrian Association of Snow Sports Instructors - VÖSL (now ÖVSI). In his function as honorary president, he actively supported the ÖVSI until recently. As an official in Interski Austria, he also shaped the development of this association for decades.

Fritz was born and grew up in Vienna. In recent decades, he has lived in Neusiedl an der Zaya in Lower Austria. He was an enthusiastic skier from an early age and soon became interested in training as a ski instructor. After his training, he worked for many years as an instructor at the Federal Institute for Physical Education Vienna - BAfL (now BSPA) and worked as a winter sports officer at "Naturfreunden Austria" and on the ÖVSI board. He held various positions, including President, Financial Officer and Winter Sports Officer as well as Honorary President of the ÖVSI. He received awards from clubs, associations and state organizations.

In all these roles, he made a significant contribution to the further development of Austrian and international ski instruction. Among other things, he championed the introduction of new teaching methods, the promotion of young talent and a strong international network of member nations.

Fritz was involved in the organization of numerous international ski instructor congresses due to his membership of the presidiums of Interski-Austria, Interski-International and IVSI. He was a committed and competent advocate of ski instructing.

He also had a love of hunting. Fritz was able to live out his passion for hunting for many years, whether as a hunter, as a functionary or as a supporter of the hunting association.

We will remember Fritz as a dedicated, meticulous and helpful person. His work had a lasting impact on ski instruction in Austria and worldwide.

A final thank you for your work in the spirit of community, friendship and unifying cooperation.

Rest in peace, dear Fritz. You will live on in our hearts.

