at the 1984 Friendship Games, a replacement games, where he won both the individual and team sabre competitions.

At the World Championships, Burtsev won six team titles (1977, 1979, 1983, 1985–1987), individual silver in 1978 and team silvers in 1978 and 1981, and individual bronze in 1979 and team bronze in 1982. Burtsev also won the team World Cup in 1983 and the team European Cup in 1978, 1979, and 1983–1985.

After finishing his sporting career, Burtsev worked as a sabre coach in Moscow. In 1992 he was the head coach of the Unified Team's Olympic sabre fencers. (TK/WR).

Norman Edwards (JAM), *24 September 1962 in Jamaica; †13 July 2015 in Washington, DC. Norman Edwards grew up in Silver Springs, USA, but was born in Jamaica giving him dual citizenship. In 1984, Edwards joined three Jamaican teammates to win the silver medal in the 4x100 m relay at the Olympics in Los Angeles. He was also a semifinalist in the 100 metres. Following his track career, Edwards worked in the financial industry for more than 20 years before joining the Long & Foster Real Estate office in Annandale, earlier this year. (WR).

Eduardo Guerrero (ARG), *4 March 1928 in Salto; † 17 August 2015 in Buenos Aires. Guerrero was a gold medallist in double sculls rowing at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics. He also competed in Rugby for the French Sports Club and was the founder and director of the Museo Olímpico Rodante. In 2002, Guerrero paddled along the Parana River from Puerto Iguazu to Buenos Aires, a distance of more than 1500 km. *(BM)*

Ildikó Tordasi (Schwarczenberger), (HUN), *9 September 1951 in Budapest; †13 July 2015 in Budapest. The Hungarian Jew with the sport name "Tordasi" was one of the greatest female fencers, winning

four Olympic medals, and 11 medals at the World Championships. The highlight of her career was winning the individual gold medal in foil at the 1976 Montréal Olympics. To this she added a team silver in 1972 and bronzes in 1976 and 1980. She won two world titles, both in team foil, in 1971 and 1973. She had four individual foil podiums, with silvers in 1973–74 and bronzes in 1977 and 1979. In 1973 and 1976 she was named Hungarian "Sportswoman of the Year". *(BM/VK)*

Boris Arsenyevich Shilkov (URS), *28 June 1927 in Arkhangelsk, RUS; † 27 June 2015 in St. Petersburg. Shilkov first rose to fame in 1952, when he skated 2:14.3 min for 1500 metres at Medeo, although he lost out to Valentin Chaykin, who broke the world record with 2:12.9. Shilkov made his international début at the 1953 World All-round Championships and won silver behind his compatriot Oleg Goncharenko, who would remain his closest rival throughout his career. At the 1954 World All-round Championships, Shilkov beat Goncharenko and won the world title. He also captured his only European All-round title in that year.

In 1955 in Medeo, Dmitry Sakunenko became the first person to skate 5000 metres below eight minutes, with 7:54.9. In a later pair Shilkov then improved this world record to 7:45.6, which was considered almost unbelievable at the time, but at the 1956 Olympics Shilkov proved this time was not impossible after all, when he finished only three seconds above his own world record to win the Olympic gold.

In addition to his gold and silver at the World All-round Championships, Shilkov won another silver in 1957 and bronze in 1955. He also won the following distance medals at the World Championships: 500 m – silver (1953 and 1955); 1500 m – gold (1953–54, 1956–57) and bronze (1955); 5000 m – silver (1954) and bronze (1957); and 10,000 m – bronze (1954). At the European Championships, Shilkov was less successful, winning, in addition to his only all-round title, the following distance medals: 500 m – gold (1958); 1500 m – gold (1954) and silver (1957); and 5000 m – bronze (1954). In spite of his Olympic gold and world record at 5000 m, Shilkov often had problems with the longest distance. Three times he led after three distances, only to lose because of a bad 10,000 km.

After his sporting career Shilkov had a long and successful time as a skating coach and official. From 1959–1962 he was a coach with Trud Leningrad and then from 1962–1964 and 1966–1968 he was the head coach of the national team. After that he worked as a skating coach in Leningrad and finished his career from 1979 until his retirement in 1989 with sport club Dynamo. His most famous pupils were Ants Antson, Olympic champion at 1500 m in 1964, who died on 31st October 2015. *(TK)*

BM = Bill Mallon, OM = OlyMADMen, PT = Paul Tchir, TK = Taavi Kalju, VK = Volker Kluge, WR = Wolf Reinhardt

The ISOH offers the families of the deceased its sincere condolences.